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

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*"Steering the Course for the Future"*

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### Stars Will Shine April 25<sup>th</sup> At Elegant Evening

The Camdenton R-III School District Education Foundation's biggest project is fully underway. This exciting annual fundraiser is called the "Elegant Evening". Many "stars" will shine on this very special evening scheduled for Friday, April 25, 2014 at the Camdenton High School Commons area. Appetizers and Art Gallery walk begin at 5:30p, dinner at 6:30P.

One of the distinctive elements of this impressive event is the Foundation's *Hall of Leaders* recognition. This year's very worthy inductee, Ms. Jody Nichols Newman, is being honored in the category of Outstanding Education Professional. Ms. Newman served Camdenton School District for 28 years, 18 of those as Principal of Osage Beach Elementary. She will be honored during the Elegant Evening festivities with an introduction and plaque unveiling.

The Elegant Evening fundraiser supports the Education Foundation's motto, "Steering the Course for the Future". Serving the District for 12 years now, the Foundation has distributed more than \$135,000 toward scholarships to graduating seniors and educators, classroom grants, individual Outstanding Students Awards for those who participate extensively in the Elegant Evening, and other worthy activities that fall outside the District's operating budget.

This will be the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Elegant Evening, which serves as the one and only fundraising event for the Education Foundation. In addition to the Hall of Leaders, the numerous talents of our students will be showcased in the areas of art, music, academia, culinary arts, woodworking and agriculture.

If you attended in the past, you know what a treat it is, and if you haven't, then you are in for a delightful evening. The Foundation receives rave reviews on the exceptional dinner that rivals the best local restaurants, fully prepared and served by Lake Career and Tech Center culinary students.

The stars will shine April 25 in an all-new and exciting format. The CHS Jazz Band will be the featured dinner entertainment with, for the first time, the opportunity to open the dance floor. Our spot light will be on the very talented Art Department with not only their prestigious Gallery, but also a live demonstration with audience participation. Guests will be able to view the award-winning Science Research projects and more.

Camdenton resident Marcheta Keedy has attended the Elegant Evening for several years and provides this insight: "Our school district's students are so gifted. This is a unique chance where I get to see them perform on one occasion and I walk away enthused by their talent every year."

So please consider this opportunity to experience an extremely memorable evening while supporting the Foundation's mission to enhance learning opportunities for the District's students and staff. To secure tickets, contact Linda Leu at the District's administration office (573-346-9213). We hope to see you there!

For more information, please visit [www.camdentonschools.org](http://www.camdentonschools.org), click on District Information at the left, then Education Foundation.

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PHOTOS CAPTION: Camdenton Jazz Band entertains Elegant Evening attendees while Lake Career and Tech Center Culinary Arts students flambé an impressive final course.

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