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# Kerigan Brady Named for Honors at UT Martin

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**Martin, Tennessee** - Dexter High School graduate, Kerigan Brady, was among undergraduate students honored recently for outstanding academic achievement at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

Brady, whose name appears on the Chancellor's Honor roll, is listed in publication of the Fall 2016 Chancellor's Honor Rolls for the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Business and Global Affairs, College of Education, Health, and Behavioral Sciences, College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for Chancellor's Honor Roll recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit and achieve a 3.2 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make it with Honors, High Honors, or Highest Honors as well.

Brady made the Chancellor's Honor Roll with Honors earning a GPA of at least a 3.2 - 3.49.

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## Richland Sr. Beta Students Earn Recognition

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### Richland Sr. Beta Students Earn Recognition

**Essex, Missouri** - Richland R-1 School Sr. Beta Club attended the annual Missouri State Beta Convention in Springfield, Missouri on March 4th and 5th.

Students earning awards were Luke Rhodes, Megan Cullum, Skyler Oakley, Emily Blunt, Garett Phillips, Kate Wyman, and Halle Swallows.

Rhodes placed 1st in Division 2 Social Studies while Cullum, Phillips, Swallows, Rhodes, and Oakley all placed 1st in the Rube Goldberg Beta Build group project.

Emily Blunt received 1st place in Digital Art and Kate Wyman brought home both 2nd place in Language Arts Division 1 and 3rd place in Poetry Division 1.

All of these student now qualify to attend the National Beta Convention in Orlando, Florida this summer.

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## Dexter Elks March Students of the Month

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### Dexter Elks March Students of the Month

**Advance, Missouri** - Larry White, Dexter Elks Lodge member presented certificates and a \$50 check for Savings Bonds to two Advance seniors, Cade Long and Megan Lee.

Cade Long is the son of Angela Long-Cato and Michael Long.

Megan Lee is the daughter of Robert and Lisa Lee.

Cade and Megan are competing with honorees from other Stoddard County schools for the Dexter elks Students of the Year.

Both students, along with their parents and counselor, Kim Backfisch, will be honored with a banquet to be held at the Dexter Elks Lodge later this spring. The Elks Students of the Year will be announced at the spring banquet.

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# Spanish Classes Sample Tropical Fruit

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**Poplar Bluff, Missouri** - Approximately 400 Poplar Bluff High School students learned about tropical fruit common in Spanish speaking countries on Wednesday, Feb. 22, with over \$600 from a state grant.

R-I Health Coordinator Sheryl Talkington secured the prevention and management of chronic conditions in schools funding—which focuses on physical activity, nutrition, asthma and chronic illnesses—from the Missouri Department of Health in cooperation with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Chartwells School Dining Services procured the fruit—papaya, mango, pineapple and kiwi—and Chef Angie Barnett helped prepare and serve.

“We are excited to be able to share what is probably unknown to many students,” said

teacher Charley Harper, noting that he was fortunate to have three mango trees growing up. “These are fruit common to many of the countries we teach about in Spanish class.”

Instructor Maria Acevedo shared that in her home country of Puerto Rico, vehicles can stop along the side of the road and pick mangos from surrounding trees “for free,” she exclaimed.

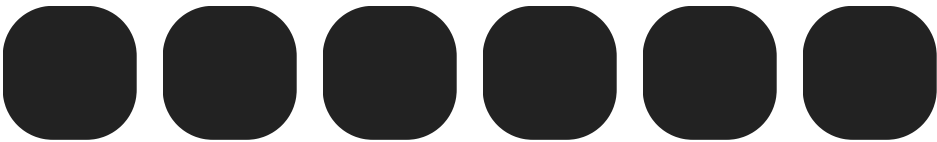
Shown in the submitted photo: Chartwells Chef Angie Barnett holds up a pineapple while teacher Charley Harper slices papaya for high school students to taste.

Photo and article submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director, Poplar Bluff R-I School District

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# A Thousand Cranes

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## A Thousand Cranes

**Poplar Bluff, Missouri** - The Imaginary Theatre Company finished its play series Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Poplar Bluff Schools with a performance of “A Thousand Cranes” for fifth graders in the Tinnin Fine Arts Center, underwritten by the Bank of Missouri.

Imaginary, the professional touring ensemble of The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, previously performed “My Father’s Dragon” for Eugene Field and “A Gnome for Christmas” for Oak Grove. Last year they put on plays at the Kindergarten Center, Lake Road and Junior High. Tinnin Director Tim Thompson and R-I Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Patty Robertson will continue planning the rotation next year.

“A Thousand Cranes” by Kathryn Schultz is about a Japanese girl who was diagnosed with Leukemia a decade after being exposed to radiation from the atomic bomb in Hiroshima during World War II. According to an Eastern legend, if a person folds 1,000 paper cranes, s/he will be cured of disease. The girl – Sadako Sasaki, made it to No. 644, and now has a monument built in her honor at Seattle Peace Park.

The plays were brought to the district as part of Three Rivers College’s Patrons of the Arts series. Beginning in the 2015/16 school year, the community college opted to deliver the plays directly to the schools within its service area, free of cost.

Shown in the photo: Actors (standing from left) Jeanitta Perkins, Aaron Orion Baker, Charlie Barron and Catherine Regan (seated) of the Imaginary Theatre Company pose after holding a Q&A with students about the play, “A Thousand Cranes.”

Photo and article submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director, Poplar Bluff R-I School District

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