

amdenton R-III
School District

amdenton R-III "Graduation is not an end, but rather a beginning"

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Once a Laker, Always a Laker





National Merit Commended Students

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarship that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the PSAT as a junior. This test is the initial screening of approximately 1.5 million students each year. As the competition narrows, 34,000 will become commended, 16,000 will be considered semifinalists, and 15,000 become national finalists. This year the class of 2015 has three students who have achieved this distinguished honor: **Katie Chappell, Shelby Huey,** and **Laura Wenzel**.







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. **Katie Chappell** and **Shelby Huey** represented the class of 2015 at the Scholars Academy.



Four Year
Perfect
Attendance
Hope Johns



A letter from the Superintendent Dear Friends.

On May 21, 2015, the Camdenton R-III School District held its 84th Commencement exercises at Bob Shore Stadium. Three hundred twenty-four seniors were awarded their high school diplomas. While the evening temperatures were cool, many hearts were warmed with the recognition of so many outstanding students. The evening was an incredible culmination of the academic journey of our senior students while in the Camdenton District. Graduation is not about just one night in the lives of our students. Graduation celebrates the many days and weeks of diligent work by our students in order to accomplish their personal goals. We celebrate past accomplishments while we look forward with our students to their greater accomplishments in life. Graduation would not be possible without the efforts of our faculty, staff, parents, and community members. This is also true

One of the joys I have as superintendent is shaking the hands of graduates during our graduation ceremony and congratulating them on their accomplishment of earning a high school diploma. Earning a diploma takes individual effort, but in Laker Nation our students have so much more support. This year local individuals, businesses, clubs, and civic organizations provided scholarships for our graduates which totaled \$445,300. We wish to thank these individuals and groups for their support of our Lakers.

for the success of the 2014 - 2015 academic term.



Camdenton R-III School Board of Education

As a district, we welcome Laura Davis to the Camdenton R-III Board of Education. We also welcome back Chris McElyea to the Board. Mr. McElyea will serve his third term on the Camdenton R-III School Board and he currently serves as our board president.

The construction of the elementary school in Osage Beach is going very well as is the addition and renovation of the Hurricane Deck Elementary School. The Board of Education and administration are very diligent in reviewing the progress with these buildings. I am proud to say the projects are within the budget set for construction. This summer the district will begin construction of a secure entry point at the high school. This entry will be very similar to the other entries we have built in our elementary schools and in the middle school.

Finally, I would like to thank our patrons for the support you give our school district. Through this support our students and staff members highlighted in the pages that follow are able to work toward and achieve their dreams and aspirations. Our district is grateful and I am honored to serve as your superintendent of schools.

Your Partner in Education,

Jan Hadfuld

Tim Hadfield, Superintendent



2015



Retiring 2015

Certified Staff









Barbara Anderson Third Grade Hawthorn 29 years Camdenton 29 years in Education



Roma Lee France Assistant Superintendent 31 years Camdenton 31 years in Education



Vicki Kay Schoonover Interventionist Middle School 12 years Camdenton 35 years in Education



Lisa Black-Schwandt A+ & School-to-Work Coordinator High School 31 years Camdenton 31 years in Education



Lisa C. JacksonSixth Grade
Oak Ridge Intermediate
19 years Camdenton
27 years in Education



Roberta Lee Smith Language Arts Middle School 17 years Camdenton 17 years in Education



Diane BrennamanFourth Grade
Hawthorn Elementary
30 years Camdenton
31 years in Education



Patricia Pemberton Language Arts High School 24 years Camdenton 24 years in Education



Carrie Viebrock
Music
Osage Beach
Elementary
25 years Camdenton
27 years in Education



Jeanne Butkovich
Third Grade
Osage Beach Elementary
10 years Camdenton
30 years in Education



Dennis Perkins
Auto Technology
Lake Career &
Technical Center
24 years Camdenton
27 years in Education



Jerri Webb Health Occupations Lake Career & Technical Center 27 years Camdenton 27 years in Education



Patricia L. Case
Librarian
Osage Beach & Hurricane
Deck Elementary
26 years Camdenton
37 years in Education



Cheryl Wendy Ruble
Interventionist
Middle School
15 years Camdenton
21 years in Education



Larry D. Wittrock
Adult Marine
Technology
Lake Career &
Technical Center
31.5 years Camdenton
31.5 years in Education



