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Poplar Bluff, MO - The Poplar Bluff R-I Instructional Technology Department fabricated an interactive 3-D topographical map as a summer project to help further engage students this year as they learn earth science concepts.

The augmented reality software was made available for free by UC Davis developers, who secured a grant through the National Science Foundation to educate about freshwater lake ecosystems. The IT department first became aware of the AR Sandbox during a MOREnet conference.

Poplar Bluff Superintendent Dr. Scott Dill commended the staff for going above and beyond to enhance the learning experience for students even though their primary responsibility is to “keep the hardware going” in classrooms.

“To me, this is what true instructional technology is all about,” said R-I Chief Technology Officer Aaron Badgley, who constructed the box while Computer Technician Holden Jennings helped program the Xbox sensor. The mobile contraption holds 250 pounds of highly reflective sand that does not produce fine particle dust.

Middle School teacher Tana Bringer plans to kick off her STEM curriculum this month with the AR Sandbox, and then the hands-on exhibit will be available for teachers throughout the district to incorporate into lessons.

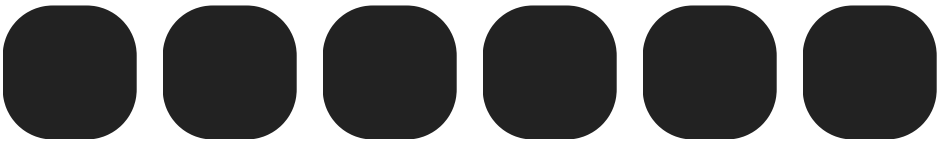
Pictured: Summer school students have the honor of testing out the AR Sandbox for the first time.

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2018 FCA Breakfast Schedule - All High School Students Welcome to Attend

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Dexter, Missouri - Fellowship of Christian Athletes breakfasts will be held at 7:15 a.m.on Fridays of home football games in the fall.

They have decided to do FIVE breakfasts this fall. They will be held on all of the home football game days plus one playoff game. They will then do five more breakfasts in the winter on home basketball game days (that schedule will come later in the school year).

The FCA Vision

To see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.

The FCA Mission

To present to coaches and athletes, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church.

The Four C's of Ministry:

Coaches Ministry, Campus Ministry, Camp Ministry and Community Ministry

The FCA Values

Our relationships will demonstrate steadfast commitment to Jesus Christ and His Word through Integrity, Serving, Teamwork and Excellence.

Integrity

We will demonstrate Christ-like wholeness, privately, and publicly. ([Proverbs 11:3](#))

Serving

We will model Jesus' example of serving. ([John 13:1-17](#))

Teamwork

We will express our unity in Christ in all our relationships. ([Philippians 2:1-4](#))

Excellence

We will honor and glorify God in all we do. ([Colossians 3:23-24](#))

2018 FCA Breakfast Schedule

Friday, August 31st Risen Church

Friday, September 21st Faith Lutheran Church

Friday, October 5th First Baptist Church

Friday, October 12th First United Methodist Church

Friday, October 26th Assembly of God

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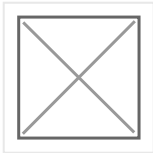
A ceremony Aug. 16 marked the opening of a new National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Plaza at Southeast Missouri State University.

The Plaza, located on the north end of Parker Field, recognizes Southeast's eight historically African-American fraternities and sororities, including Alpha Phi Alpha, Iota Phi Theta, Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma fraternities and Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Sigma Gamma Rho and Zeta Phi Beta sororities.

The NPHC Plaza provides Southeast's NPHC chapters with a voice and more prominent presence on campus, while also providing a greenspace for student recreation and events, said Dr. Carlos Vargas, Southeast president.

The plaza design features markers with information about each of the eight NPHC chapters recognized at Southeast, highlighting the work of NPHC students and alumni on the Southeast campus. The black Greek-Letter organizations are known as The Divine Nine, or D9, referencing the first nine fraternities and sororities founded between 1906 and 1963 for African American men and women. The Plaza showcases eight of the Divine 9 organizations recognized at Southeast. These organizations were originally created to unite African-American students with common core ideas and principles.

“We are very proud of our NPHC chapters and the contributions they have made not only to this campus, but also to this community through their public service,” Vargas said. “It is only fitting that today we recognize those contributions through the grand opening of this beautiful plaza which will, for years to come, serve as a gathering area for our future students.”



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“The design of the Plaza was developed from the requests of students in Southeast’s NPHC organizations. They shared with the University examples of plots and gardens at other colleges and universities that highlighted the presence of NPHC organizations on those campuses,” Vargas said.

Dr. Bruce Skinner, associate vice president for student life, said the NPHC Plaza would not have been possible without the leadership and vision of Andrea Cox, Southeast alumna and past NPHC president.

“Every accomplishment starts with a decision,” said Cox, who highlighted the importance of the initial decision made to recognize Southeast’s NPHC chapters at Southeast.

“We finally have accomplished what we worked so hard for,” she said. “NPHC members have a place to call home,” and alumni can now return to the campus to reminisce about “where it all started.”

Jaleea Hudson-Wilson, current NPHC president, said, when she first arrived as a new student at Southeast, she discovered Southeast’s NPHC organizations had little representation on campus. She said the new plaza will be useful for new member presentations, Greek Stroll Off and chapter showcases. She said the plaza will serve as a platform to grow new members, host alumni events and build better connections to all-Greek councils.

