

# The Foundation

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## Foundation to host new alumni events

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation invites all Harrisonville High School alumni to the first-ever Alumni Tailgate on Friday, Sept. 28. The tailgate will take place in the parking lot northeast of the stadium from 5 p.m. -7 p.m. and will be free to alumni and their family. It will include hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies. RSVPs are not required, but to help with planning, we'd ask alumni to register for the tailgate on our website - [www.harrisonvilleschools.org/foundation](http://www.harrisonvilleschools.org/foundation).

This event will be a part of the Homecoming activities for 2018. The football game will feature an old West Central Conference opponent, the Warrensburg Tigers, with kickoff at 7 p.m. Prior to kickoff, the 2018 Homecoming royalty will be crowned with ceremonies beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The high school Student Council's theme for Homecoming 2018 is "Victory is Timeless," and alumni are en-

couraged to wear apparel from their time at HHS - letterjackets, T-shirts, hats, etc.

In addition, the Foundation, along with the HHS Student Council, will offer tours of the high school on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. Once again, RSVPs are not required, but for planning purposes, we ask that alumni register on the Foundation's website - [www.harrisonvilleschools.org/foundation](http://www.harrisonvilleschools.org/foundation). The tour will last less than an hour and walk-ups are welcome.

Additional Homecoming activities for all include the Homecoming parade and community rally on Friday, Sept. 28, the Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament on Friday (see pg. 7) and the Catch the Spirit 5K Color Walk/Run on Saturday, Sept. 29 (see pg. 6).

The parade registration form and details about both the parade and community rally are posted on the district website, which you can access at [www.harrisonvilleschools.org](http://www.harrisonvilleschools.org).

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## Show your Wildcat spirit!

The Foundation is offering two new opportunities to support the Foundation and show off your alumni spirit!

"It's A Great Day to be a Wildcat, Then, Now, Always" T-shirts are on sale now. The shirts are \$15/each and will be sold beginning Sept. 10 for as long as supplies last. Shirts will be available at the school district admin office, 503 S. Lexington, from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. If you live out of town and would like to purchase a shirt, please call 380-2727, ext. 1221. Please add an additional \$5 for mailing and processing.

The Foundation is also selling Wildcat pride yard signs. These signs are made of durable, all-weather material. You can purchase the sign alone or with personalized plaques. The plaques can include student activities, last name, Class of ??, alum, or whatever you like (up to 15 characters).

The yard signs (sign/stake/hardware) are \$55 each, and each individual personalized plaque is \$10.

Orders will be placed on the 15th of each month. Buyers will be notified via email that their signs and/or plaques are ready to pick up at the district administrative office, 503 S. Lexington.



Sign orders and payment can be made online at [www.harrisonvilleschools.org/foundation](http://www.harrisonvilleschools.org/foundation).

If you would rather not pay the small online transaction fee, you may mail your order with all of the

details and check made payable to the Harrisonville Public School Foundation to:

Harrisonville Public School Foundation  
503 S. Lexington  
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# Bliss named Educator of the Year

During the district's End-of-the-Year Celebration in late May, Harrisonville High School communication arts teacher Brian Bliss was named the 2018 Educator of the Year.

Bliss will begin his 16th year of teaching at HHS in August. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Central Missouri. Bliss also serves as head track coach.

Bliss was selected for the honor by a panel of judges from outside the community who interviewed three finalists. The finalists were chosen by the Harrisonville Public School



Foundation and district administration selection committee from nominations received from parents, students and Harrisonville Schools' staff members.

*Pictured: Harrisonville Public School Foundation past president Alice Roach (right) present HHS communication arts teacher Brian Bliss with the Educator of the Year award.*

Nominations for Bliss said, "He is great at forming real relationships with his students. There's nothing he wouldn't do for his kids and he's like a father to us all. His ability to connect with students, motivate them and help them on the way to success is unparalleled."

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation presented Bliss with a \$500 grant. He received a plaque and a ring from Josten's. He is eligible for the Missouri Teacher of the Year program.