Classified Staff







Dianna Stevens
Food Service Cook
Hurricane Deck
Elementary
12.5 years Camdenton



Becky Dale Food Service Cook Hawthorn Elementary 13 years Camdenton



Bill JohnstonBus Driver
6 years Camdenton



Jean Strolberg
Paraprofessional &
Computer Lab Educator
Dogwood Elementary
20 years Camdenton



Jody Dalton
Secretary
Oak Ridge
Intermediate
10.5 years Camdenton
15.5 years in Education



Steve LathamBus Driver
21 years Camdenton



Jan Thomure Secretary Administration 10 years Camdenton



Carl Fox
Bus Driver
4 years Camdenton



Susan E. Manzullo Secretary High School 8 years Camdenton



Cindy Waters
Paraprofessional and
Secretary
Lake Career &
Technical Center
18 years Camdenton



Jean GoodmanFood Service Cook
High School
8 years Camdenton



Morris McDaniel Bus Driver 19 years Camdenton



Olevia (Libby) West Custodian Hawthorn Elementary 10.5 years Camdenton



Susan Grady
Secretary
Middle School
12 years Camdenton



Larry SchuetzBus Driver
8 years Camdenton



Joyce Wiese Food Service Cook Oak Ridge Intermediate 7 years Camdenton

2015 Elementary Teacher of the Year



JODY HILTON

An Oak Ridge Intermediate fifth grade English Language Arts educator has been chosen as the Elementary Teacher of the Year. Jody Hilton was nominated by her peers and selected by an interview panel to receive this honor. She has fifteen

years of experience, the past three in Camdenton.

Hilton chose teaching as her profession after a teacher helped Jody overcome her inability to read and do math through encouragement and the mission to see her succeed. Hilton is now a lifelong learner who has channeled her passion into making a difference in the lives of children. "In the process, I hope to 'pay it forward' in honor of the teacher who never gave up on me," states Hilton. Also, she "works with amazing people who do amazing things. I couldn't do my job without the encouragement and support of the administration, faculty, and staff of this district." Working with children and a great staff are rewarding aspects of her profession. Watching her students grow up during the year is an aspect of her English Language Arts job that brings pleasure. "When a teacher plants a seed, they want to see it bloom", says Hilton.

Focusing on student engagement and learning styles has been a strategy Hilton is incorporating into her classroom. Hilton loves to watch her students "cracking the code". When difficulty arises, she will work until the wee hours of the night trying to figure out "why". With education in a continuous state of change, Hilton uses her love of learning to ask the question: "Was it enough". She knows that "failing isn't failing if you can learn from it". She says, "I love seeing students learn from their mistakes". Her encouragement to see them succeed breeds motivation in her students. She uses strategies such as Fist to Five, Exit Tickets, Google Doc Peer Sharing, Role Playing Debates, and Jot Thoughts as ways to make her students engage in the learning process. They also use classroom and individual goal tracking.

Hilton received her Bachelor of Science from Missouri State University and her Masters from William Woods University in Education Administration. For the past five years, Jody and her husband David have lived in the area with their children, Cole and Katelyn. They are worship leaders at their Laurie church and are involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Oak Ridge. Congratulations to Jody Hilton for being awarded this honor!

2015 SECONDARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR



Abigail Cunningham

High School Interventionist Abigail Cunningham has been selected as the Secondary Teacher of the Year, having been nominated by her peers and awarded the honor through an interview process. She has been an educator for four years,

having served the past four as an interventionist in Camdenton.

"No one in my family was shocked when I made the decision to go into the special education field," says Cunningham. She watched her younger sister struggle to communicate, learn basic skills, and develop friendships because of autism. "I was able to witness firsthand the effect that quality, caring educators had on her progress," states Cunningham. "And it really shaped my outlook on education." The choice to work at the secondary level came through her work in youth ministry. It defines who she is as a teacher as well as the way she relates to teenagers.

Being a co-teacher has been a very rewarding part of Cunningham's job. She is able to work with students of all levels and abilities, which gives her a daily challenge, as well as the benefit of getting to know a wide range of students. "I believe we are really blessed to have quality co-teaching in Camdenton that allows our students with special needs to learn and thrive in the general education classroom," enthuses Cunningham. Constant collaboration through co-teaching keeps new ideas flowing. She loves seeing her students succeed at the post-secondary level whether through continued education or in the workforce.

