



**NORTHLAND REGIONAL  
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**EXCELLENCE**  
IN  
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BANQUET  
2023

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

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# VOLUNTEERS IN SUPPORT OF EDUCATION

Kelly Gentry  
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Jody Magera  
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Chris Evans  
North Kansas City Schools

Kerry Brooke Hyde  
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Tom Adams  
Northland Catholic Schools

Luke Owen  
Northland Christian School

Ali Mordhorst  
Oakhill Day School

Layla Barbur  
Park Hill School District

Stephanie Thompson  
Platte County School District

Melissa Lallo Johnson  
Smithville School District

Michelle Green  
West Platte School District

## PAST NORTHLAND EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD

2016	Howard Hellebuyck	West Platte School District
2017	Duana Swindall	Smithville School District
2018	Helen Wills	Oakhill Day School
2019	Brandy Tanner	Northland Christian Education System
2020	Joseph Head	Kearney School District
2021	Kathy Wright	Liberty Public Schools
2022	Aliza Perea	North Kansas City Schools

## EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO EDUCATION

### KEARNEY R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tamera Couchman	Dogwood Elementary School
Michelle Cobb	Hawthorne Elementary School
Cynthia Hollinberger	Kearney Early Education Center
Joleen Holsten	Kearney Elementary School
Angie Carpenter	Kearney High School
Toni Sinclair	Kearney Junior High
Kaitlyn Parks	Kearney Middle School
Chris Shirk	KSD Central Office
Susan Beery	LENS
Sabrina Clayton	Southview Elementary School

### LIBERTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Rebecca Fisher	District Administration Center
Brooklyn Bauerle	Early Childhood Center
Ben Orth	Heritage Middle School
Dwayne Irvin Sr.	Lewis and Clark Elementary
David McDorman	Liberty High School
Gail Stark	Liberty North High School
Sandy Meinders	Lillian Schumacher Elementary

### Rachel Naumann

Jody Hamlin
Renee Martin
Meghan Lampert
Ashley Pouna

### NORTH KANSAS CITY SCHOOLS

Kyle Evans
Kristi Gleason
Vicki Catt
Kelli Roy
Mariela Martinez
Kathy Shaw
Aubree Groff
Kelly Glenn
Nathan Hunt
Lambros Rigos
Sarah Garcia
Barrie Fisher
Kandis Brown

### Nutrition Services

Ridgeview Elementary
Transportation
Various Buildings
Various Buildings

Antioch Middle School
Briarcliff Elementary School
Chapel Hill Elementary School
Clardy Elementary School
Eastgate 6th Grade Center
Gashland Elementary School
Meadowbrook Elementary School
Nashua Elementary School
New Mark Middle School
New Mark Middle School
Oak Park High School
Ravenwood Elementary School
Rising Hill Elementary School

# EXCELLENCE IN SERVICE TO EDUCATION (cont.)

## NORTH KANSAS CITY SCHOOLS (CONT.)

Megan Blackburn	Security
Jason Smith	Security
Paul Sobbe	Staley High School
Colin McClatchey	Topping Elementary School
Laura Crawford	West Englewood Elementary School
Buffy Tomlin	Winnetonka High School
Debbie Wetzel	Winnwood Elementary School

## NORTH PLATTE R-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT

Arlys Kampmeyer	North Platte Elementary School
Betsy Hodgson	North Platte High School

## NORTHLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Jonathan Rhodes	St. Therese Catholic School
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## NORTHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Brylie Carlson	Northland Christian School
Steve Karvelas	Northland Christian School
Amy Ross	Northland Christian School

## OAKHILL DAY SCHOOL

Abby Pavlisin	Oakhill Day School
Kristin Smith	Oakhill Day School
Suzanne McCanles	Oakhill Day School
Maggie Newhouse	Oakhill Day School

## PARK HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Julianne Ruwe	Chinn Elementary
Rebecca Smith	Congress Middle School
Greg Collins	District Office
Leticia Williams	English Landing Elementary
Cregg Porter	Gerner Family Early Education Center
Nikki Suchanick	Graden Elementary
Justina Garcia	Hawthorn Elementary
Marci Wettstein	Hopewell Elementary
Jennifer Doty	Lakeview Middle School
Jess Rueda	LEAD Studio
Bonnie Maloney	Line Creek Elementary
Ashley Hendrickson	Park Hill High School

