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Holland Earns \$1,500 Wolpers Scholarship

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Sara Holland has been awarded the annual Mary Lynn Wolpers Scholarship. The scholarship, valued at \$1,500, is designated for a Poplar Bluff High School senior entering a four-year university or technical school.

Holland was recently accepted as a Show-Me Scholar into Mizzou's honors college, where she plans to major in health sciences/nuclear medicine with a minor in business entrepreneurship. After her undergraduate studies, she would like to receive her doctorate in oncology.

Holland is among the top of her class at PBHS, while remaining active in organizations such as Student Council, Future Business Leaders of America and Future Health Professionals. She also plays varsity tennis.

Since 2007, the Wolpers Scholarship has provided \$16,300 to 13 college-bound students.

Pictured presenting Sara Holland the Wolpers Scholarship on Tuesday, April 30, is Emily Wolpers of the Poplar Bluff Public School Foundation.

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Holland Earns \$1,000 Laseter Scholarship

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Sara Holland has been awarded the annual Dr. Michael D. Laseter Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship, valued at \$1,000, is designated for a Poplar Bluff High School senior entering the medical field.

Holland was recently accepted into Missouri State University, where she plans to major in health sciences/nuclear medicine with a minor in business entrepreneurship.

In her qualifying essay, Holland wrote that she wishes to pursue her career in the branch of medicine that deals with oncology. Upon completion of her residency, she desires to move home to Poplar Bluff and practice a holistic approach to patient care.

Dr. Laseter was a physician specializing in internal medicine at Kneibert Clinic for over 20 years. After retiring from medicine in 1994, he taught physiology at PBHS voluntarily for five years.

Since 2008, the scholarship fund has provided \$12,000 to a dozen college-bound students.

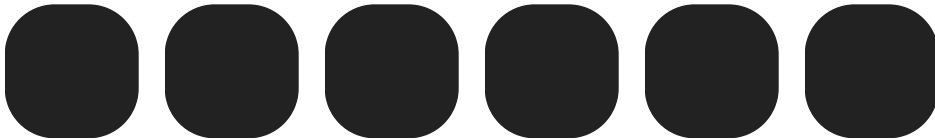
Pictured presenting Sara Holland the Laseter Scholarship on Tuesday, April 30, is Donna Laseter.

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Hall earns \$1,000 Foundation Scholarship

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Katlyn Hall has been awarded the annual Poplar Bluff School Foundation Scholarship. The scholarship, valued at \$1,000, is designated for a past or present graduate of PBHS

entering the field of education.

Hall plans to begin her college career at Three Rivers taking general education classes, and then transfer to Southeast Missouri State University where she will obtain her teaching degree. She wishes to one day teach at an elementary school in her hometown of Poplar Bluff, according to her scholarship essay.

In addition to holding an office with the Future Teachers of America, Hall serves with the Chionia Volunteer Fire Department.

Since 2001, the Foundation Scholarship has awarded \$21,000 to 21 students, several of whom went on to become teachers for the Poplar Bluff School District.

Pictured presenting Katlyn Hall the Foundation Scholarship on Thursday, April 2, is R-I Superintendent Dr. Scott Dill.

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NewWave Communications Awards \$3,000 to DHS Student News Group

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NewWave Communications Awards \$3,000 to DHS Student News Group

Schools and organizations serving K-12 students in communities served by NewWave Communications recently had the opportunity to win \$3,000 to fund their technology project or club as part of NewWave's "Dream Bigger" social media campaign.

Among the five winners is Dexter High School's Student News Group, Bearcat News, which will use the funds to purchase updated equipment such as teleprompters, monitors, audio, and visual equipment. The news team records daily school announcements as well as a full program on Friday and PSAs – all with handheld cameras.

"We are so grateful for this donation," said Shelly Culp, a DHS business education teacher who oversees the news group and submitted the nomination. "We are looking into items such as a permanent green screen area, audio control equipment, software, and video equipment. These funds will allow us to greater resemble a professional news studio. Many of the students who take this class are looking into careers in the broadcasting field. With this donation, we can provide a meaningful high school experience, and prepare them with hands-on training in the latest technology and equipment used in the broadcasting field."

"We are impressed with what the student news group has been able to accomplish with their limited budget," said Reid Morgan, NewWave General Manager in Dexter. "NewWave is committed to giving back to the communities we serve. We look forward to seeing Dexter High students take Bearcat News to the next level and watching them develop into the future leaders of our community."