Though she finds end of course (EOC) testing a frustrating aspect of her position, she focuses on the positive lessons her students learn that will enable them to be productive citizens. Eye contact, asking questions, opening lockers, and filling out job applications are hallmark signs of success for her students. A standardized test cannot measure these life skills. "I find joy getting to know my students as individuals," says Cunningham. Understanding their challenges, helping them set goals, and knowing their dreams are ways she motivates her students to better themselves.

A graduate of Missouri Western State University, Cunningham is currently seeking her graduate degree through Lindenwood University. She has a lively and active second grader named Lily and will be married to the love of her life, George, this summer. He is a special education teacher in Waynesville, "but I won't hold that against him," she quips. Congratulations to Abigail Cunningham.

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2015 EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR



SHEENA SELF

Having been motivated to become an educator by her former high school English teacher, Sheena Self has made it her goal to introduce and encourage a love of literacy to the 1300 students at Camdenton High School. For ten years she has been able to

share this passion. This year she has been chosen to represent her fellow educators as the Camdenton R-III School District Educator of the Year. Brett Thompson, her building principal, nominated her.

Becoming a Library Media Specialist came naturally to Sheena as it has allowed her to supply and promote print and digital literature. "There is absolutely nothing more rewarding than matching a student with the perfect book," exclaimed Self. Having been a reluctant reader herself as a teen, Self says, "I wanted to teach students the joy of reading...just as [my high school teacher] had done for me." Believing information literacy skills are vital for student success, Self helps students wade through their daily bombardment of information through analysis skills.

Successfully matching students with literature they enjoy is one of the most rewarding aspects of Sheena's job in the high school media center. "I get to build some wonderful relationships with the students through discussing literature," says Self. "Another rewarding aspect is being able to help students investigate a topic in which they are interested." While Self tries to know each student's name, she finds it difficult because she serves the entire high school population. However, she works hard to find a way to connect with every student. "Without relationships, it is a struggle to teach any meaningful lessons," states Self.

Through collaborative lessons to assist classroom educators with customizing the research process using various strategies, Self constantly refines her toolkit of information literacy. This way she can have a quick and effective answer for each information problem a student or teacher may encounter.

Sheena Self holds a Bachelor of Science in English from Southwest Baptist University and a Masters in Library Science and Information Services from the University of Central Missouri. She is currently pursuing her Educational Specialist in Educational Technology. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Jake, and they have two children, Cooper and Payton, with a baby boy due in July. Congratulations to Sheena on this very prestigious honor.

CAMDENTON R-III SCHOOL DISTRICT 2014-2015 CANDIDATES

Teacher of the Year Candidates

Andrea Kurtz, Dogwood Elementary **Kris Williams**, Dogwood Elementary

Jeanne Kay Butkovich, Osage Beach Elementary

Carrie Viebrock, Hurricane Deck Elementary

Ashli Eaves, Hawthorn Elementary **Dawn Moore**, Hawthorn Elementary

Jody Hilton, Oak Ridge Intermediate Desri Amato, Oak Ridge Intermediate

Amy Atler, Camdenton Middle School Par Pitts, Camdenton Middle School

Abigail Cunningham, Camdenton High School Danny Stoelting, Camdenton High School

Educator of the Year Candidates

Rebecca Plumley, Hurricane Deck Elementary

Lana Hughes, Osage Beach Elementary

Kimberly Palomo, Dogwood Elementary

Kristi Lawson, Oak Ridge Intermediate

Tami Moulder, Hawthorn Elementary

Jane Riddle, Camdenton Middle School

Sheena Self, Camdenton High School

Jeff Kitchen, Lake Career and Technical Center

Chuck Poe, Lake Career and Technical Center

Graduation 2015 - Honors and Awards



Summa Cum Laude 4.2 GPA and higher

Katherine Alford Madison Henry Cole Roam James Bail **Shelby Huey** Faith Scheidemantle **Brittany Bolz Kirstie Hunter Riley Short Katie Chappell Hope Johns Allison Smith Thomas Dettmer Brittany Kurtz Kyler Virtue Danaelyn Flint Brett Lange Austin Waddle Brooks Green** Rebecca Molt **Madison Witte Justin Murdock** Ellie Harmon