Elizabeth Rodriguez	Park Hill South High School
Brandon Palmer	Plaza Middle School
Marla Anderson	Prairie Point Elementary
Denisha Johnson	Renner Elementary
Johnny Aguilar	Russell Jones Education Center
Jordan Meals	Southeast Elementary
Gayle Erikson-Laney	Tiffany Ridge Elementary
Audrey Hackler	Union Chapel Elementary
Annie Williamson	Walden Middle School

## PLATTE COUNTY R-3 SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mike Kwiatkowski	Barry School
Jacob West	Compass Elementary
Ron Webster	Northland Career Center
Marci Fine	Pathfinder Elementary
Pam McLain	Platte City Middle School
Emily Presnell	Platte County High School

## SMITHVILLE R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

Linda Garner	Eagle Heights Elementary
Tarryn Hickman	Horizon Elementary
Courtney Matthews	Maple Elementary
Dr. Tracy Platt	Smithville High School
Lacey Boydston	Smithville Middle School

## WEST PLATTE R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. John Rinehart	West Platte R-II School District
Ryan Ramey	West Platte M.S./H.S.
Kevin Kopp	West Platte High School

# TONIGHT'S PROGRAM

5:00 - 5:45PM

RECEPTION

5:45PM

SEATING BEGINS

6:00PM

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Mayor Kathy Rose .....2023 Northland Chamber Chair of the Board  
City of Riverside

6:10PM

DRUMLINE PRESENTATION

Smithville R-II School District Drumline  
Dalton Haberman

7:00PM

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Corporate Sponsor .....JE Dunn Construction  
Scholarships .....Amy Washam  
Business in Support of Education .....Brett Kisker  
Volunteers in Support of Education .....Amy Washam  
Excellence in Higher Education .....Brett Kisker  
Excellence in Service to Education .....Amy Washam  
Northland Exemplary Service Award .....Brett Kisker

CLOSING

Mayor Kathy Rose .....2023 Northland Chamber Chair of the Board  
City of Riverside

# CELEBRATIONS

## KEARNEY R-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT

- MSIP 6: Kearney School District in Top 8% of School Districts in Missouri
- Kearney High School Senior Tanner Mayfield Earns National Merit Semifinalist Status
- Kearney High School Senior Anna Tourney Selected for 2023 Missouri Scholars 100
- 2022 Boys Track & Field State Champions
- 2022 Softball State Champions
- 2023 Girls Wrestling State Champions
- 2023 High School Dance Squad State Champions

## LIBERTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Liberty Public Schools has so much to celebrate as we serve our nearly 13,000 students that make up LPS.
- We were named a System of Distinction by the global school improvement organization, Cognia. This recognition came following a rigorous Accreditation Engagement Review process.
- We were honored with the Best Communities for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation. This is the eleventh consecutive year that LPS has been named to this prestigious list. The designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.
- Several of our schools, programs, and students also have recently received significant honors. EPIC Elementary was named a 2022 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. The Liberty North High School Boys Cross Country team was crowned with the 2022 Missouri State Championship. LNHS Junior Sage Wilde was also the individual state champion at the meet. Liberty North High School Junior Charlie Cisneros was named the Gatorade Missouri State Volleyball Player of the Year. And at Liberty High School, Counselor Brenda Wiederholt was formally recognized in Washington, D.C. as the Missouri Counselor of the Year.

## NORTH KANSAS CITY SCHOOLS

- North Kansas City Schools remains one of the fastest-growing school systems in the state. As the second-largest district in Missouri, NKC Schools has a student enrollment of more than 21,500 students.
- And the district continues to grow. Adding more than 200 new students a year over the past decade, demographers predict another 1500 students will come to NKC Schools during the next five years. To accommodate this growth, the district has opened or added on to several of its elementary

buildings, expanded two of its high schools, completed stadium improvements at two high schools, and fully opened its 110,000 s.f. Early Education Center to accommodate our earliest learners. Thanks to our voters in 2022, a \$140 million bond issuance provides the funds to replace two more elementary schools – Crestview and Nashua – build another elementary to serve our Lakewood and Winnwood communities, place additions on Chapel Hill and Rising Hill, and improve another five. A levy transfer also passed in 2022, allowing the district to move 20 cents from its debt service levy to its operational levy. This transfer gives the district greater flexibility in hiring additional staff and providing benefits to our employees.

