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Adeesh Mishra of the Poplar Bluff High School Class of 2018 received both the Dr. Michael L. Laseter Memorial and the Mary Lynn Wolpers scholarships, valued at \$2,500.

The Wolpers scholarship is designated for a PBHS senior and the Laseter scholarship is restricted to a PBHS senior majoring in the medical field.

Mishra said he plans to attend the University of Missouri at Kansas City where he will double major in biology and business, and then continue to medical school. His ultimate goal is to become an orthopedic surgeon and perhaps one day start his own practice.

“My aspiration is to integrate the urban provisions of health care in rural settings and spread the message of ‘treating patients, not ailments,’” Mishra wrote in his essay.

Donna Laseter presents Adeesh Mishra with the Dr. Michael L. Laseter Memorial scholarship in May.

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

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A total of 358 students graduated from Poplar Bluff High School on Thursday, May 24, at the Black River Coliseum – the most graduates since 1980, topping last year’s distinction.

According to district records, the past two consecutive years have produced the largest numbers of alumni in the history of the school system, with the exception of a stretch of years starting in the mid-1960s when the baby boomer generation began to complete high school.

“I am exceedingly fond of graduation ceremonies – they indicate that the school district has completed its primary mission,” R-I Superintendent Dr. Scott Dill told the Class of 2018. “Tonight’s ceremony is not just an end cap to your career as a high school student. Rather, it is the cumulative celebration of 13 long years of hard work, sacrifice and dedication.”

This year’s salutatorian was Alyssa Cook and Kaitlyn Lloyd was named valedictorian. In a speech to her classmates, Lloyd purposely rattled off a string of clichés such as “we did it,” “believe in yourself” and “change the world” since, she said, she is forever compelled to do the opposite of what she is advised.

“I’ve prospered in a world of ‘no’s.’ Today, I prove all the ‘no’s’ wrong, even the ones that developed from within,” the top student said, later adding: “When people tell you ‘no’, you smile and prove them wrong.”

The Class of 2018 earned nearly \$3.4 million in scholarships, A+ funding and other grants to attend college, the PBHS counseling department reported. The most recent graduation rate for PBHS is 91.8 percent, according to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

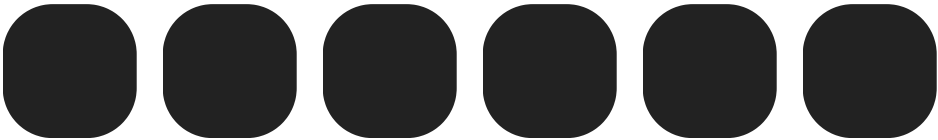
Pictured: Students look around as they enter the arena at the opening of the commencement ceremony.

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Southeast Missouri State University announces the River Campus Summer Arts Festival's production of "Little Shop of Horrors," opening June 14 as part of its two-week extended season.

"Little Shop of Horrors," one of the longest running Off-Broadway shows, is a deliciously dark sci-fi comedy musical with a stunning 1960s pop/rock score by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman. Meet Seymour, a meek and dejected floral shop employee who finds an unusual plant, which he adoringly names "Audrey II." Surprises await as this strange and unusual plant develops a soulful voice, a sailor mouth and a taste for human blood.

Performances of "Little Shop of Horrors" are slated for 7:30 p.m. June 14, 19, 22, 23, 26 and 27; and 2 p.m. Sunday, June 17, in the Wendy Kurka Rust Flexible Theatre at the Southeast River Campus.

The musical is a hilarious show that spoofs audiences' favorite sci-fi and B-rated horror movies, said Director Michael McIntosh, assistant professor with Southeast's Conservatory of Theatre and Dance.

"It's a very funny show that everyone will love," McIntosh said "We have a great cast and huge special effects. It's going to be a first-class production that audiences won't want to miss."

The company consists of current Southeast Conservatory students and professional faculty and staff. *For a listing of the full company, please see below.**

Tickets

Tickets are \$20 and are on sale now. They may be purchased by contacting the River Campus Box Office, located in the Cultural Arts Center, 518 S. Fountain St., weekdays

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., by calling (573) 651-2265 or online at RiverCampus.org.