Magna Cum Laude 4.0 to 4.19 GPA



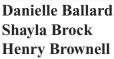
Andrew Dettmer Josie Dinsdale **Polly Dinsdale Alec Duncan Kaylee Duncan Joseph Dutton Taylor Erickson** Megan Galey Logan Hollingsworth **Ashley Hontz** John McRoberts Riley Paskach Finessa Rassel Jovi Strand **Cole Wilson** Qian Yang

Shelby Boze Devon Brown

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Cum Laude 3.8 to 3.99 GPA





Jacob Decker Joshua Hitt Landon Knopf Lindsey Mough

Hannah Paulsen Kenya Reeves Tristan Starkey



MILLIONS AWARDED



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

afternoon, May 15, 2015, where members of the local community, clubs, civic organizations, businesses, and churches gave seniors scholarship

monies totaling \$445,300. In addition, colleges and universities provided scholarships totaling \$1,496,132. Military scholarships awarded \$1,269,212. A+ scholarships honored \$307,860. This generated awards of \$3,518,504 to the

graduating Class of 2015.



Armed Services

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

Air	Force Reserves	
J	oseph Edwards ,	

Christian Helvey

Nicholas Payne

Adam Hassebroek Kael Jackson Kaleb Palilla

Navy

Marines
Matt Blankenship

Joseph Tobin Jason Zeger

Army National Guard

Alex Amerine Danielle Ballard Quintin Lister Marcus Wyatt Navy ROTC
Cole Roam

Air Force ROTC
Brooks Green

US Army Reserve Scholar Athletes Faith Scheidemantle US Marine Corp Distinguished Athlete Award

Jordan Knight Alex Amerine

US Marine Corp Scholastic Excellence Award Kyler Virtue US Marine Corp Sempre Fidelis Musical Excellence Joseph Tobin

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A+ Scholars

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. Students beginning with the class of 2015 have to take the Algebra I EOC (end of course assessment) and score proficient or advanced or take an alternate math assessment and meet the A+ qualifications.

Camdenton High School is pleased to present the following 144 students who qualified for A+ Scholarships, which may provide tuition monies to any community college or technical school in Missouri:

School may offer scholars
Katherine Alford Nicholas Anna James Bail
Emily Baker
Danielle Ballard
Allison Barber
Lauren Bays
Shelby Beauchamp
Matthew Bigge
Janelle Blackwell
Austin Bledsoe
Brittany Bolz
Charles Joseph Borden
Julian Bridges
Shelby Briscoe
Shayla Brock
Devon Brown
Kelsey Bryant
Briana Bullock
Harmony Burke
Katelyn Burns
Makayla Byland
Jesse Canfield
Alison Carter
Trevor Casady
Katie Chappell
Brittany Christensen
Logan Clary

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Kimberly Cumper Jacob Decker		
Melody Denny		
Andrew Dettmer		
Thomas Dettmer		
Josie Dinsdale		
Polly Dinsdale William Drescher		
Alec Duncan		
Kaylee Duncan		
Cody Dunn		
Joseph Edwards		
Taylor Erickson		
Danaelyn Flint		
Tayla Ford		
Katelynn Fowler		
Megan Gericke		
Joey Ginnings		
Brooks Green		
Mason Hadfield		
Ellie Harmon		
Alex Hassebroek		
Christian Helvey		
Madison Henry		
Michael Hickerson		
Aspin Hill		
Bryan Hoffman		
Shelby Huey		
Abi Huggins		
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Jessica Ogden Joshua Ogden **Danielle Owens** Riley Paskach Hannah Paulsen **Kyle Pederson** Samantha Posten Jenifer Prather Consepcion Ramirez Mendez Kirstin Thompson Finessa Rassel **Kenya Reeves Summer Reid** Morgan Righter Cole Roam **Erin Robbins Felicia Roberts Christy Robinson** Alexander Rynski **Austin Salsman Seth Sassmann Abby Schaumburg** Faith Scheidemantle Jessica Schmidt **Lacev Schmidt Taylor Searcy** Randi Sheppard Maddison Sherrow **Riley Short** Michael Siegel

Nicole Skelton **Allison Smith Jacob Smith Tristan Starkey Christopher Stevens Jovi Strand April Thompson Hannah Tolnay** Schae Vanderploeg **Tristan Vieth Kyler Virtue Austin Waddle Michael Warner Molly Warnock Tate Weiesnbach Madison Whaley Conner White** Joseph Daniel Wilsman **Cole Wilson Lucas Wilson** Martina Wilson **Colton Windsor Madison Witte** Jasmyn Wolfe Jordyn Woods Jason Zeger

Elizabeth Sinner

James Crall

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.