- The district is committed to offering innovative educational experiences for our learners. The Career Pathways program is now at all four district high schools, promoting real-world learning opportunities for students. Working hand in hand with Northland business and civic leadership, the Pathways program allows students to progress from learning ABOUT work as a freshman to learning FOR work as seniors.
- NKC Schools' new five-year strategic plan also provides a road map for future programming and growth.
- NKC Schools – Relentless Champions for All Students

## NORTH PLATTE R-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT

- The North Platte R-1 School District is celebrating its accomplishment in being in the top 15% of the state on its Annual Performance Report.
- Our Girl's Track Team finished as Class 2 State Champions for the 2021/2022 season.
- Our Cross Country Girls Team is the Class 2 State Champions for 2022/2023. Our Cross Country Boys Team finished fourth in the Class 2 State Championships for the 2022/2023 season.
- Coach Jared Quigley was selected as the KKWK Coach of the Year in his first year of leading our football program.
- Our Boy's Wrestling Team in conjunction with Mid-Buchanan finished as the Class 2 State Runner Up for the 2022/2023 season. Our Girl's Wrestling Team in conjunction with Mid-Buchanan finished as 5th in the Class 2 State Championships for the 2022/2023 season.
- NPHS Senior Kalli Schuster finished as a State Champion in her weight class in Class 2 State Championship.

## NORTHLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

- Dreaming big is what's happening at SPX! The 76 graduates of the Class of 2022 spread their wings! 95% are attending college, 75% earned scholarships worth \$5 million, 3 Bright Flight Scholars, 19 National Honor Society Members, 7 accepted in Honors College, 18 college athletes, 7050 hours of service completed in local & global communities & 912 ACCProgram & AP credit hours earned.
- St. Charles Borromeo Academy welcomed a new Pastor, Fr. Sunoj Thomas, & New Principal, Mrs. Candace Stracener. New families joined our school thanks in part to MoScholars. We have new spaces, including a new preschool outdoor play area, updated entrances, an outdoor classroom & new windows. SCBA staff attended workshops to further their expertise in the classical education model. In partnership with the Institute for Catholic Liberal Education, SCBA provides parent education nights & continued opportunities for staff development
- St. James School continued to grow its learning offerings. In addition to daily music, art, technology, PE, library, & Spanish classes for students, our middle school offers a variety of electives. This year our students experienced crochet club, gardening, babysitting, drama, choir, yearbook, creative writing, a closer look at the NFL, In Motion, graphic design, & WIN (What I Need.) These offerings are a crucial compliment to our core classes, ensuring our students are engaged, learning new skills, & staying connected.
- St. Patrick School's enrollment increased by 26%, welcoming students of diverse backgrounds from all around KC. As our enrollment increased, we continue to offer individualized instruction for all through our Inclusive Education program. Each year, students in grades 3-8 participate in the First Lego League program, & this year, two of our teams qualified for the regional competition at Crown Center. Students learn about teamwork, project management, computer programming & design throughout this program. St. Patrick finds ways to meet the interests of all students through sports, arts, music, STEM, & more!
- St. Therese students rise to the occasion. In our first ever Scholar Bowl tournament, our team earned 1st place & two students were honored with individual placements. One of our sixth grade Robotic teams made it to the finals when we hosted the VEX Robotics tournament in Jan., & as a school, we received the Project ADAM certification. As a Project ADAM Heart Safe School, we implemented a sudden cardiac arrest

# EXCELLENCE IN CLASSROOM TEACHING

## KEARNEY R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT

Amory Maley	Dogwood Elementary School
Gayla Mogg	Hawthorne Elementary School
Staci Bonderer	Kearney Early Education Center
Sara Kimmel	Kearney Elementary School
Jennifer West	Kearney High School
Daniel Roberts	Kearney Junior High
Jana Klaehn-Sturm	Kearney Middle School
Audriana Wooster	LENS
Amanda Noll	Southview Elementary School

## LIBERTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Beth Todtfeld	Alexander Doniphan Elementary
Dr. Carrie Gabriel	Discovery Middle School
Becky Gacke	Early Childhood Center
Jennifer Benjamin	Heritage Middle School
Kate Roark	Kellybrook Elementary
Melanie Young	Lewis and Clark Elementary
Crystal Byrd	Liberty High School
Grant Brown	Liberty Middle School
Dan Luellen	Liberty North High School
Kristine Schemmel	Lillian Schumacher Elementary
Kameron Sheek	Ridgeview Elementary
Robin Lewis	South Valley Middle School

## NORTH KANSAS CITY SCHOOLS

Amelia Baumann	Antioch Middle School
Lysander Overstreet	Antioch Middle School
Kay Hall	Chapel Hill Elementary School
Paige Kutey	Chouteau Elementary School
Elizabeth Hagan	Crestview Elementary School
Ashna Abdulla	Early Education Center
Janell Williams	Eastgate 6th Grade Center
Leah Williams	Fox Hill Elementary School
Ashley Vaughn	Gashland Elementary School
Josh House	Maplewood Elementary School
Catherine Holmes	Nashua Elementary School
Kristi Babb	New Mark Middle School

Britt Bowman	New Mark Middle School
Gabriel McKinnis	North Kansas City High School
Cindy Turner	Northland Innovation Center
Bethany Kent	Oak Park High School
Tu Wana Williams	Oak Park High School
Holly Groves	Ravenwood Elementary School
Sara Weikel	Rising Hill Elementary School
Barbara Madden	Staley High School

## NORTH PLATTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sheri Kerns	North Platte Elementary/Intermediate
Paula Johnson	North Platte High School

## NORTHLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Becky Adler	St. Therese Catholic School
Deb Smades	St. Therese Catholic School

## NORTHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Kristen Baker	Northland Christian School
Connie Lee	Northland Christian School
Dan Mifflin	Northland Christian School

## NORTHLAND EARLY EDUCATION CENTER

Tara Barnes	Northland Early Education Center
Lauren Pitnick	Northland Early Education Center
Laurie Wronski	Northland Early Education Center

## OAKHILL DAY SCHOOL

Jo Hill	Oakhill Day School
Amy Thompson	Oakhill Day School
Kathy Trager	Oakhill Day School

# EXCELLENCE IN CLASSROOM TEACHING (cont.)

## PARK HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT

JaNette Kunels	Chinn Elementary
Valerie Butler	Congress Middle School
Erin Waldrup	District Office
Amy Peeler	English Landing Elementary
Caitlin Lackey	Gerner Family Early Education Center
Hannah Huffaker	Graden Elementary
Jodi Coen	Hawthorn Elementary
Alex Stucky	Hopewell Elementary
Zac Coughlin	Lakeview Middle School
Danny Motta	LEAD Studio
Kari Rowe	Line Creek Elementary
Janie Smith	Park Hill High School
Kent Cramer	Park Hill South High School
Ayanna Anderson	Plaza Middle School
Ali Baker	Prairie Point Elementary
Chris Coen	Renner Elementary
Tanya Langhus	Russell Jones Education Center
Miranda O'Connor	Southeast Elementary
Kathy Wiley	Tiffany Ridge Elementary
Danny Knapp	Union Chapel Elementary
Keri Holt	Walden Middle School

## PLATTE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Nicole Stephenson	Barry School
Brooke Fisher	Compass Elementary
Sherri Johnson	Great Beginnings Early Childhood
Jim Hanway	Northland Career Center
Leslie White	Pathfinder Elementary
Jacob Johnson	Platte City Middle School
Chris Corbin	Platte County High School
Lori Mann	Siegrist Elementary
Kristie Simon	Siegrist Elementary

## SMITHVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Leah DeYoung	Eagle Heights Elementary
Kim Roske	Horizon Elementary
Genna Cornelisse	Maple Elementary
Joelie McCrary	Smithville High School
Drew Newhart	Smithville Middle School

