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Dexter, Missouri - The first ever Musical Theatre Camp for grades second - sixth was held the week of June 6th - 10th. Approximately 40 beautiful voices attended the camp.

The students were divided into 4 different casts and they learned Scene 1 from the musical "Annie Jr."

The youngsters learned their lines by Tuesday and they also learned three songs. Each camper had a special job and they learned how to stage a scene and move on the stage. Projection of voice was also a big topic of the week. They learned how to work together as a cast to create the story and portray their characters.

"The week would not have gone as smooth if it had not been for my high school musical student who came to be counselors," stated choir director Jamie Sepulvado. "Erica Parris, James Robinson, Makayla Pyle, Brittany Gibson, and Cassidy Bess have been here all week. Jon Rodgers, Josh Sitze, Meg Simmons, Angel Maze, and Andrew Teel were also here a couple days to help. I also want to thank Mrs. Christian for being here all week with me as another set of adult eyes!"

"The campers this week have exceeded my expectations," commented Mrs. Sepulvado. "They are a very talented group of kids. On day 1 they gave me 110% and didn't let up all week. I am very proud of them and the future of my musicals is bright with these kids!"

The Dexter High School show this year will be "The Wizard of Oz" and Mrs. Sepulvado will need 5 or more younger students to play the munchkins. Mrs. Sepulvado noted that the camp was a huge success and she has enjoyed working with all of the students.

Below are the awards presented at the end of the camp:

Cast 1:

Best Attitude: Hunner Kyle, Best Voice: Carly Long, Funniest: Kylan Moore, Sweetest Sweet Tart: Lucy Thorton and Senna Churchill, Growth Award: Amber Madigan, Most Musical: Sofia Gibson, Extra Mile Award: Meredith Benton, Best Smile: Amber Madigan, Best Acting: Kylan Moore, Friendliest: Sofia Gibson, Easy-Going Award: Serina Churchill, Jolly Rancher: Meredith Benton, Best Listener: Lucy Thornton, Most Spirited: Carly Long, Most Polite: Hunner Kyle.

Cast 2:

Best Voice and Best Attitude: Lydia Christian, Best Voice and Best Acting: Cassie Bess, Funniest and Most Musical: Cheyenne Austin, Sweetest and Best Listener: Isabella Pittman, Most Happy and Sweetest: Alisha Pittman, Funniest and Most Spirited: Cameron Bell, Most Musical and Best Acting: Tatum Taylor, Growth Award and best Attitude: Makenzie Kirkpatrick, Easy going Award and Best Listener: Brooklyn Bennett, Easy Going Award and Best Voice: Klaire Essner.

Cast 3:

Best Attitude: Brooke Lasater, Best Voice: Emma Sadler, Funniest: Marissa Wallace, Sweetest Sweet Tart: Andre Hernandex, Growth Award: Anistin Kyle, Most Musical: Grace Sepulvado, Extra Mile Award: Marissa Wallace, Best Smile: Michellie Currie, Best Acting: Grace Sepulvado, Friendliest: Mia Williams, Easy Going Award: Brooke Lasater, Jolly Rancher: Michellie Currie, Best Listener: Emma Sadler, Most Spirited: Emma Worley, Most Polite Emma Worley, Best Facial Expressions: Mia Williams, Best Stage Presence: Anistin Kyle, Most Animated: Andre Hernandez.

Cast 4:

Best Attitude: Luke Gentry, Best Voice: Abrianna McPherson, Sweetest: Ava Schaefer, Growth Award: Avery Riley, Most Musical: Abrianna McPherson, Extra Mile Award: Alliye Lee and Alexis Bennett, Funniest: Abrianna Frazier, Best Smile: Luke Gentry and Ava Schaefer, Best Acting: Abrianna Frazier, Friendliest: Katarrah Churchill, Jolly Rancher: Avery Riley, Best Listener: Katarrah Churchill, Most Spirited: Alexis Bennett and Alliye Lee.

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Tyler Stevenson Receives DAR Scholarship

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Dexter, Missouri - Tyler Stevenson, 2016 Dexter High School graduate, received a scholarship from the Chalk Bluff Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution.

Tyler has been active in Children of the American Revolution, currently holding the position of president of the Bootheel Society C.A.R. and has held several state offices as well.

Pictured presenting Tyler with his check are Ann Polsgrove, Chapter Regent and Joyce Malin, Chapter Vice Regent.