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## Mark Your Calendar!

### Homecoming 2018 - Friday, Sept. 28

Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament - Friday, Sept. 28

\*\*Registration online or on page 7 of this newsletter\*\*

Homecoming Community Pep Rally, Sept. 28, 1:45 p.m., Memorial Stadium

Homecoming Parade - Friday, Sept. 28, 12:45 p.m.

Alumni Tailgate - Friday, Sept. 28, 5-7 p.m.

Homecoming Football Game - Friday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m.

Catch the Spirit 5K Color Walk/Run - Saturday, Sept. 29, 8 a.m.

\*\*Registration online or on page 6 of this newsletter\*\*

Alumni Tours of HHS - Saturday, Sept. 29, 10 a.m.

## Middle school students awarded Foundation scholarships

Two Foundation scholarships are presented annually to eighth-graders at Harrisonville Middle School. The scholarship recipients are announced at the school's end-of-the-year assembly, and then funds are disbursed to the recipients upon graduation from Harrisonville High School.

The Katie Rios Memorial Scholarship is a \$1,000 scholarship funded through annual gifts from middle school staff and the Rios family. The scholarship is presented based on the student's character, attitude, academics, and citizenship. This year's recipient was Paige Quinter.

The Donna Pfautsch HATS Scholarship was also presented. The HATS (Harrisonville Academically Talented Student) Scholarship is awarded to an eighth grade HATS student based on academic excellence; diverse personal, academics, and community interests; a love for learning; and use of talent, imagination and teamwork to accomplish goals, address challenges and solve problems. The 2018 recipient was Piper Foreman.

# Foundation awards family, endowed

The Harrisonville Public School Foundation presented \$30,550 in scholarships at the 2018 Senior Excellence in Academics Ceremony on May 10.

Harrisonville High School senior Anna Saffels was awarded the Virginia and Stephen Childress Athletic Scholarship. This scholarship, in the amount of \$1,500, is based on athletic and academic achievements, as well as community and school activities.

Saffels was the captain of both the varsity softball and basketball teams. She received Academic All-Conference softball and basketball awards all four years. She was 2nd Team All-Conference shortstop in softball. She was on the principal's honor roll all four years, has lettered academically all four years, and received the Academic Excellence Award for being in the top 15% of her class all four years. She is very involved with her church and has volunteered for many organizations including serving meals, working with kids through athletic camps and refereeing.

She plans to attend Southwest Baptist University. She gained an interest in international studies and ESL teaching after taking a mission trip to Taiwan and teaching English in Taiwanese schools. She is the daughter of Ryan and Wendy Saffels.

Mr. Stephen Childress served 30 years at the Harrisonville High School as coach, teacher and administrator from 1942 to 1972.

Both he and his wife, Virginia, were avid supporters of the Harrisonville Schools athletic program. Their children, Dudley Childress and Marianne Rusk, endow the scholarship through the Harrisonville Public School Foundation.

Lanie Carl was the recipient of the Allison W. Smith Memorial Scholarship for \$2,000. The intent of this scholarship award in memory of Allison Smith is to encourage and support a senior female student athlete who strives for excellence in academics and sportsmanship, a student who demonstrates passion to engage in the world through leadership and/or innovative ideas to make the global and/or local community better for others.

Carl was chapter president this past year for DECA, as well as executive vice president for Student Council. She was also a member of the National Honor Society, Science Club, Academic Club, girls swim, volleyball, and girls golf; was a student representative for Bright Futures; and attended the Missouri Hugh O'Brian Leadership Seminar.

She was on the Principal's Honor Roll all four years, and received the Academic Excellence Award for being in the top 15 percent of her class all four years. She received Academic All-Conference for golf and volleyball, and was also inducted into the ACT Hall of Fame. She has volunteered for many organizations including Bright Futures programs, HeadStart

Christmas party, Homecoming parade and more.

Carl plans on attending California Polytechnic State University and has an interest in environmental engineering. She is the daughter of John Jay and Leigh Ann Carl.

