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The Poplar Bluff Technical Career Center has been awarded a competitive grant in excess of \$85,000 over the course the next five years for professional development and instructional coaching to help enhance the school's academic focus.

The Technology Centers That Work initiative, financed by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, is designed to align curriculum, instruction and assessments with rising workplace requirements to better prepare students for postsecondary studies and careers.

"The industry is not stopping, so if you're not constantly improving and innovative then you're stagnant and left behind," explained Charles Kinsey, TCC director. "Just because we're meeting our goals and posts right now, doesn't mean we're moving forward."

While DESE reported in 2018 that the TCC's graduation rate was 98 percent with an 89 percent placement rate for graduates entering college, the military or the job market, the successful grant submission demonstrates the staff's commitment to increasing the rigor and relevance of programs to be responsive to changing needs of the local industry, according to officials.

A team of technical career education consultants from the Southern Regional Education Board will visit Poplar Bluff in the near future to perform an audit of programs and procedures, then furnish a report with action step suggestions by the end of the calendar year. Finally, a workshop will be conducted with building leaders to identify priorities for a three to five-year plan.

“It requires courage and bravery from a director like Charles because he has got to be willing to allow a team to come in and look at everything they do, and go in the classrooms and observe,” said SREB school improvement consultant Gina Smith, who will chair the team. “I always tell them it’s going to help you go from good to great.”

Besides Cape Girardeau, the TCC is currently the only school in Southeast Missouri in the TCTW network of 19 awardees in the state, according to Smith. Goals include nine areas of focus such as embedding literacy and math readiness standards in classwork, and incorporating more project-based assignments into the programs. In the grant proposal, Kinsey also cited offering students stronger internships or pre-apprenticeship opportunities.

In addition to bringing more industry partners into the classroom and sending instructors to leading area technical career centers, some of the funding will be used toward rotating staff through a national conference to attend workshops designed to streamline efforts being made. Kinsey and building trades instructor Jody Cochran already began the journey this summer by participating in the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual High Schools That Work staff development conference in Florida.

“I can build a home very well, having over 20 years of experience, but on the teaching side you can always use some help and guidance for students who learn differently,” Cochran stated. “It’s only gonna help us in the long run.”

Pictured: The opening session of the HSTW Staff Development Conference last month featured speaker Gerald Robinson of the Center for Advancing Opportunity.

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## Culinary Arts Curriculum Upgraded with Industry Input

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### Culinary Arts Curriculum Upgraded with Industry Input

A Poplar Bluff restaurateur has worked with the culinary arts program of the Technical Career Center to upgrade its curriculum in an effort to better serve the industry.

This school year TCC instructor Brandon Moon began implementing ProStart, a two-year certification program developed by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, to further train students both academically in the classroom and experientially in the field.

“If we have the option between curriculum developed by restaurant leaders or a well-intentioned curriculum company, we’re gonna go with the industry,” stated Charles Kinsey, TCC director. “Students will be better poised to advance through the ranks of assistant chefs and sous chefs, and hopefully be more employable.”

Colton's Steak House & Grill co-owner Herman Styles has been in discussions about ProStart with Dr. Scott Dill since he took the helm as superintendent in 2016/17. Last school year, R-I officials and Styles visited with Leone Herring of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to secure approval. Over 100 schools in the state have adopted the program, which meets Missouri Learning Standards.

“Working with Mr. Kinsey and Mr. Moon, we agreed to update the curriculum and ensure our students—upon successful completion of the program—are ready to take their place in the workforce,” Dill explained. Chef Moon is also entering his third year at R-I.

ProStart covers all levels of the restaurant business including safety, knife skills, front of the house service, marketing and food costs. To complete the program, students must gain 400 hours of on-the-job experience, a portion of which can take place in the Mules Café and the remainder at local restaurants, either paid or voluntarily.

“It's similar information to what we had, but I feel that ProStart is geared toward job opportunity and career placement,” noted Moon, who will be attending a series of trainings himself to obtain his ProStart teaching credentials. “We have a couple students interested in owning their own restaurant. This is a foundation.”

While the TCC invested in the textbooks for the class, the hope is that additional funding lines will be opened up through new grant opportunities to continue to enhance the program, according to Kinsey. There are also student scholarships available through the NRAEF as well as competitions on top of SkillsUSA.

The president of the Missouri Restaurant Association, Styles has been in the restaurant industry for 46 years, currently employing over 500 people at his seven franchise locations. It took him five years in the business to run his first restaurant, he told the class on Thursday, Aug. 23.

“Eighty-five percent of managers start as line cooks and work their way up the ladder,” Styles said. “The industry is always in demand for management people; this program is a kick start.”