## WEST PLATTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Connor Kellerstrass	West Platte High School
Kaitlyn Krumm	West Platte Middle School
Mike Lowe	West Platte High School
Tanya Lock	West Platte Elementary School

# PAST CHRISTA MCAULIFFE WINNERS

1991	Elaine Nick	North Kansas City Schools	2007	Joe Monachino, Sr.	Northland Catholic Schools
1992	Gay Stuart	Platte County R-3 School District	2008	Erich Ostrowski	Park Hill School District
1993	Rhonda Steins	Northland Catholic Schools	2009	Art Sweany	North Kansas City Schools
1994	Emily Greene	North Kansas City Schools	2010	Sara Owen	Park Hill School District
1995	Lisa Jacques	Liberty Public Schools	2011	Dana Nolan	Northland Catholic Schools
1996	Terry Hensley	Platte County R-3 School District	2012	Dianne VanBallas	North Kansas City Schools
1997	Marie Mentrup	Northland Catholic Schools	2013	Darla Yakle	Kearney R-1 School District
1998	Jeanne Staker	Park Hill School District	2014	Laura Gilchrist	North Kansas City Schools
1999	Amy Young	Platte County R-3 School District	2015	Deborah Still	Park Hill School District
2000	Christine Murray	North Kansas City Schools	2016	Sheryl Chaput	Park Hill School District
2001	Lenora Miles	Platte County R-3 School District	2017	Bret Bogart	Platte County R-3 School District
2002	Poppy Lee	Park Hill School District	2018	Lindsay Hatcher	North Kansas City Schools
2003	Carolyn Glidden	Park Hill School District	2019	Deb Caywood	Liberty Public Schools
2004	Beth Oyler	Liberty Public Schools	2020	Jack Cogan	Park Hill School District
2005	Shawn Logan	Smithville R-II School District	2021	Cindy Woods	North Kansas City Schools
2006	Tammy Bunch	North Kansas City Schools	2022	Sandy Knepper	Park Hill School District



# CELEBRATIONS (cont.)

## NORTHLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (CONT.)

program of awareness, training & effective emergency response to prompt a safe environment for students, visitors, & staff.

### NORTHLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

- We successfully launched our Kearney campus for preschool through 5th grades.
- MO Scholars is providing opportunities for more families who desire a faith-based education to join our school community.
- We broke ground on our new athletic complex this spring.
- Our high school students have the opportunity to join a mission trip to the Dominican Republic this summer and our families to journey to Israel next winter.
- We experienced a 13% increase in enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year.

### OAKHILL DAY SCHOOL

- Oakhill Day School is in the middle of celebrating 75 years of academic excellence in the Northland!
- The 2022-2023 school year has brought strong growth in enrollment.
- 8th student Sydney Culbertson received 1st place honors in the Microbiology Division beating out 22 other projects in her division at the Greater Kansas City Science and Engineering Fair!
- 8th Grade student Andy Phung took second place in the local Mathcounts Competition at Burns and McDonnell qualifying for the State level competition. Andy also scored in the Top 3rd in the local semi-finals for the Scripps National Spelling Bee ultimately scoring in the top 8 and ended his spelling season in the top 5% of those who competed locally this year.
- ODS Student athletes are the 2022-2023 Parochial League of Kansas City (PLKC) Champions in: Girls Volleyball (5th & 6th Grade), Girls Basketball (5th & 6th Grade / 7th & 8th Grade)

### PARK HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Three of our athletes are the best of the best. Park Hill High School senior quarterback Kendrick Bell won the 39th annual Simone Award, the top award for the best all-around high school football player in the Kansas City area. Park Hill South High School senior Maddie Kubicki was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame - Missouri Chapter as Female Athlete of the Year. Park Hill High School senior Shaye Koski won the 2022 Evelyn Gates Award, the top award for volleyball players in the Kansas City area.
- Park Hill had two perfect ACT scores this year, including Park Hill High School senior Ari Staggs and Park Hill South High School senior Ryan Kempton. According to ACT,

this puts them in the top less-than-one-percent of test takers.