James Bail **Danielle Ballard Brittany Bolz** Shayla Brock **Devon Brown Henry Brownell Katie Chappell** Jake Decker **Andrew Dettmer Tommy Dettmer** Josie Dinsdale Alec Duncan

Kaylee Duncan Joey Dutton Taylor Erickson Danaelyn Flint Megan Galey Brooks Green Ellie Harmon **Madison Henry Josh Hitt**

Logan Hollingsworth **Shelby Huev Kirstie Hunter**

Hope Johns Alizabeth Jones Landon Knopf **Brittany Kurtz Brett Lange** Rebecca Molt **Justin Murdock** Riley Paskach Hannah Paulsen Finessa Rassel **Cole Roam**

Faith Scheidemantle

Lacey Schmidt Riley Short Allison Smith Jovi Strand Oliver Thompson Kyler Virtue Austin Waddle Cole Wilson **Madison Witte** Qian Yang

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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.



Danaelyn Flint Megan Galey Brooks Green Ellie Harmon Christian Helvey Madison Henry Joshua Hitt Ashley Hontz Shelby Huey Kirstie Hunter Hope Johns Landon Knopf Brittany Kurtz

Haylea Lane
Rebecca Molt
Riley Paskach
Hannah Paulsen
Finessa Rassel
Kenya Reeves
Cole Roam
Faith Scheidemantle
Lacey Schmidt
Riley Short
Allison Smith
Kyler Virtue
Madison Witte





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 2015 must score in the top 5% of all Missouri students taking those tests.





James Bail Brittany Bolz Devon Brown Katie Chappell Shelby Huey Kirstie Hunter Brittany Kurtz Justin Murdock Riley Paskach Riley Short Kyler Virtue Austin Waddle

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.



IB Diploma Candidates:

Devon Brown
Katie Chappell
Andrew Dettmer
Thomas Dettmer
Danaelyn Flint
Ellie Harmon
Riley Short
Kyler Virtue





IB Certificate Students:

Katherine Alford James Bail Matthew Bigge Brittany Bolz CJ Borden Shelby Boze Kyle Brown
Emily Burke
Joseph Dutton
Brooks Green
Zach Hansen
Christian Helvey

Madison Henry Ashley Hontz Shelby Huey Abi Huggins Brett Lange Kevin Marschke Ryan Moffitt Rebecca Molt Justin Murdock Riley Paskach Finessa Rassel Cassie Reed Kenya Reeves Derrick Ritchie Cole Roam Christy Robinson Allison Smith Hannah Tolnay Madilynn Whitman Qian Yang

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 2015, 100 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



Brittany Bolz
Katie Chappell
Danaelyn Flint
Ellie Harmon
Madison Henry
Shelby Huey
Hope Johns
Tiffani Jones
Justin Murdock
Riley Short
Allison Smith
Kyler Virtue

Brittany Kurtz

(RC Worthan Scholarship)

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

Katherine Alford Alex Amerine James Bail Danielle Ballard Janelle Blackwell CJ Borden Shayla Brock Henry Brownell River Darby Jake Decker

Josie Dinsdale

Polly Dinsdale
Joey Dutton
Joey Edwards
Taylor Erickson
Megan Galey
Brooks Green
Mason Hadfield
Christian Helvey
Madison Henry
Aspin Hill
Joshua Hitt

Bryan Hoffman
Jonny Hollandsworth
Logan Hollingsworth
Kael Jackson
Hope Johns
Kevin Jones
Jacob Klein
Jordan Knight
Landon Knopf
Brett Lange
Luke Martin

Ty McDuffey John McRoberts Tanner Moesch Lindsay Mough Justin Murdock Riley Paskach Finessa Rassel Summer Reid Morgan Righter Cole Roam CJ Santon Faith Scheidemantle Nicole Skelton Allison Smith Tristan Starkey Oliver Thompson Schae Vanderploeg Kyler Virtue Madison Whaley Alexx Wilsman Cole Wilson Jacob Wise

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.



Boys' Track
Blake Jesse
Grant Teichmeier
Justin Murdock

Baseball Brady Kempf Katie Bird Abby Brauer Megan Galey Grace Hall Madison Henry Alizabeth Jones

Cami Koons
ter Faith Scheidemantle
ley Natalie Schulte
Lucy Sinner
Ienry Allison Smith

Girls' Track

Stefani Baker Charlotte Blair Maria Borden Daphne Dinsdale Josie Dinsdale Polly Dinsdale Sara McDuffey Kylie Meier Abigail Miller

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.