The Allison W. Smith Memorial Scholarship is funded through annual gifts to the Harrisonville Public School Foundation from the Smith family.

Carl is pictured on page 8 with Laurence and Renee Smith.

Bethany A. Nichols was the recipient of the Steve Catron Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship, in the amount of \$300, is awarded to an HHS senior who excels in music and athletics.

This scholarship is given in memory of 1979 HHS graduate Steve Catron and was established through memorial gifts in his honor to the Harrisonville Public School Foundation.

Nichols has been involved in girls tennis, and she received varsity letters for the past three year, as well as Academic All-Conference for tennis for three years. She got second place her junior year at the district tournament, and played #4 singles and #1 doubles and took third place for singles in the MRVC tournament her senior year. She was in choir throughout her high school career, and during her senior year, she was a member of Music Makers. She has also been involved in 4-H, FFA and A+ tutoring.

Nichols plans on attend-

# scholarships to Harrisonville High School seniors

ing Southwest Baptist University and has an interest in physical therapy. She is the daughter of Steven and Kimberly Nichols.

Harrisonville High School seniors Samantha Bylina, Mara Davis, Kelsie Donovan, Jessica Karg, Nicholas Laughlin, and Audrey Welhoff were awarded the William G. and Nettie Z. Deacon Family Scholarships. These scholarships, in the amount of \$2,000, are awarded to HHS seniors based on academic achievement, good citizenship and financial need.

Bylina was on the principal's honor roll, lettered in academics; received the Excellence in Academics award, lettered in band, color guard and winter guard; and received the Lamp of Learning Pin all four years. She took multiple advanced courses during high school and did work for Band Boosters and is employed at Crown Care Nursing Home. She plans to attend the University of Central Missouri with a major in psychology. She is the daughter of Edward and Genie Bylina.

Davis' activities includes Student Council, National Honor Society, youth group, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, softball, basketball, soccer and Campaigners (bible study group). She took multiple advanced courses and volunteered for many programs. Davis plans to attend the University of Saint Mary to major in physical therapy. She is the daughter of Tod and Janelle Davis.

Donovan was involved

in DECA, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Student Council, Key Club, cheerleading and girls golf. She received the Excellence in Academics Award. She was part of the girls' soccer team that won district champion in 2015, and she has received Academic All-Conference for soccer and golf. She was also the CCC junior of the year. Donovan has been involved in her church and gone on many mission trips. She was also involved with Bright Futures, KC Harvesters and tutoring younger students through the school. She plans to attend Southwest Baptist University with a major in biology and is the daughter of Matt and Rhonda Donovan.

Karg's activities included marching band, concert band, SkillsUSA and National Technical Honor Society. In the community she has helped Hope Haven through Girl Scouts and tutored younger students through the A+ program. She plans to finish getting her Certified Nursing Assistant certification through the Cass Career Center. Then, she will continue to get her LPN and RN. She has already been certified in CPR and AED. She is the daughter of Dewayne Karg Sr. and Julie Bearkheimer-Karg.

Laughlin took multiple advanced courses in high school. His accomplishments include Academic All-Conference in football, basketball, and golf, all of which he lettered in; Student Council where he was executive

secretary his senior year and vice president his junior year; and National Honor Society. He is also involved in Eagle Scouts and has been a member of the Mic-O-Say Heart of America Scouting Honor Society. He is involved in his church and volunteers for multiple activities there. Laughlin plans to attend Truman State University with a major in health science/pre-medicine. He is the son of Anthony Joseph and Andrea Ann Laughlin.

Welhoff's activities include Student Council president, Key Club, varsity tennis, drama/theatre, SADD, National Honor Society, show choir, Young Life and Freshmen Mentor/Peer Helper. She was on the principal's honor roll all four years and she has lettered in academics, music, drama and tennis, of which she was Academic All-Conference for tennis in 2014 and 2015. She has volunteered in the community for many different programs some of which are Bright Futures, blood drives, Harvesters and VBS. She is involved in her church and has gone on several mission trips and volunteered for Sunday school and bible study.