- Four Park Hill seniors were selected as Semifinalists in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Our award-winning staff includes Director of Human Resources Dr. Linda Kaiser, who was named the Missouri Association of School Personnel Administrators (MOASPA) Human Resources Administrator of the Year, and Russell Jones Education Center Principal Dr. Tara Kalis, who was selected for the 2023 Outstanding Building Leadership Award by the Midwest Symposium For Leadership in Behavior Disorders.

### PLATTE COUNTY R-3 SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Our April 2021 No-Tax Increase Bond projects are complete or on track. A few hundred students, alumni, staff, community members, and project team members gathered for the grand opening of the PCHS Phase 1 project on December 8. The new space, including classrooms, the cafeteria, and the Pirate Fieldhouse opened for full student use starting second semester. The new Platte Purchase Middle School is receiving final touches this Spring. The project is on track to open Fall 2023.
- Northland Career Center and PCR-3 are in a capital campaign to raise \$30M to match the \$30M award from the State of Missouri to build a new \$60M Northland Center for Workforce Development. The project will seek public and private funding without asking for a tax levy increase or bond issue from any Northland School District including PCR-3.
- Robotics Teams from Barry School and PCHS both won the State championship in 2023, and will be competing in the World championship in May.
- Northland Career Center has been designated a National Pacesetter School for the fourth consecutive time, and is the only school out of 1,600 nationally that has won the award four times.
- Several teams or individuals advanced to post-season competition, including: archery, band, baseball, cheerleading, choir, boys and girls cross country, dance, DECA, Future Business Leaders of America, boys and girls golf, robotics, speech and debate, boys and girls swimming, boys and girls tennis, track and field, volleyball, and boys and girls wrestling.
- As part of PCR-3's Real World Learning efforts to ensure all high school students graduate with a diploma plus "market value assets," the District has two new supporting positions: Post-Secondary Advisor and

Director of Community, School, and Business Partnerships. All 2022-23 PCHS seniors have met with the advisor to discuss and clarify their post-secondary plans; and we are securing various work-based learning opportunities.

### SMITHVILLE R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

- Tradition, compassion and pride are the hallmarks of being a Warrior. This year, the district has partnered with POAC Succeeds to provide kindness and inclusion training for 360 high school students and 240 middle school students. The SSD strives to create a learning environment in which all students belong and thrive!
- We have made great strides in Real World Learning this year in partnership with the Kauffman Foundation. SSD students have many opportunities to attain Market Value Assets and we look forward to expanding these opportunities in the future!
- We are so proud of the Smithville High School Football Team for winning the state championship this year!
- Throughout the summer and school year, SSD campuses have been bustling with new building projects! Thanks to our amazingly supportive community that passed a \$14.1 million bond issue last year, we have added a wing to Eagle Heights Elementary, added ADA accessible features to our elementary playgrounds, and constructed the Warrior Activity Center on the main campus. This summer, much needed infrastructure improvements will be made to complete the projects.
- We are happy to announce that we have 1:1 technology at all grade levels in the district!

### WEST PLATTE R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

- West Platte School District is named in the top 3% of the state on its Annual Performance Rating.
- Ingram's Top Schools Report placed West Platte as a top 10 area school district in the Kansas City area for 2022 (based on ACT scores).
- West Platte School District Missouri Assessment Program and End-of-Course testing scores were top in the state in the measured areas of math, science, and English proficiency.
- Mr. Brock Dover has been named West Platte R-II School District's next superintendent, following Dr. John Rinehart's retirement at the conclusion of this school year.

Thank you to the school districts for supplying these celebrations.

# SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS AND DONORS

Van McNutt  
Kearney High School  
Arvest Bank

Grace Fisher  
Liberty High School  
Bank of Shoal Creek

Ahlanna Rutherford  
West Platte High School  
Bank of Weston

Lindsay Wray  
Northland Christian  
Blue Tree Technology

Natalie Millsap  
Northland Christian  
Blue Tree Technology

Jonathan Wolf  
Northland Christian  
Blue Tree Technology

Kylee Carlson  
Northland Christian  
Blue Tree Technology

Audrey Buckler  
North Platte High School  
Central Bank of the  
Midwest

Emma Baxley  
Liberty North High School  
Central Bank of the  
Midwest

Reganne Reed  
Park Hill High School  
CommunityAmerica  
Credit Union

Isabel Velazquez  
Winnetonka High School  
Country Club Bank

Isabel Heredia  
Oak Park High School  
DLR Group

Braelon Warren  
Park Hill High School  
Electrical Workers Local  
124

Sophia Johnson  
St. Pius X High School  
Garver

Daniel Crossett  
St. Pius X High School  
Heart of America Catering

Sumaya Mohamed  
Liberty North High School  
Hunt Midwest

Karl Knaak  
Oak Park High School  
Ironworkers Local 10

Mia De La Piedra  
Smithville High School  
Jason's Deli

Drew Delay  
Platte County High School  
JE Dunn Construction

Charlie Kinslow  
West Platte High School  
Leadership Northland  
2023

Ava Johnson  
Park Hill South High  
School  
Main Street Credit Union

Rylee Grossman  
Oak Park High School  
McGonagle Spencer  
Gahagan, P.C.

Demi Riechers  
Platte County High School  
McGonagle Spencer  
Gahagan, P.C.

Abigail Reynolds  
Platte County High School  
Newkirk Novak  
Construction Partners

Lacey Franksen  
Platte County High School  
Nodaway Valley Bank

Nnenna Anikwe  
St. Pius X High School  
Northland Chamber

Cameron Wolfe  
Platte County High School  
Northland Chamber

Karli Guinn  
North Platte High School  
Northland Chamber

Delaney Deihl  
Smithville High School  
Northland Chamber

Chloe Tomney  
Liberty North High School  
Northland Chamber

Reece Guerrero  
Oakhill Day School  
Northland Chamber

Zoey Mayo  
Liberty North High School  
Northland Health Care  
Access

Mia Personelli  
Park Hill South High School  
Northland Health Care  
Access

Ella Lowstetter  
Platte County High School  
Platte-Clay Electric  
Cooperative

Anna Galatas  
North Kansas City High  
School  
Summit Heating &  
Cooling

Tatem Petet  
Oak Park High School  
Summit Heating &  
Cooling

Alondra Guerrero  
Winnetonka High School  
Synergy Services

Mallory Moon  
Park Hill High School  
Team Logic IT

Quinn Golden  
Staley High School  
The Hope Center

Laura Hill  
West Platte High School  
TREKK Design Group

Ruby Dunn  
Kearney High School  
Verimore Bank

Jessica Richardson  
Liberty North High School  
Worlds of Fun

Emily Castillo  
North Kansas City High  
School  
Zona Rosa

# BUSINESS IN SUPPORT OF EDUCATION

Kearney Fire and Rescue Protection District  
Kearney R-1 School District

Conrad's Restaurant  
Liberty Public Schools

Worlds of Fun  
North Kansas City Schools

Lil Angels Photography  
Northland Catholic Schools

Shane Homan Real Estate  
Northland Christian School

Corner Cafe  
Oakhill Day School

Hollis + Miller Architects  
Park Hill School District

Nodaway Valley Bank  
Platte County School District

POAC Succeed (People of All Colors)  
Smithville School District

Holladay Distillery  
West Platte School District

# EXCELLENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Montel Evans  
Graceland University

Marty Kilgore  
MCC - Maple Woods

Clarence Green  
Northwest Missouri State University - Kansas City

Michelle Forrest  
Park University

Gina Lane, PhD  
William Jewell College

# SPECIAL THANKS

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chair: AMY WASHAM, Northwest Missouri State University - Kansas City

Vice-Chair: BRETT KISKER, Northland CAPS

Education Committee Director: TERI LAVERTY, Northland Regional Chamber of Commerce

KEVIN CERVENY  
Arvest Bank

VICTORIA BORTZFIELD  
Arvest Bank

WENDY FARMER  
Big Brothers Big Sisters  
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CHLOE WALLEN  
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Country Club Bank

RACHEL TREANOR  
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Electrical Workers Local 124

SHON LEE  
Electrical Workers Local 124

TERRY LEEDS  
Garver

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HNTB

MARK KRTEK  
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KEVIN KURITZ  
Ironworkers Local 10

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