

# "Everyone Learning Every Day"

A Letter from the Superintendent



Dear Friends,

On the pages that follow you will see and read about the greatest resources in our wonderful school district, our students and staff. Thanks to the support of you, our patrons, our students and staff members learn and work in facilities conducive to learning. Our students have access to the tools of the 21st century in order to prepare them for the world of work, the military, or for post-secondary education. Over the past several years, though, we have seen very stagnate revenue growth in our district. This stagnation has occurred at the local, state, and national levels.

Currently, our school district has the lowest operating state rate in the State of Missouri for regular public school districts. This district's levy has remained at a constant level for the past fourteen years. The district has "tightened its belt" and cut spending on capital projects and trimmed resources regarding the maintenance on our facilities. At the same time costs for insurance, supplies, buses, needed services and other resources have risen substantially. We have worked to cut back on expenditures, but not cut programs for services for our children. Over the course of the past year our board of education has studied our situation. Thanks to the due diligence of the board our district is in a strong financial position, but the district must respond to flat revenues and increasing expenditures.

No matter what our challenges are or will be in the future, we know our most important challenge is meeting our vision of "*Everyone Learning Every Day*." The Camdenton R-III School District is fortunate to have many groups and individuals working to support our district. The Camdenton R-III Foundation has supported the staff and students of our district for over 17 years. The Education Foundation invites you to its Elegant Evening on Friday, April 28th, at 5:30 pm. This event will highlight the skills and talents of our students. It is always a delightful evening and we hope you will be able to join us.

The Camdenton R-III School District welcomes three new leaders to our district next year. Alan Schwantes will serve as the new director of Horizons Laker Education Center. Tyler Knight assumes the duties of assistant principal at Dogwood Elementary School. Julie Evans was recently hired as Director of Food Services for the district.

Please also note some of the awesome accomplishments of the staff and students in the district. Over the course of the past several months we saw award-winning teachers and student achievements in the classroom, on the courts, and in competitions. We are very proud of our staff and students and it truly is a great day to be a Laker!

Your Partner in Education,

Jim Hadfuld

Dr. Tim Hadfield, Superintendent OF DESTRICT

Third Quarter 2017

# District Announces New Leadership



#### District, New Food Services Director - Julie Evans

Julie Evans has assumed the duties of Food Service Director for the Camdenton School District. Julie is a proud Camdenton Laker graduate. Previously, she served as Director of Nutrition for the Schaller-Crestland Community School District in Schaller, Iowa. Julie began her services with the Schaller-Crestland Community School District in 2008. She was interviewed by a committee of administrators and Food Service Department representatives. Julie is known for her sense of humor and her enthusiasm in the workplace. She has a very positive outlook and can quickly develop a positive rapport with students and staff.



## Horizons, New Director - Allen Schwantes

The Camdenton R-III School District is pleased to announce Allen Schwantes as the new Director at Horizons Laker Educational Center for the 2017-2018 academic term. Mr. Schwantes is presently a Horizons High School Social Studies teacher.

Allen has held this position since the 2006-2007 school

year. Prior to coming to Camdenton, Allen taught Applied Communications, Credit Recovery, and Physical Education and also coached at Eldon R-I.

Mr. Schwantes received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Central Methodist College. He received a Masters in Curriculum and Instruction from William Woods University.



## Dogwood Elementary, New Assistant Principal - Tyler Knight

Starting in the 2017-2018 academic term, Tyler Knight will assume the position of assistant principal at Dogwood Elementary. Mr. Knight is currently an elementary physical education teacher in our district.

Tyler began his service in our district with the 2011-2012 school term. He has taught in Dogwood and Hawthorn and has coached multiple sports in the district as well. He came to us from Gainesville, Missouri, where he taught 7-12 physical education and was the head baseball coach.

Mr. Knight received his Bachelor of Science degree from the College of the Ozarks. He earned his Master of School Administration from Lindenwood University.

Tyler was interviewed by a team of administrators and staff members from Dogwood Elementary. He has served the Camdenton School District with a positive and professional approach over the course of his career and we look forward to having him continue to serve our children as he begins his administrative career.