TennisGrant Burton
Logan Hollingsworth

GolfConnor Thill

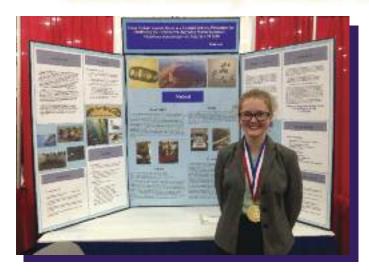
Boys' TrackJames Bail
Parker Pitts

Girls' Soccer Danielle Ballard Shayla Brock Hannah D'Arcy Adriana Velarde Baseball
Brogan Betta
Jake Decker
Brett Lange
John McRoberts
Tristan Starkey
Cole Wilson

Girls' Track
Carter Demark
Mariah Hadfield
Lindsay Mough
McKenzie Scott
Angel Varner
Tessa Weber

Madison Whaley

Extraordinary Science Research Student Tiffani Jones



Tiffani Jones attended the International I-SWEEEP competition, May 9, in Houston, TX. This competition included projects related to the environment, engineering, and energy in four total categories and was represented by students from over 70 countries. Tiffani was awarded a first place medal in her category and also won three special awards. These awards totaled \$1,250 in cash. In addition, Tiffani was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship from the University of Texas to attend their Environmental Engineering school.

Tiffani was also selected as Missouri's only student representative to attend the National Stockholm Water Prize competition in Washington, D.C., this June. One student from each state was selected for the opportunity to win thousands in cash and scholarships as well as the chance to attend the international competition in Stockholm, Sweden, later this year.

Tiffani took a naturally-occurring species of bacteria (alcanovorax borgumensis), which digests petroleum, and developed a way to deliver it to the deep ocean environment. She did this by modifying a new method used by the food industry to develop fake caviar using a chemical called sodium alginate. She created beads (similar in shape and texture to caviar) containing large quantities of these petroleum digesting bacteria that can either sink to the bottom of the ocean within hours or be pumped down to the spill site. As many of you probably remember, the Deepwater Horizon oil spill was very challenging to clean up due to its depth. This method could be used to mitigate those challenges related to oil well depth.

Tiffani is currently in the process of applying for a provisional patent for her work.

School Nutrition Association State Manager of the Year



Teresa Hays

The Missouri School Nutrition Association has selected Teresa Hays of Oak Ridge Intermediate as the 2015 State Manager of the Year. This award recognizes cafeteria managers who have demonstrated dedication and ingenuity to improve their school meal programs.

Teresa has been with the district's Food Service
Department for eight years. She has been the kitchen
manager at Oak Ridge for the last four years. Teresa
participates in ongoing professional development.
She is an active member of the National and State
School Nutrition Associations; she is School Nutrition
Certified Level 2 and a graduate of Produce U and
the Missouri Culinary Skills Institute. Teresa displays
exceptional customer service by holding Tasty
Tuesdays, cafeteria birthday celebrations and
preparing special faculty meal options.



Teresa promotes Farm to School by participating in Salad Bar Rainbow Days; she incorporates food from local farmers into her menus and is involved with the student gardens at Oak Ridge.

"Thank you, Teresa Hays, for your extraordinary commitment to your school meal program and the

students you serve. We are proud of you and your accomplishment!" states Dawn Matthews, Director of Food Services.



Lake Career and Technical Center Achievements



The Lake Career and Technical Center (LCTC) students represented the building well within the Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs). FFA state contests were held April 16-17 in Columbia. Students who qualified for State competition included:

Forestry: Luke McGuire, Sara Kitchen, Bailey Parish, and Alex Stoner

Nursery: Luke Weber, Colton Windsor, Anna Chenowith, and Trevor Bryant Livestock: Katie Burns, Haley Hobbs, Anna Kirkpatrick, and Kevin Burns

Katie Burns was also on stage April 16 as the Area 8 proficiency winner in the category of Equine Science-Placement.



SkillsUSA State Competition was held on March 26-28 at State Technical College of Missouri in Linn, Missouri. Over 40 students qualified for State competition. First place winners will be advancing to National SkillsUSA Championship in Louisville, Kentucky, in June 2015.



