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### Richland Earns Gold Star School Award

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**Essex, Missouri -** Richland High School is one of only eight schools in the state of Missouri to earn the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE's) 2016 Gold Star School Award.

Missouri's Gold Star Schools program was established by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in 1991 and is designed to identify schools that are performing at a high level academically or making exceptional progress.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools program and the Missouri Gold Star Schools program utilize the same criteria for nomination. In order to recommend a school to the Commissioner of Education as a Missouri Gold Star School, the school must meet the nomination criteria outlined by the U.S. Department of Education for the National Blue Ribbon Schools program, complete the National Blue Ribbon Schools application and the U.S. Department of Education must accept the schools National Blue Ribbon Schools application.

The Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes schools whose students achieve at very high levels or schools that make significant progress in closing the achievement gap. The Blue Ribbon Schools Program sets a standard of excellence for all schools striving for the highest level of achievement.

Missouri may nominate up to eight (8) schools for the national Blue Ribbon Award. One-third of the schools (3) must be identified as disadvantaged schools. To be nominated,

schools must have at least 100 students enrolled. In addition, nominated schools must have assessment data for at least 10 students in each tested grade for both English language arts (ELA) and mathematics.

Richland is the only school in southeast Missouri and the only high school recipient. Other schools include Adrian Elementary, Chapel Hill Elementary in North Kansas City, Fairway Elementary in the Rockwood District, Harry S. Truman in Webb City, James E. Freer Elementary in the Windsor School District, Lucy Franklin Elementary in Blue Springs and William Yates Elementary in Blue Springs.

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### Richland R-1 Named Gold Star School

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**Essex, Missouri -** The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) named the recipients of this year's Gold Star Schools on Thursday. The program recognizes schools that perform at high academic levels or that perform at high levels while serving a significant proportion of disadvantaged students.

There are eight winning schools:

- Adrian Elementary, Adrian R-III School District
- Chapel Hill Elementary, North Kansas City 74 School District
- Fairway Elementary, Rockwood R-VI School District
- Harry S. Truman Elementary, Webb City R-VII School District
- James E. Freer Elementary, Windsor C-1 School District
- Lucy Franklin Elementary, Blue Springs R-IV School District
- Richland High School, Richland R-I School District
- William Yates Elementary, Blue Springs R-IV School District

"The hard work put forth by the faculty, staff, and students at these eight schools deserves our recognition," said Missouri Commissioner of Education Dr. Margie Vandeven. "Their dedication is a testament to continued progress in Missouri public schools, as we share one goal of having all Missouri children graduate college and career ready."

The Gold Star Schools program was established by the Department in 1991 and aligns with the national Blue Ribbon Schools program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. The Gold Star Schools program uses the same criteria for nomination as the National Blue Ribbon Schools program. Recipients of the State's award were nominated for national Blue Ribbon recognition. Blue Ribbon Schools will be announced this fall by the U.S. Department of Education.

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## Richland School Names 4th Quarter Honor Roll

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### Richland School Names 4th Quarter Honor Roll

**Essex, Missouri -** The Richland School District released the names of students who earned 4th quarter Honor Roll.

Below is a list of 1st - 12th Grade.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade - George Anderson, Payton Bell, Gabriel Bolt, Abigail Higgins, Marlei Jones, Ariel Lewis, Baylie Pinkley, Ava Porter, ALissah Pulliam, Jude Rice, Daisy Sherfield, La'Jayvion White

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Deborah Anderson, Olyvia Anderson, Shyanne Anderson, Joshua Barnes, Mary Beth Bolin, Gunner Bugg, Hayden Conner, Allie Corlew, Carter Eaton, Bella Elledge, Emma Fortenberry, Tyler Fortenberry, Jake Goodman, Cole Lang, Kolten Lawrence, Addison McCollium, Joshua Merriman, Dayton Owens, Jasmine Qualls, Kamryn Rice, Emma Roberts, Audrie Stoker, Sidney Stoker, Gary Tilley, Veronica Touchette, Marissa VanVacter, Bobbie Vaughn, Kaylee Vaughn

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Blake Anderson, Bryce Brown, Joshua Chafin, MaKayla Finch, Tucker Hughes, Hunter Snaders, Shyla Swasho, Alyssa Thompson, Amari Tilley, Eric Williams