# **Excellence in Education**



Mitch Comer, Industrial Technology educator, received the Mobius Woodie Flowers award. There were 52 teams that competed in this year's St. Louis regional from all over the Midwest. This prestigious award is given to one mentor of each regional and/or

district *FIRST*® Robotics competition. They then go on to compete at Worlds for the Mobius Woodies Flowers International championship award. For more information visit *https://themobius.wordpress.com* 

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Each year, the Lambda (Missouri) Chapter of the honorary band fraternity Phi Beta Mu bestows the Charles Emmons Outstanding Band Director Award. This award is intended to be the most significant award to be received by a member of the chapter. This is a unique and special award that

honors the chapter's most outstanding directors and pays tribute to Emmons who did so much for bands and students during his illustrious career. This January, Camdenton Director of Bands **Paul Baur** was the recipient of this prestigious honor.

# News from Your Local School Board

Each spring the school board finalizes the budget for the upcoming school year. However, the process of determining and approving the budget is a year-long process with Dr. Hadfield providing detailed information regarding local revenues which fund 70% of the budget, state K-12 money which funds 20% of the budget, and federal money which funds 10% of the budget. Throughout each year, school board members, staff, and district patrons have access to budget information through school board meetings and public postings of the information. School board members individually read additional information regarding local/state/federal funding and legislative matters on a daily to weekly basis.



Some school board members recently reviewed the state legislative climate during a visit to Jefferson City for the 2017 Missouri School Board Association's (MSBA) Legislative Day. Student leaders from Camdenton High School's three academies were among only a handful of student groups from around the state invited to present at an MSBA-sponsored student showcase in the Capitol rotunda. They highlighted the academic strengths of our high school academies during this event. Board members Nancy Masterson, Selynn Barbour, and Laura Davis, along with school administrators and current/past student advisors to the school board, heard from MSBA representatives, legislative leadership, and National School Board Association representatives. State representatives Rocky Miller, Dan Brown, and Diane Franklin took time from their schedules to meet with the Camdenton District constituents. Potential legislation to allow charter schools to open in fully-accredited school

districts without consent from those school districts was one topic discussed. Charter schools historically have the following differences compared to locally run public schools:

- 1. Charter schools are not required to test their students annually or to report achievement scores as required of public schools.
- **2.** Charter schools are not mandated to educate all students. They can decide which students to accept into their programs.
- **3.** Charter schools are not run by locally elected boards, yet they take money from these local school budgets by accessing state and federal funds that would have gone to local schools.

The Camdenton District School Board is closely reviewing the potential challenges highlighted below with the goal of formulating workable budgets during the 2017-2018 school year and beyond: 1. While local revenues did rebound from the economic lows of the 2008 recession, they have remained essentially flat since that initial rebound. The Camdenton School District's operating tax levy of \$2.56 is the lowest out of all regular public school districts in the state.

2. State revenues will likely remain flat since the ceiling of the foundation formula was recently reduced and since even that reduced level may not be fully funded through the next state budget. 3. State funds may be cut further with potential cuts in K-12 transportation funding. 4. Future state and federal funds are uncertain if pending state legislation opens the door for students to move state and federal funds from a local public school to a charter school that is not associated with the district.

Current known and unknown economic and legislative factors make it important to evaluate use of funds within the school district. The district is reviewing current staffing to operate as efficiently as possible while providing students with the programs and services they need. Bond refinancing was also recently investigated and approved at a cost savings of \$800,000 to the district. Health insurance was also sent out for re-bidding to ensure that the district was seeing the best rates and insurance benefits. The board will continue to manage district resources in a thoughtful manner.



#### **Board of Education**

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# **CATHERINE SAUER**

# RECEIVES THE NCWIT AWARD FOR ASPIRATIONS IN COMPUTING



As part of an effort to encourage more young women to choose careers in technology, the National Center for Women & Information Technology (NCWIT) and Kansas City Power & Light recognized 15 high school women for their accomplishments and aspirations in computing and technology at an award ceremony and reception.

The young women are winners of the NCWIT Western Missouri and Kansas

Affiliate Award for Aspirations in Computing, which recognizes high school women for their computing-related achievements and interests. Each winner received a glass trophy, a prize donated by Commerce Bank, an NCWIT messenger bag and swag items provided by NCWIT and local sponsors. Honorable Mentions for the award received a gift certificate (courtesy of NetApp of Wichita and Northwest Missouri State University), a glass trophy, an NCWIT string bag and swag items.

"With technology jobs projected to grow faster than all other job sectors in the next decade, it's imperative that we nurture the computing aspirations of women, who will make up half the professional workforce," said Lucy Sanders, CEO and Co-founder of NCWIT. "This award allows us to recognize and encourage talent that might otherwise be overlooked."

The NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing was created to encourage the computing aspirations of young women, introduce them to leadership opportunities in the field, and generate visibility for women's participation in technology fields. Winners are acknowledged for their outstanding aptitude and interest in technology and computing, leadership ability, academic history, and plans for post-secondary education.

Following are the 2017 winners of the NCWIT Award for Aspirations in Computing - Western Missouri and Kansas Affiliate:

- Maureen Botros, The Doctors' Schoolhouse,
   Wichita, KS (also a National Honorable Mention)
- Shannon Coupland, Belton High, Belton, MO
- Emily Davich, Staley High School, Kansas City, MO
- Hallie Edwards, Solomon High, Solomon, KS
- Stephanie Fu, Manhattan High School,
   Manhattan, KS (also a National Winner)
- Vale Gibson, William Chrisman High School, Independence, MO
- Emma Hubka, Topeka High School, Topeka, KS
- Shelby Jones, Lawrence Virtual High School, Lawrence, KS
- Chaney Leonard, Wellington High School, Wellington, KS
- Olivia Mark, Shawnee Mission South High, Shawnee Mission, KS
- Kiernan O'Boyle, Saint Teresa's Academy, Kansas City, MO
- Ruby Rios, Bishop Miege High School, Roeland Park, KS (also a National Honorable Mention)
- Chayanne Sandoval-Williams, Grandview High School, Grandview, MO
- Catherine Sauer, Camdenton High School, Camdenton, MO
- Sydney Scholes, Liberty High School, Liberty, MO
- Erin Smith, Shawnee Mission West High, Shawnee Mission, KS
- Amber Stewart, Blue Springs High School, Blue Springs, MO

#### **ABOUT NCWIT**

NCWIT is the National Center for Women & Information Technology, a non-profit coalition of over 450 prominent corporations, academic institutions, government agencies, and nonprofits working to improve U.S. innovation, competitiveness, and workforce sustainability by increasing women's participation in IT. NCWIT's work spans K-12 and higher education through industry and academic careers. Find out more at *www.ncwit.org*.

# Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation, Inc. "Elegant Evening", April 28th - make your reservations NOW!



Spring is in the air! The winds are warming. The daffodils are brilliant yellow and happy. The forsythia are blooming. Nature is bursting with excitement everywhere you look!

So are our Camdenton Laker youth! They are brimming with excitement and polishing their talents to dazzle you at the 15th annual Camdenton R-III Education Foundation's Elegant Evening, beginning at 5:30, April 28th, at the Camdenton High School.



You will be totally immersed in students' amazing abilities. You will view beautiful and breath-taking art, with some being created right before your eyes! Students will amaze you with their fine talents using pen and pencil, brush and palette.

The delicious wafts of appetizers will beckon. Delightful, live music will enhance your fun conversations with friends. Your heart and toes will beat in time with the swinging music of the jazz band. Of course, your evening will include a delicious meal and decadent dessert being served

by dedicated and talented LCTC students. The soul-stirring choir will move you with bravado and resolve while captivating live acting will astonish all Elegant Evening guests.



A drumroll highlight will be inducting

Patricia Morgan, posthumously, as

Outstanding Educator into the 2017 Camdenton Education

Foundation Hall of Leaders.
She was an inspiring,
well-respected and beloved
elementary educator of 33
years. Pat also devoted 10
more years volunteering,
giving our precious Laker
youth a firm foundation to
build upon and excel in life.

This April 28th event is the sole fundraiser for the Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation, Inc. Because of your generosity, our 501(c)(3) entity has, through the years, compassionately awarded these financial gifts: 50 students who participated



during the evening event received monetary awards; 100 scholarships for students who attended post-secondary universities, colleges and schools; 18 classroom impact grants; and 11 educator scholarships for our staff.

We can't wait to hear from you soon as tickets sell out quickly! Please visit our school's website at *camdentonschools.org* for any questions and to order tickets. The Education Foundation is listed under the "District Information" tab. You may also contact Mrs. Linda Leu for reservations at the administration office by calling 573-346-9213.

Our exceptional Lakers truly shine this night, showcasing their brilliant abilities and joy. This year's Elegant Evening, April 28th, will be like no other! We look forward to seeing you enjoying this spectacular showcase of style and fun!