1st Place John York,
Marine Service
Technology



1st Place Tyler Pohle, (Adult) Marine Service Technology



1st Place Shelby Briscoe,
Photography

2nd Place

Josh Ogden, Marine Service (written test)
Austin Deters, (adult student), Marine Service
Kirstie Hunter, Opening & Closing Ceremony
Makinley McCaffrey, Opening & Closing Ceremony
Samantha Posten, Opening & Closing Ceremony

Jessica Schmidt, Opening & Closing Ceremony Schae Vanderploeg, Opening & Closing Ceremony Bailey Bilyeu, Opening & Closing Ceremony Jordan Stanton, Opening & Closing Ceremony Brittany Christensen, Photography Shad Mustain, Power Equipment (written test)

3rd Place

Trevor Smith, Cabinetmaking Stephen Redman, Graphic Imaging Sublimation Ronald Hulland, (adult student), Marine Technology Skyler Klarer, Motorcycle Service Technology



National Technical Honor Society

Twenty-six LCTC students were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society on May 7, 2015. Students who receive this recognition have met strict standards related to their academic and technical education classes. The students are as follows:

Alex Amerine Taylor Erickson Hannah Paulsen **Danielle Ballard Alizabeth Jones Kyle Pederson** Joshua Bellamy Chelsea Kempker Alex Rynski **Shelby Briscoe** Anna Kirkpatrick **CJ Santon Kyle Carroll** Sara Kitchen **Lacev Schmidt Alison Carter** Jacob Klein **Christopher Stevens Brittany Christensen** Morgan Mashburn **Madison Whaley Preston Curry Cooper Moore Caymon Wilkins** William Drescher **Sean Neeley**

VIPS - Volunteers In Public Schools - Appreciation Dinner

The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held on a beautiful spring evening, May 18th, at the Camdenton High School. Volunteers in Public Schools Program Director Joi Dickemann, along with Administrative Assistant Andrea Rhoades, welcomed over 200 volunteers and guests. Dickemann stated, "We are celebrating tonight a record number of volunteers, the thousands of hours of donated time, and new and exciting programs that all happened because of the school volunteer support. As a district we see the



moments that touch lives, the moments that have make a difference, and the pride that goes along with it..... Laker Pride!"

The evening started with a delicious meal prepared by the Camdenton R-III Food Services staff. The theme of the evening was centered around the saying "Bee.. lieve in yourself, Bee Happy". Talented Oak Ridge Intermediate students then entertained volunteers and their guests: Benjamin Poest on the piano, Marah Surdyke, ballet, Alex Baur, marimba, and Jillian Bernabe, dance. A true highlight for the volunteers was watching these very gifted fifth and sixth grade students volunteer their time in appreciation of the community support our school district receives.



Before the closure of yet another phenomenal year, the 2015 Volunteer of the Year was announced. The winners were chosen

by judges in Kansas, Washington, D.C., and Illinois. "I was inspired by reading the many wonderful submissions," states Donna Swanson, retired teacher in Washington, D.C. Pat All, retired superintendent from the Olathe School District, also commented, "It was a pleasure to read how grateful the hard working teachers were for their help." Camdenton school board members and administrators were also in attendance this evening. They were happy to present each nominated volunteer with a sash (hand-crafted by volunteer Kim Pool) and then a letter and pin from the President of the United States. This year's winners were a husband and

wife team who have been volunteering at Dogwood Elementary since 2008.



At the conclusion of the program, Edwin and Nancy Wedig were announced "Volunteers of the Year". Over 250 volunteers donated time in the 2014-2015 school year and of those, 23 were nominated for Volunteer of the Year. First grade teacher Melissa Hollingsworth was delighted to hear her volunteers' names announced. In her submission, she wrote, "Close your eyes, picture a soft-spoken couple with tender hearts. Picture hearing

them laugh and giving warm hugs. Picture seeing their welcoming smiles and hearing their encouraging words. If you can picture this warm couple, you can picture my volunteers."



If you are interested in joining this passionate group of volunteers and/or reading more about the volunteer appreciation dinner, please go to our website at *www.camdentonschools.org*, click on programs/services tab and then select school volunteer program. You'll be amazed at the opportunities that await you.



Melissa Hollingsworth, Edwin and Nancy Wedig, and Dr. Tim Hadfield



Twenty-three volunteers were nominated by their teacher for Volunteer of the Year 2015!