Welhoff plans to attend Missouri State University to major in speech and language pathology and is the daughter of Scott and Paige Welhoff.

The William G. and Nettie Z. Deacon Family Scholarship is funded through a gift to the Harrisonville Public School Foundation from the estate

of Will Ella Deacon, daughter of William G. and Nettie Z. Deacon.

In addition to the Deacon scholarship, Samantha Bylina was awarded the 2018 Cara Roberts Memorial Scholarship for \$500. This scholarship is given to an HHS senior who will attend the University of Central Missouri and who demonstrates a desire to make a difference in the lives of others. The Cara Roberts Memorial Scholarship is funded through annual gifts to the Harrisonville Public School Foundation from the Roberts family.

Bylina also received the Scott T. Morse Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship, in the amount of \$1,250, is based on academic achievement, school or community involvement and the recipient's determination to overcoming a hardship.

The Scott T. Morse Memorial Scholarship is funded through an endowment established with the Harrisonville Public School Foundation by the Morse family.

Laughlin was also the recipient of the Bob Hodge Achievement Award.

This scholarship has the potential to provide Laughlin with up to \$8,000 as he will receive \$2,000 the first year and have the opportunity to renew the scholarship for \$2,000 each year for the next three years. The Bob Hodge Achievement Award is presented annually to an HHS senior in honor of Bob Hodge, a longtime Harrison-

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**Seniors honored with Excellence in Academics award, scholarships**



Harrisonville High School seniors were honored during the Senior Excellence in Academics Ceremony, a joint effort of Harrisonville High School and the Harrisonville Public School Foundation, on their final day of class. Recognitions during the event included Excellence in Academics recipients as well as scholarship winners. The daytime assembly was attended by the entire HHS student body, parents and community members.

The Foundation's Excellence in Academics program honors students who complete the year in the top 15 percent of their class. Those seniors honored as first-year Excellence in Academics recipients were John Coday, Jackson Crowley, Kelsie Donovan, Evan Dumont, Malia Morgan, Bethany Nichols, Dakota Ponder, Lacey Williams, and Baylie Woolsey. Second-year recipients were Jack Charlton, Mara Davis, Kelsi Knoche and

Kurt Poisal. Those earning the honor for the third year were Tara Barnard, Caelen Johnson, Nick Laughlin and Noah Mills.

The four-year recipients were presented \$500 scholarships from the Foundation. They were Victoria Bratcher, Kyleigh Brown, Lanie Carl, Karsen Cesonis, Bethany Cox, Jack Dahn, Hannah Gibbs, Mallory Kimbell, Chrysalin Martin, Drake Mathews, Nick McCleave, Anna Saffels, Mason Scrivener, Kayla Stewart, Kaylee Tieman, Audrey Welhoff, Seth Wiebusch and Ryan Wilson.

Underclassmen earning the Excellence in Academics award for the 2017-18 school year will be honored in August.

**Catch the Spirit 5K Color Walk/Run Entry Form - Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018**

\*\*Please note - Online registration & payment available at [www.harrisonvilleschools.org/foundation](http://www.harrisonvilleschools.org/foundation)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle One:  
Shirt Size (adult): S M L XL XXL  
Shirt Size (child): S M L XL

Check the event you will participate in:  
\_\_\_\_ 5K Single Pre-registrant (by 9/14/18) - \$20  
\_\_\_\_ 5K Race Day Registrant—\$25



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Mail to Harrisonville Public School Foundation  
503 S. Lexington  
Harrisonville, MO 64701

Waiver Statement (must be signed): With signed completion of this entry, I assume full responsibility for any injury or accident, which may occur during participation in the event or while on event premises. I release and hold harmless sponsor, promoters and all persons and entities associated with the event. I will not enter unless medically fit and properly trained. I know there may be traffic on the course. I assume the risks associated with the event, including but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, effects of weather including heat and/or humidity, and conditions of the road. If used, I assume all responsibility as associated with operation of baby jogger. I grant my permission to use photographs, videotape, or any other record of this event. I have read the foregoing and certify my agreement by my signature, and my parent's or guardian's if under 18.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant or of Parent/Guardian if under 18