River Campus Summer Arts Festival:

The fifth annual community River Campus Summer Arts Festival on June 16 includes live music, dance, theatrical performances, magic, visual arts displays, hands-on family-friendly art expression activities, museum exhibitions, musical instruments and animal petting zoos, creative writing workshops, an arts walk, and other hands-on activities throughout the River Campus. The festival will offer an ambitious season of three shows. In addition to “Little Shop of Horrors,” visitors also may enjoy the whodunit meets spicy spy novel in the melodramatic comedy “The 39 Steps,” and the Broadway musical “Legally Blonde Jr.”

The community festival is free and open to all ages in the entire region. The event is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is sponsored by Drury Hotels, US Bank, the Earl and Margie Holland School of Visual and Performing Arts, Southeast Missouri State University, City of Cape Girardeau Parks and Recreation, the Isle Casino Cape Girardeau, Rust Communications, KGMQ, Ameren Missouri, KBSI, River Radio, Pure Country C106.1, KRCU, Cape Girardeau Convention and Visitors Bureau, SoutheastHEALTH, Legends, Lemonade Grill, Cape Noon Optimist Club, Cape Rotary Club, the Rosemary Berkel and Harry L. Crisp II Museum, Jimmy John’s, Andy’s Frozen Custard, Minglewood Brewery, Pepsi, and the University’s departments of Art, Music and The Conservatory of Theatre and Dance. Partners include the Arts Council of Southeast Missouri, Old Town Cape and the United Way of Southeast Missouri.

For more information, visit <http://rivercampus.org/event/summer-arts-festival/>.

*Full List of Company:

PRODUCTION TEAM:

Michael McIntosh (Director), assistant professor of musical theatre, directing and acting

Jenna Lee Moore (Music Director), assistant professor of theatre – voice

Malachi Marrero (Choreographer), junior dance major of Memphis, Tennessee

Jeffrey Luetkenhaus (Scenic Designer), production manager for the Earl and Margie Holland School of Visual and Performing Arts

James M. Miller (Costume Designer), guest designer

Christopher Haug (Lighting Designer), technical director and lighting designer for The Conservatory of Theatre and Dance

Mick Keathley (Sound Designer), assistant manager for the Earl and Margie Holland School of Visual and Performing Arts

CAST:

Brianna Busse (Chiffon), sophomore musical theatre major of Florissant, Missouri

Alexia Buckner (Crystal), junior musical theatre major of Memphis, Tennessee

Diamon Lester (Ronnette), sophomore musical theatre major of Hazelwood, Missouri

Bart Williams (Mushnik), assistant professor of theatre

Abigail Becker (Audrey), junior musical theatre major of Independence, Missouri

Mason Ramsey (Seymour), junior musical theatre major of Festus, Missouri

Andrew Freeland (Orin, Bernstein, Snip, Derelicts, Everyone Else), sophomore musical theatre major of Pikeville, Kentucky

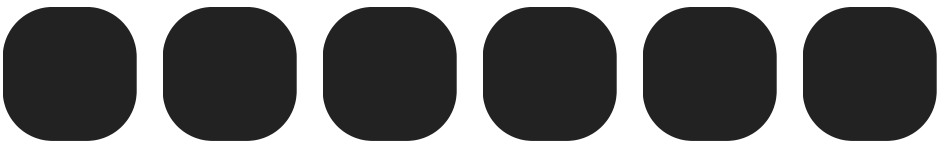
Ries Lundstrom (Audrey II – Puppeteer, Derelicts), sophomore musical theatre major of Granite City, Illinois

Nicholas Kuchem (Audrey II – Voice, Derelicts), junior musical theatre major of Washington, Missouri

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Three Rivers College Releases Spring 2018 Dean's List

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Three Rivers College has released its Dean's List for the Spring 2018 semester. The honor is awarded to students taking 12 or more credit hours in a semester, who achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above. Dean's List honors are also used at graduation to help determine eligibility for honors or highest honors.

Three Rivers College is committed to contributing to the quality of life in Southeast Missouri with quality, affordable higher education opportunities and community services that support and encourage the economic, civic, and cultural vitality of the region. For more information about college and workforce programs and upcoming events, visit trcc.edu.