Serving with Laker pride,

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Selynn Barbour

President, Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation, Inc., and Treasurer, Camdenton R-III School Board

15th Annual
Elegant Evening
Friday, the 28th of April, 2017

CAMDENTON HIGH SCHOOL

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## **GRANT BURTON**

Grant Burton, a senior at Camdenton High School in Camdenton, MO, is the recipient of the 2017 DECA Emerging Leader Honor Award. This award recognizes students studying marketing, finance, hospitality,

and management for being an academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, experienced leader through participation in DECA. The award recipient must be a DECA member in his/her senior year of high school with a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or better for each of the high school semesters. Grant is the son of David and Karen Faiferlick of Osage Beach, MO.

DECA is a career and technical student organization composed of more than 210,000 students who are interested in careers in marketing, entrepreneurship, finance, hospitality, or management. DECA enhances the preparation for college and careers by providing co-curricular programs that integrate into classroom instruction, apply learning, connect to business and promote competition. DECA student members leverage their DECA experience to become academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, experienced leaders. The DECA chapter advisor at Camdenton High School is Amanda Crocker. For more information about DECA, visit www.deca.org.

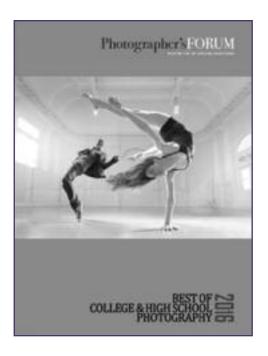






GRACIE EVERS - 1st place in Diversified Horticulture
TRISTEN LAWSON - 3rd place in Veterinary Science
RILEY MCCABE - 1st place in Environmental Science
and Natural Resource Management

The National FFA Agricultural Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through their supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs), have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers. The above three LCTC students were awarded for their SAE proficiency. Placement proficiency awards are given to those whose SAEs are related to employment, apprenticeships, or internships at an agribusiness or agriculture-related organization.



## **CASSIE KENNEDY**, a Lake Career



& Technical Center
Photography student, was selected as a finalist in the Photographer's Forum Magazine College & High School Photography Contest. She will be

featured in the Best of College & High School Photography, 2017. Cassie has a chance of winning \$8,500 in cash grants plus a new Pentex camera.





Outstanding job, **LINCOLN MCGUIRE**, for being named Sentinel on the Area 8 FFA Officer Team. Lincoln applied and interviewed before a panel of 16 delegates from Area 8 and was the 4th highest applicant among the 16 who applied. **ZACH GARRISON**, delegate from LCTC FFA, was among those on the interview panel.



#### SKILLSUSA DISTRICT COMPETITION

Many of these students qualify to compete in the State competition, held in April, at State Technical College in Linn, Missouri.

#### Performance (Hands-On) Contests:

1st place - Braden Coffey (Screen Printing) 1st place - Jillian Tripp and Chase Elliot (Digital Cinema Production)

1st place - Austin Oker (Culinary Post-Secondary)

2nd place - Mitch Franklin (Automotive Refinishing)

2nd place - Alyssa Faes (Commercial Baking)

2nd place - Cody Ray (Culinary)

3rd place - Chance Dority (Internetworking)

#### **Leadership Contests:**

1st place - Coleman Roberts (Job Skill Demo A)

1st place - Ernest Jones (Job Skill Demo O)

1st place - Jillian Tripp, Mariah Flagg, Megan Bartels,

Zach Rector, Sam Smith, Bailey Bowles, Sara Diaz, and Madison Vanderploeg (Opening and Closing Ceremony)

2nd place - Chase Elliot, Josiah Peterson, Jewell Deaton,

Tanner Paulsen, and Shelby Gallo (Quiz Bowl)

3rd place - Elijah Skinner (Extemporaneous Speaking)

#### **Written Contests:**

1st place - Ronald Reehten (Residential Wiring)

1st place - Trenton Keeney (Marine)

1st place - Devin Nulph (Motorcycle)

1st place - Riley Terwilliger (Powersports)

1st place - Josiah Peterson (Precision Machining)

2nd place - Cole Warren (Marine)

2nd place - Seth Harris (Motorcycle)

2nd place - Isaac McDowell (Powersports)

3rd place - Sam Price (Marine)

3rd place - Nick Salsman (Motorcycle)

3rd place - John Cox (Powersports)

3rd place - Dylan Riley (Collision Repair)

3rd place - Mitch Franklin (Collision Repair)

#### **FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA** (FBLA) CHAPTER 6980 COMPETES FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

FBLA is a Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) that prepares students for "real-world" professional experiences where they gain the competitive edge for college and career readiness. Members and advisers representing 18 chapters (just over 500 students) throughout the region met to elect district officers, transact district chapter business, and compete.