Pictured: (Far left) Paraprofessional Monica Lewis, (in back, left to right) Charles Kinsey, Dr. Scott Dill, Herman Styles and (far right) Chef Brandon Moon are pictured with TCC culinary arts students displaying their new textbooks.

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## Local Student Receives Ozark Federal Credit Union Scholarship to Attend Three Rivers

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Subrina Berger of Poplar Bluff has received the Ozark Federal Credit Union Scholarship to attend Three Rivers College this Fall. Thomas is married to Christopher Berger and is the daughter of G. Dewayne Robison of Poplar Bluff and Glenda Forbes of Collinsville, IL. She is a 1986 graduate of Poplar Bluff Senior High School and plans to study Elementary Education while at Three Rivers.

Ozark Federal Credit Union awards up to two \$500 scholarships each year. To be eligible for the OFCU scholarship, the student must be a current OFCU member, in good

standing, and planning to attend Three Rivers College. The scholarship is open to both traditional 1st-year students and non-traditional students. OFCU scholarships are determined based on merit. Funds are awarded yearly and disbursed between two semesters for the amount of \$250 per semester. The scholarship is for one year only and the student must maintain a 2.0 GPA and remain a full-time student for the entirety of the year in which the scholarship is awarded.

Three Rivers College, recognizing outstanding academic achievement as well as financial need, has a number of established institutional and endowed scholarships to assist students in realizing their educational goals. To apply for scholarships and other financial aid at Three Rivers College, visit [trcc.edu/financialaid](http://trcc.edu/financialaid). For information on contributing to scholarships at Three Rivers, contact the College Development Office at 573-840-9077.

Three Rivers College offers a wide variety of college transfer and career/technical programs on its main campus in Poplar Bluff; at locations in Sikeston, Kennett, Dexter, and Cape Girardeau; and online. For additional information, visit the college website at [www.trcc.edu](http://www.trcc.edu) or call toll-free 877-879-8722.

Pictured: Subrina Berger (center) receives a scholarship check from Davine Conover (left) of Ozark Federal Credit Union and Regina Morris (right) of Three Rivers College.

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# 2018 Miss DHS Candidates Announced

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## 2018 Miss DHS Candidates Announced

Dexter, Missouri - Candidates for the 2018 Miss DHS were recently named at Dexter High School.

The senior class nominates the candidates and then the entire student body at the high school votes for Miss DHS prior to the home football game slated for Friday, August 31st against the Salem Tigers.

The crowning will take place at 6:30 p.m. prior to the pre-game performance by the Dexter High School Marching Band.

Pictured are front row from left to right: Makenna Wilson, Malia Cook, Maycie Martin, Natalie Sitze, and Rae Ann Riddle.

In back standing from left to right are Abby Dorton, Anna Bishop, Kelby Hill, Lexi Renken, and Macy Roper.

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## Dexter High School Daily Announcements for Wednesday, August 29, 2018

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Celebrating Birthdays this week

Annie Banke 8/27

Kaylee Honeycutt 8/27

Gavin Cartwright 8/28

Sajah Ballard 8/29

Mercades Hosfelt 8/29

Alaine Lacy 8/30

Cameron Putney 8/30

Colton Rodgers 8/30

Jade Baran 8/31

Hayley Bridges 8/31

Caleb Hoggard 9/1

Announcements -



There is a boys basketball open gym on Thursday after school until 5:00 pm in the BEC.

Students interested in joining the Army should sign up via the Google Form sent out by Mrs. Stone. These meetings will take place on Thursday and Friday.

There will be an FCCLA meeting today (Aug 29) during advisory in the auditorium. All students interested in joining can attend. The FCCLA membership dues are \$15 and must be paid by the September 19 general meeting.

There will be a meeting for students interested in joining Scholar Bowl during 8th hour on Sept 5th. Students who do participate in other extra-curricular activities can join as sponsors try to schedule matches to accommodate team members.

FCA will have their first breakfast on Friday, August 31, at 7:15 AM at Risen Church. All students are welcome to attend the breakfasts. If you wish to be a member, then dues are \$15 and that pays for your t-shirt. If you have any questions please see Mrs. A. Simmons or Mr. Lovelady.

The DHS entrance doors will be unlocked each day after school until 6:00 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

**\*\* Miss DHS Coronation will be held at 6:30 pm on Friday, August 31st**

#### **Wednesday, August 29th**

FBLA- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Journalism Class to KFVS, bus 8:30 am

Advisory - FCCLA Meeting

#### **Thursday, August 30th**

FBLA- Krispy Kreme Fundraiser

Girls Tennis vs. Cape Central at home, 4:00 pm

Volleyball at Jackson, 6:00 pm, bus 4:15 pm

Musical Practice, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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