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Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honors students with Positive Office Referral certificates for week of October 9, 2017.

This award is presented to students who consistently show the 3R's RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and READY TO LEARN at Southwest Elementary in Dexter.

Each student received a certificate and a FREE Taco from Taco Bell.

Back row from left to right: Ariana Duley, Scarlett Ryan, Lucy Wheatley, Arabella McKinnis, Mariah Bennett, Trista Murphy, and Aubrie Carter-Bishop.

Front row from left to right: Aiden McClish, Chance Stone, Joseph Sturgeon, Nina Whited, Sophia Wilson, Justin Cecil, Blake Meador, and BA Templemire.

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## S.W. Elementary Students Earn Positive Office Referrals

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### S.W. Elementary Students Earn Positive Office Referrals

Dexter, Missouri - Southwest Elementary honors second grade students with Positive Office Referral certificates for week of October 9, 2017.

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Each student received a certificate and a FREE Taco from Taco Bell.

Back row from left to right: Kameron Goodman, Aiden McClish, Isaiah Torres, Nicole Johnson, Cori Lovelady, Mattie Jones, Colton Boze

Front row from left to right: Aspyn Skiles, Karsen Johnson, Greta Guethle, Karleigh Musgrave, Jacob Rowland, Hunter Spain

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## Middle School Art Students Earn Awards

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### Middle School Art Students Earn Awards

Dexter, Missouri - T.S. Hill Middle School Art students submitted entries into the 90th Annual Stoddard County Fair arts and crafts portion of the event. Several students earned ribbons for their entries.

Pictured are front row: left to right Addie Medley, Rylee Corlew, Alexis Robinson, Rachel Lin, and Landon Jarrell. Middle Row: Breanne Tammelin, Brooke Courtier, and Kayden Burns. Back row: Miranda Norman, Ellie McBroom, and Hannah Summers.

Congratulations to all these talented young artists!

Photo submitted by Stephanie Monroe, Middle School Art Teacher.

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## MSTA Awards \$300 to R-1 Faculty

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### MSTA Awards \$300 to R-1 Faculty

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Three Poplar Bluff R-I educators were awarded Missouri State Teachers Association mini-grants for additional classroom resources on Thursday, Oct. 5.

Eugene Field first grade teacher Kristen Spain will receive a subscription to the Science Spin edition of Scholastic Magazine for its curriculum-based activities. Lake Road librarian Shiela Boyles chose a set of books on the concept of ‘growth mindset’ so elementary teachers can have conversations with students about finding learning opportunities even in failure. Junior High communication arts teacher Julie Gambill will purchase computer microphone equipment so students can work on their verbal skills by producing podcasts online.

A total of 123 entries were submitted from the organization’s Southeast Region, according to Poplar Bluff MSTTA president Karmen Carson, a Middle School math and science instructor. The winning proposals were reviewed anonymously by a retired teachers group. The educators were granted \$100 apiece toward their projects.

Pictured: Kristen Spain and her first graders celebrate the grant news.

Photo and article submitted by Tim Krakowiak, Communications/Marketing Director,  
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# 15th Annual Career Fair at Three Rivers College

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## 15th Annual Career Fair at Three Rivers College

Poplar Bluff, Missouri - Industry professionals encouraged Poplar Bluff and Twin Rivers sophomores to begin thinking about their futures during the 15th annual Career Fair held Thursday, Oct. 5, at Three Rivers College.

Students learned about opportunities available to them through the Technical Career Center, as well as dual credit options at the community college. Then the high schoolers broke off to hear from representatives in the fields of industrial technology, arts and

communications, human services, health occupations, natural resources and the business sector.

Discussing a career in education, R-I Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Patty Robertson shared a story about how she did not have a plan to reach her career goals until midway through her senior year since—as a first-generation graduate—she did not realize higher education was an option. She eventually was informed about scholarships, Pell grants and student loans.

“The college part is hard, but please know it is worth it, as it can put you in a position for the rest of your life, and there will be opportunities for advancement along the way,” Robertson said. “Your life is a long time and you want to be happy doing whatever you choose to do.

During a session about jobs in social services, PBHS counselor Tina Wilkins expressed a similar sentiment. “It doesn’t matter about your circumstances, if you have the ability and the drive, you can work through it,” Wilkins said.

AmeriCorps member Alyssa Cook, a senior at PBHS, suggested to the younger students to apply to three colleges: one institution that is a safe bet, another that may be a reach and lastly what she referred to as a ‘why not?’

The event is organized each year by AmeriCorps as a way for the volunteers of the program to fulfill their service project requirement. Next month the students will get an opportunity to tour the TCC to learn in more detail about the various programs available to them beginning junior year.

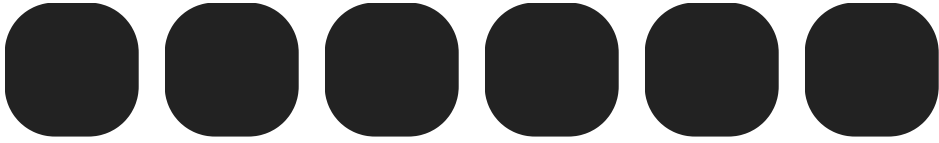
Pictured: R-I social worker Donna Moore (standing) and Alyssa Cook of AmeriCorps field questions about some of the intricacies of human services careers.

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

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