Tyler is the son of Kay Polsgrove Stevenson of Dexter and Keith Stevenson of Theodosia, MO.

Tyler will attend Harding University in Searcy, AR in the fall.

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Searcy, Arkansas - More than 750 students received diplomas at Harding University's commencement exercises on May 7, 2016. Owen Flowers of Dexter, Missouri received a Bachelor of Science degree in athletic training.

Owen was a 2012 graduate of Dexter Senior High School and is the son of Tim and Kim Flowers.

Harding is the largest private university in Arkansas and has been ranked by U.S. News & World Report for 22 consecutive years as a top 25 school in the South.

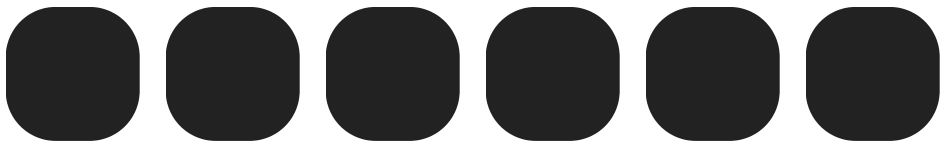
Flowers recently announced his engagement to Amanda Ryan and passed his Board of Certification as a Certified Athletic Trainer. He would love to work with high school, collegiate, or professional athletes. At the present time he is working in Alaska over the summer with his brother Ethan.

Shown in the photo are from left to right: Ethan Flowers (Owen's brother), Kim Flowers (mom), Owen, Amanda Ryan (finance') and Tim Flowers (dad).

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Kendra Stevenson Spends Semester in Greece

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Kendra Stevenson Spends Semester in Greece

Searcy, Arkansas - Kendra Stevenson, a 2014 Dexter High School graduate and a student at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas chose to spend a semester abroad in the country of Greece. She left on May 10th for a three-month summer semester.

The program named "HUG" stands for Harding University in Greece and as a part of the HUG curriculum she is spending the semester immersed in Greek culture. Her major is public relations and she will have the opportunity to experience a Mediterranean cruise and visit historical sites in the Peloponnese Norther Greece, Turkey and Israel. The group lives in Port Rafti, Attica, cultivating new relationships with fellow students.

Students in the program have a full course load available to them taught by visiting Harding University professors. The classes encourage exploration and interaction among the people of Greece.

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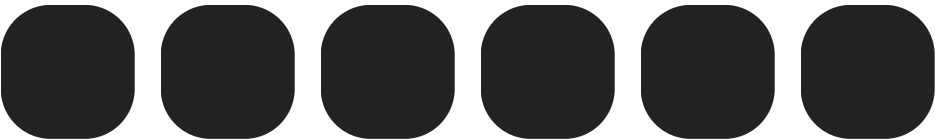
Kendra is the daughter of Kay Stevenson and Keith Stevenson. While at Dexter High School she was active in tennis and softball all four years of high school.

She was also the President of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and President of Rotary-Interact Club. She was a member of the Dexter Honor Society and has been in the Top 10% her 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade years.

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Destiny Robertson Named to NSCS

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Destiny Robertson Named to NSCS

Dexter, Missouri - Destiny Robertson, a 2015 Dexter High School graduate, and the daughter of David and Ruth Robertson, has accepted membership into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS).

"NSCS is more than just a symbol of academic achievement. membership gives students access to a number of amazing benefits including career and networking resources, scholarships, travel, and service projects both on campus and in the community," stated Stephen Loflin, NSCS founder and Chief Executive Officer.

NSCA is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization for first-year and second-year college students. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing. NSCS has over one million lifetime members and 300 chapters in all 50 states, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico.

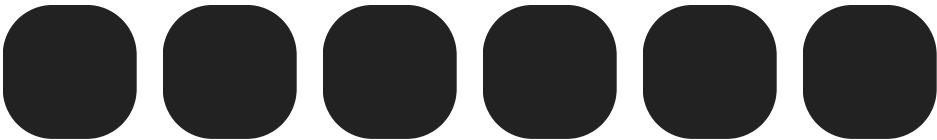
While at Dexter High School Destiny was a member of the Lady Cats Tennis Team her junior and senior years and has been a member of the track team her freshman and sophomore years. She was also active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Future Teachers of America, FCCLA, Scholar Bowl Team, Pep Club and the Dexter Honor Society.

Destiny plans to attend Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas and major in Education.

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