The District Leadership Competition and awards program recognizes excellence in a broad range of business and career-related areas. Students compete in events testing their business knowledge and skills. Top district winners are eligible to compete for honors at the State Leadership Conference.

Delegates representing the Camdenton High School Chapter in the District Leadership awards program advancing to the State Leadership Conference are:

1st Place - Chase Elliott, Hunter Hawbaker, and Jillian Tripp (Digital Video Production)

1st Place - Maclyn Castle, Braden Coffey, and Kylie Dannatt (Graphic Design)

1st Place - Peyton Dannatt and Gracie Poe (Publication Design)

1st Place - Cheyenne Cassel (Introduction to Business)

2nd Place - Jordan Burns (Introduction to Business)

2nd Place - Seth Harmon (Networking Concepts)

4th Place - Shelby Mount (Parliamentary Procedure)

5th Place - River Wise (Computer Problems Solving)

#### Other winners receiving recognition at the District Leadership awards program included:

2nd Place - Alondra Chapa, Ariana Chapa, and Dylan Fry (Global Business)

2nd Place - Cameron Bell, Sasha Prather, and River Wise (Public Service Announcement)

3rd Place - Jordan Burns, Cheyenne Cassel, and Alondra Chapa (Management Decision Making)

3rd Place - Seth Harmom (Client Service)

5th Place - Cheyeanne Klinefelter (Public Speaking II)

## 2016-2017 Sports Academic Honors and Awards

Boys' and Girls' Basketball and Wrestling

Dyllan Decker: All-Conference, All-District, KJEL All-Star Natalie Basham and Blair Kurtz: All-District

Coley Rezabek: All-Conference, All-District, and KJEL All-Star **Abbie Miller: All-Conference** 

Zion Vasquez: All-Conference 2nd Team Jacob Fuglsang and Jesus Ramirez: All-Conference Honorable Mention

Ozark Conference All-Academic: Criteria require athletes to earn a varsity letter and a 3.75 to 4.0 GPA on a non-weighted scale.

Mackenzie Baker Blake Lapine

Kylie Meier Cami Koons Blair Kurtz

Shelby Kurtz

Abbie Miller

Brandon Pasley Darby Roam

Sabrina Schesnol

Tegan Shockley Megan Vest Shelby Webster

**All-State Academic** Volleyball and Softball

Kylee Compton Emma Uthe Daphne Dinsdale Shelby Webster

Blair Kurtz

Abbie Miller Softball Team Faith Rakes Received All-Tegan Shockley State Honors

Honorable Mention: Criteria require athletes to earn a varsity letter and a 3.5 to 3.74 GPA on a non-weighted scale.

Natalie Basham Dyllan Decker Winton Neal Emme Thompson Zion Vasquez Katie Blackman Jeana Laughlin Mason Tibben Kelton Virtue Coley Rezabek

Erin Leezer Audrey Currier Ryan Rothove Page 7 | Lakers' Letter Camdenton R-III School District PO Box 1409

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## **BOX HOLDER**



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#### Camdenton R-III School District Calendar 2017-2018

November 22-24

Back To School

October 27

## School Begins Monday, August 21, 2017

No School

August 14-18 August 16	Meet the Teacher Night	Teacher Work Days Dogwood, Hawthorn, and Oak Ridge Intermediate
August 17	Meet the Teacher Night	Osage Beach, Hurricane Deck, and Middle School
TBD	Meet the Teacher Night	LCTC, High School, and Horizons
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September 1	No School for Students	Professional Development Day
September 4	No School for Students  No School	Labor Day
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September 4		Labor Day
September 4 September 22 October 20	No School	Labor Day Homecoming
September 4 September 22 October 20 October 23 Par	No School No School for Students	Labor Day Homecoming Teacher Work Day

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December 20	Early Release 12:30 p.m.	Christmas Vacation Begins
January 1	No School	New Years Day
January 2	No School for Students	Professional Development/ Teacher Work Day
January 3		School Resumes
January 15	No School	Martin Luther King Day
February 19	No School	Presidents' Day
March 9	No School for Students	Teacher Work Day
March 28-Apr. 2 No School		Spring Break
May 17		Graduation
May 22	Early Release 12:30 p.m.	School Term Ends
May 23	No School for Students	Teacher Work Day
May 28		Memorial Day

No School

Make-Up Schedule for Missed Days
1st Day Jan. 15 4th Day May 24 7th Day March 29
2nd Day Feb. 19 5th Day May 25 8th Day May 29
3rd Day May 23 6th Day March 28