4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Waylan Barnes, Chase Bolt, Shelby Boyle, Lila Corlew, Austin Cross, Arianna Heitman, Elijah Higgins, Gracie Jones, MaKenna Lykins, Tucker Miller, Zaine Pettigo, Alex Porter, Ben Stoker, Christopher Tyra, Ashland Wheeler, Joe Wyman

5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Katelyn Black, Sharian Blankenship, Dezaray Brown, Alexia Curnett, Constance Deason, Hunter Deason, Logan Head, Damon Ivy, Cody Knox, Rozlynn McCollum, Dalton Miller, Noah Moyers, Lily Parker, Sophie Pearce, Chelsea Swasho, Rylee Taylor, Courtney Walley, Susan Wells

6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Alesia Eaton, Matthew Finch, Bailee Hux, Belle Jones, Alexia Kemp, Alexas Leeper, Dacie Ritch, Makaila Stafford, Blake Tyra, Abbigale Wheeler

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Jarod Baker, Smantha Booker, Adam CHafin, Olivia CHafin, Sheldon Craft, Devin Duffie, Tanner Freeman, Jessica Harmon, Amanda Heitan, Chloe Holman, Austin Jones, Avvie Jones, Kelsey Kimbrel, Canasia McBride, Shelby Mayabb, Shai Sherfield, Kyle Smith, Meagan Tank, Austin Thompson, Kaycee Wamble, Madison Worley.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Austen Buttry, Katie Condict, Samantha Cowell, Dominic DeBord, Nathan Elles, Allison Jones, Kasey Long, Abbygail Massey, Cameron Mullin, Norman Oakley, Anthony Parker, Noah Pearce, J T Pinkley, Halle Swallows.

9<sup>th</sup> Grade - Bradley Billingsley, Emily Blunt, Laura Brown, Samantha Clark, Amber Daniels, Riley Glass, Anthony Heitman, Reyana Heitman, Mattie Howard, Erica Jones, Liza King, Harlie Leeper, Katelynn Lewis, Michael Manes, Claryssa Martin, Draven Pettigo, Daniel Petty, Paige Pinkley, Laura Stickles, Katherine Wyman.

10<sup>th</sup> Grade - Nick Azure, Natalie Clark, Megan Cullum, Gavin Curd, Bailey Glass, Clayton Harriel, Myah Kennedy, Josh Kidd, Shawn Knox, Logan Lewis, Luke Rhodes, Josh Shidler, Sara Tackett, Raean Tank, Joshua Thompson, Hunter Walker, Aaron Wells.

11<sup>th</sup> Grade - Alyssa Atchison, Lane Brown, Jerry Craft, Michael Dalton, Gerlynn Grossius, Garet Philips, Katelyn Pinkley, Aleena Robbins, Joshua Thornton, Preston Tilley.

12<sup>th</sup> Grade - Zachary Carmack, Austin Elledge, Dedrick GOver, Travis Grubbs, Jordan Head, Drew Hickson, Moriah McLard, Parker Miller, Tracy Partenberry, Skie Pinkley, Zackary Price, Samantha Pullum, Jamie Smith, Colten Thyssen, Nikki Tomes, Breannna Williamson.

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### Richland FBLA Students Earn Medals

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#### Richland FBLA Students Earn Medals

**Essex, Missouri -** Members of the Richland Future Business Leaders of America pose for a photo with their medals after winning their various events at the FBLA District 16 Conference in Malden.

Included in the photo are, front left: freshman Kate Wyman who won first place medals in Introduction to Business, Introduction to Business ComFeb munication, and Introduction to Business Principals, senior Skie Pinkley who won fifth place in Business Law, and sophomore Megan Cullum who finished first in Securities and Investments. In the back is junior Preston Tilley, who placed first in Business Sales Presentation and fourth in Impromptu Speaking.

Not pictured is freshman Liza King who finished second in Introduction to Business Procedures. Each of the students will be moving on to compete at the state level in Springfield in April.

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# Homecoming Court at Richland High School

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#### Homecoming Court at Richland High School

**Essex, Missouri -** The Richland R-1 High School held their 2016 Homecoming on Friday evening. Senior Jordan Head was crowned queen and is seated surrounded by her court.

Included in the new queen's court are from left: sophomore candidates Riley Thornton and Landon Oakley, freshman candidates Laura Brown and Riley Glass, crown bearer Jude Rice, Homecoming King junior Preston Tilley, retiring queen junior Katie Pinkley, junior candidate Aleena Robbins, crown bearer Ava Porter and senior candidate Parker Miller.

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