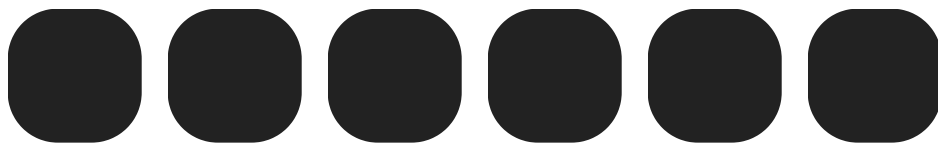
Pictured from left to right are: Mark Whitehead, NewWave Communications; Shelly Culp, Dexter High School; Jordan Adams, Bearcat News; Macy Roper, Bearcat News; Caleb Hoggard, Bearcat News; Jaelyn Robertson, Bearcat News; Reid Morgan, General

Manager of NewWave Communications in Dexter; Hunter Parrish, Bearcat News and Laura Stickles, NewWave Communications.

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Dexter School Board Meeting Minutes - April 22, 2019

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[Dexter School Board Meeting Minutes - April 22, 2019](#)

Dexter, Missouri - The Dexter School Board met on at a regular scheduled board meeting on April 22, 2019. The minutes from that meeting have been released today.

Regular Board Meeting Notes April 22, 2019 6:00 PM

Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge The Board President announced the meeting is to begin, ascertains the attendance status of all board members present. He then leads in the saying of the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda was approved.

5. Public Comments: There were no public comments made.

6. Old Business:

A. The board approved MCE Board Policy Updates - P2640, P1210, P0320, P3425.

7. New Business:

A. The board approved an underwriting agreement with L.J. Hart & Co for the Series 2019A Lease Certificates of Participation.

B. The board approved a resolution to approve the issuance and sale of \$4,050,000 Lease Certificates of Participation, Series 2019A

C. The board approved a resolution to approve the issuance and sale of \$5,500,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2019B

D. The board approved annual MSBA membership

E. The board approved Chromebook Purchase for High School 1 to 1 initiative.

F. The board approve the add alternates to the construction base project.
Javelin Runway

Triple Jump and Long Jump separate runways

Southwest Elementary Drive

G. The board approved Kevin Bishop's resignation effective May 31, 2019.

8. Discussion Items:

A. Mr. Counts discussed adding a second SRO for the District.

B. The nurse's report was given to the board.

- C. The building principals reports were shared with the board.
- D. The superintendent gave his report to the board.
- E. The next board meeting was set for May 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

In Closed Session:

1. The board approved the employment of the 2019-20 Coaches and Sponsors.
2. The board approved the 2019 Summer School Employee List.
3. The board approved the Summer School pay schedule for certified staff. Summer School pay was raised \$1 per hour.
4. The board approved resignation letters effective at the end of the 18-19 school year for the following individuals:
Chris Bolin - MS Asst. Football Coach
Kacey Christian - HS Asst. Volleyball Coach
Patty Hobbs - Aide
Jennifer Slavings - Aide
5. The board approved extra duty positions for 2019-20 school year.
Eric Sitze - HS and MS Girls Head Basketball Coach
Shelly Culp - Film Production Sponsor
Linda Beck - Speech and Debate
Jonna Crider - Student Council
6. The board approved employment of the 2019-20 classified staff.
7. The board approved certified staff step movement per the approved salary schedule.
8. The board approved classified staff pay for the 2019-20 school year.
Level 1 Aide 6% raise
60+ hour Aide 5% raise
Bldg Sec/Bldg Aide 4% raise

Head Cook 4% raise
All other staff 3% raise

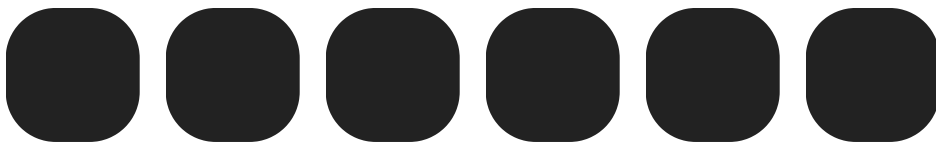
9. The board approved District pay of \$481 per month for health insurance for the 2019-20 school year.

10. The board approve classified staff substitute.
Allison Sneed

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