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Multisport student-athletes Nevaeh Larkins and David Durbin of Poplar Bluff High School, alongside Audrey Cato and Colt Clifford of Junior High, have been selected by the R-I coaching staff as this year's Missouri Good Sports.

"We at MSHSAA firmly believe that a positive role model such as yourself can positively influence the actions of others in your school—your teammates, younger students, your opponents and even spectators," stated Jason West, Missouri State High School Activities Association communications director. "...By taking the responsible steps in displaying positive sportsmanship, you are helping to rekindle the spirit of citizenship and are serving as a positive representative of your school and community.

Outgoing eighth grader Colt has played football and basketball, and ran track and field. Earlier this month, he broke the 4x100 meter dash record during the Cape Conference. Classmate Audrey played basketball and soccer. She has been described by her coaches as versatile and aggressive with high endurance, and has been most instrumental in goal-scoring plays.

Outgoing senior David Durbin has played baseball and basketball. On the mound, he threw 50 strikeouts during 45 innings pitched. While at the plate, he hit two home runs, two triples, five doubles and 25 singles. On the hardwood, he scored a field goal percentage of 32 during 50 games played, with 30 percent success at the three-point line. Classmate Nevaeh played soccer and basketball. She was an All-District soccer goalkeeper, owning the record for the most saves in a single game with 45, while

averaging 14 saves per game. She had a career record of 122 points and 115 rebounds on the court. Both members of the Class of 2023 graduated in the top 30.

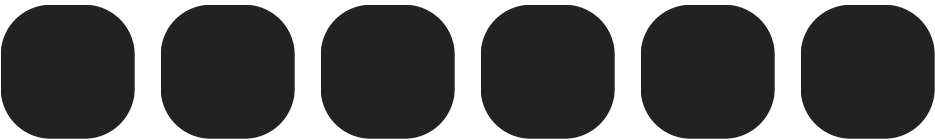
Pictured: R-I Athletic Director Kent Keith presents students (from left) Audrey Cato, Colt Clifford, David Durbin and Nevaeh Larkins with the Missouri Good Sports awards on Tuesday, May 23, at Junior High.

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