Advance

Brendan Crader
Amber Mannillo
Jennifer McLeary
Tiffany Merritt
Leighton Moore
April Perez

Bernie

Adam Counts
Amber Crow
Christina Dowdy

Ashley Hill
Kayla Norman
Alexis Northern
Peggy Simonsen
Billie Slusher

Bloomfield

Austin Bond
Katie Coleman
Jessica McMillan
Kalyn Mitchell
Jesse Watson

Brownwood

Rebecca Hovis

Dexter

Hailey Anderson
McKenzie Anthony
Caleb Bess
David Burnett
Destiny Cagle
Christopher Cockrum
Katlyn Covey
Madison Devault
Rodger Ellis
Christina Fichtel
Angela Freeman
Laine Friedrich
Nathan Garner
Justin Godwin
Brooke Gott
Mark Hamlett
Bruce Jones
Timothy Jones
Cody King
Garrett Laramore
Abigail Mangum
Cortne Maxwell

Kelly McCoy
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Andrew Teel
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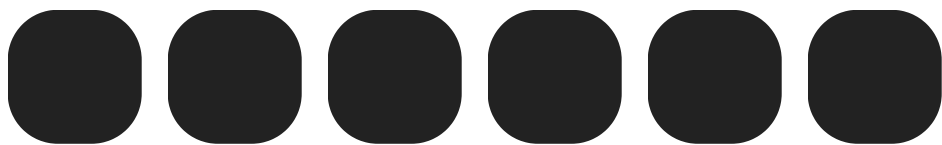
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Southeast Missouri State University is pleased to announce it has been awarded associate accreditation by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

The NASAD Commission awarded the accreditation in April following self-study and peer review processes. The associate accreditation is for four years, with the University's next full review slated for the 2022-2023 academic year.

“We are absolutely thrilled to receive NASAD accreditation. This is the fourth and final accreditation in the arts for Southeast,” said Rhonda Weller-Stilson, director of the [Earl and Margie Holland School of Visual and Performing Arts](#) and associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts. “With this last accreditation, we are the only school in Missouri nationally accredited in all four arts areas – music, art, theatre and dance.”

With this announcement, NASAD accredited art programs at Southeast are as follows:

- Bachelor of Arts in art
- Bachelor of Science in art education
- Bachelor of Science in human environmental studies (interior design option)
- Bachelor of Fine Arts in art (ceramics, digital arts, graphic design/illustration, painting, printmaking and sculpture options)
- Master of Arts in human environmental studies (interior design option)
- Master of Arts in secondary education (art option)

NASAD is an organization of schools, conservatories, colleges and universities with about 352 accredited institutional members. It establishes national standards for undergraduate and graduate degrees and other credentials for art and design and art/design-related disciplines, and provides assistance to institutions and individuals engaged in artistic, scholarly, educational and other art/design-related endeavors.

Southeast's Department of Art offers students the opportunity to hone their talents and prepare for careers through study and hands-on experiences in ceramics, digital art, graphic design, illustration, painting, printmaking and sculpture. Students regularly exhibit their work in the River Campus Art Gallery, the Dobbins Hallway Gallery, the Rosemary Berkel and Harry L. Crisp II Museum and the Catapult Creative House Gallery.

Southeast's NASAD accredited art and design programs now find themselves among prestigious company, including the New York Film Academy, California State-Fullerton, Syracuse University and Saint John's University, all NASAD accredited schools.

Southeast's Holland School of Visual and Performing Arts now holds four major national accreditations. In addition to NASAD, Southeast's Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Fine Arts in dance are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD). The University's Department of Music is fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). Southeast is also a proud member of the esteemed National Association of School of Theatre (NAST).

Other NAST accredited institutions include the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, UCLA and several State University of New York (SUNY) campuses. Among a number of NASD accredited institutions are the Limon Institute and the California Institute of the Arts. Institutions with NASM accreditation include the Eastman School of Music and The Collective, among others.

“We have strived to create programs and curriculum that not only provide an excellent education to our students but also have been verified by professional consultants in each area as appropriately demanding,” Weller-Stilson said. “We set high goals for our students, and this affirms that we are meeting national expectations.

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