Harrisonville Public School Foundation

# Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament

Friday, Sept. 28, 8 a.m.  
at Country Creek's Hoots Hollow Course



*\*\*Online registration & payment available at [www.harrisonvilleschools.org/foundation](http://www.harrisonvilleschools.org/foundation)\*\**

*Please complete this form to register as a participant and/or a sponsor for the 2018 golf tournament. Please make checks payable to the Harrisonville Public School Foundation & mail payment to 503 S. Lexington, Harrisonville, MO 64701. Sponsorships & registrations are due by Sept. 14.*

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Please list sponsorship as... \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose a payment option:

- Check included with this form.
- Payment will be made online.
- Payment will be brought to the tournament on Sept. 28.

# Foundation scholarships total over \$30,000

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ville Schools teacher, coach and administrator. This scholarship endowment was established with the Harrisonville Public School Foundation through the bequest of an anonymous Harrisonville High School alumnus.

Criteria for the scholarship include academic achievement (ACT score of 25 or higher), acceptance and attendance at a Missouri state college or university, excellent citizenship, community involvement and financial need.

Harrisonville High School senior Jackson Dahn was awarded the John and Wanda Foster Construction Trades Scholarship. This scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, is awarded to an HHS senior based on academic achievement and the recipient's plan to study building trades, architecture, civil engineering or other related field.

Dahn was on the Principal's Honor Roll all four years, an Excellence in Academics honoree for two years, a Duke TIP program member (scored 20 on the ACT in seventh grade), an honors and AP student and a Harrisonville High ACT Hall of Fame inductee. He is an Eagle Scout and has climbed the ranks through that program, was Key Club chapter president his junior and senior year, a SADD activities coordinator his junior year and an NHS member. He was also involved in varsity wrestling, varsity football,

varsity golf and show choir. He received Academic All-Conference in wrestling and football. Dahn plans to attend Purdue University with a major in aerospace engineering. He is the son of Timothy Dahn and Patti Brinkley.

Harrisonville High School senior Nick McCleave was the recipient of the John and Wanda Foster Agriculture Scholarship. This scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, is awarded to an HHS senior who has been active in the Cass Career Center agriculture program and/or the FFA chapter.

McCleave was on the principal's honor roll all four years, has taken many advanced courses during his high school career and was in the top 3 percent of his class. He was the Area VII FFA president, CCC FFA chapter president and Future Business Leaders of America chapter president. He was also involved in NHS, NTHS, Key Club and DARE. McCleave was on the football team and golf team and received Academic All-Conference in both. He won many awards and honors through the National FFA and Future Business Leaders of America. McCleave plans to attend the University of Missouri with a major in agri-business management and accountancy. He is the son of Randy and Janie McCleave.

The John and Wanda Foster Construction Trades and Agriculture scholarships are funded through endow-



ments gifted to the Harrisonville Public School Foundation from John and Wanda Foster.

McCleave was also the recipient of the Samuel A. Sloan, Evelyn Sloan, and Beulah Sloan McCoy Scholarship in the amount of \$3,200. This scholarship is presented to a senior who plans to pursue a degree in an ag-related field. It is funded through a gift from Daryl and Millie Sloan.

The Donna Pfautsch HATS Scholarship, which is awarded to an eighth grader but dispersed upon graduation from HHS, was presented to Hannah Gibbs, the

daughter of Shawn and Audrey Gibbs.

Gibbs was a member of the basketball and track teams at HHS, as well as FCA and Peer Helpers. She has been very involved with her church including youth group, teaching Sunday school and missions trips.

She is pictured above with Larry Pfautsch.

Another scholarship presented to an eighth-grader, but disbursed upon graduation is the Katie Rios Memorial Scholarship. Ashlynnne Martin received this \$1,000 scholarship.