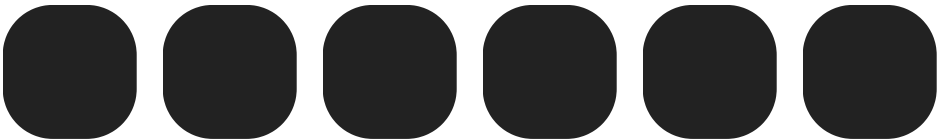
Vargas credited the firms responsible for making the NPHC Plaza vision a reality. SWT Design of St. Louis, a landscape architecture firm, developed the design. Nip Kelley Equipment Company of Cape Girardeau served as general contractor. KT Power Systems of Cape Girardeau provided electrical work, and Kiefner Brothers, Inc., of Cape Girardeau completed the concrete work. Engraphix Architectural Signage, Inc., of St. Louis provided the signage and plaques. Southeast’s Facilities Management coordinated the design development and bidding of the project and managed the construction. In addition, Facilities Management grounds crews installed an irrigation system, sod and plantings.

An official ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for 11 a.m. Oct. 13 at part of Southeast’s Homecoming festivities.

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TCC Students Compete Nationally at SkillsUSA

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Poplar Bluff Technical Career Center students proved this summer that they are competitive in their respective trades not only in Missouri, but on a national scale.

Eight top students recently vied in the National SkillsUSA Championship in Louisville, Ky., placing as high as in the top five of the country. In addition, outgoing senior Luke Cook earned a \$1,000 scholarship from the mikeroweWORKS Foundation, based on an essay.

Hailey Garrett placed fifth in cosmetology, Nickalas Richards placed seventh in barbering, Jeramiah Gracia placed 14th in T-shirt design; Cook, Lane and Levi White, and Nick Loyd placed 20th in team works; and Lara Pierce placed 26th in esthetics, with Joselin Clark serving as her model. Building trades instructor Jody Cochran, SkillsUSA advisor, chaperoned the students during the conference.

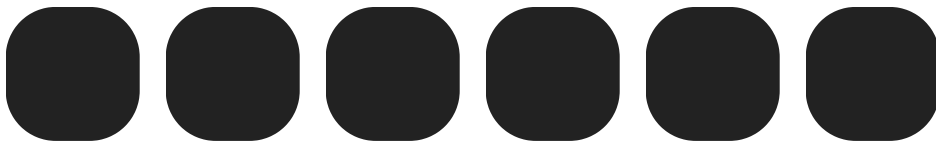
Pictured: (From left) Nick Loyd, Joselin Clark, Lara Pierce, Luke Cook, Lane and Levi White, Nickalas Richards, Jeramiah Gracia and Jody Cochran are pictured during the National Leadership and Skills Conference. Not present for the photo is Hailey Garrett.

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Celebrating Birthdays this week

Dylan Shelton-19th
Allison Thurlkill-20th
Margo Nea-22nd
Gabriel Oneal-23rd
Taylor Kallio-24th
Tyler Lopez-25th
Alexa & Elise Noles-25th, Tucker Mitchell-26th

Announcements

Sign up for DHS REMIND

Text the number 81010 this message @b22kec

Students who are interested in joining the DHS Epsilon Beta Book Club should check their email for information from Mrs. Hobgood. Dues are due by Monday, August 27th, at 4PM.

There will be a Stoddard County Young Democrats meeting in Mr. Bennett's room Wednesday, August 22, after school.

Reminder to students that they will incur a charge for all trays or individual food items they get in the cafeteria. Students can check their account balances on the SIS Student Portal.

Advisory schedule change for Tuesday - Tuesday will be a DHS Pep Club meeting during advisory instead of a Senior Class Orientation.

Any student who wishes to attend the Pep Club meeting needs to bring \$5.00 on Tuesday and plan to meet in the auditorium during advisory. We will have sign ups for class representatives at this time and plan to organize ourselves for volleyball and football.

Any student interested in playing golf this year should go see Coach Sitze this week.

There will be open gym for boys basketball on Monday, August 20th and Thursday, August 23rd after school in the BEC until 5:00 pm.

Kicking Cats Dance Team - The make up dance camp is Saturday September 8th from 10:00-12:00 at Melissa's school of dance in Sikeston. Please bring money. It is \$18 for the day and \$10 for everyday that you missed unless you have paid in full. If you are unable to attend please turn in your money into the office and notify Mrs. Monroe. It is very important that you be there.

Calendar / Upcoming Events

Monday, August 20th

Boys Basketball Open Gym, 3:15 pm - 5:00 pm, BEC

Tuesday, August 21st

PEP CLUB MEETING - Advisory Period

Wednesday, August 22nd

Stoddard County Young Democrats meeting, 3:00 pm, Mr. Bennetts classroom

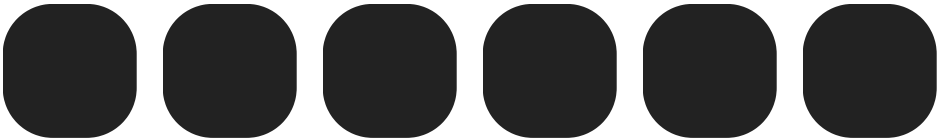
Friday, August 24th

Varsity Football at Ste. Genevieve, 7 pm, player bus departs 3:00 pm, cheer bus departs 4:15 pm
Girls Tennis vs. Poplar Bluff at home, 4:00 pm

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