TJ’s Class of 2018
These 19 students received more than $5,000,000 in merit-based scholarship offers.
The average ACT score for these students is 29.
THE SCHOOL’S MISSION

Through a dedication to academic excellence, Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School stands accountable for educating students to make the most of their abilities. The School educates students to acquire and refine essential academic knowledge and skills; cultivate an appreciation of the arts; develop lifelong fitness skills; assume responsibility for their behavior; seek out challenge; welcome criticism; test new capacities; practice self-discipline; and find joy in learning. The School brings students together with teachers who exemplify intellectual curiosity, a dedication to truth, and the advantages of living the examined life.

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Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its education policies, admissions policies, and other school-administered programs.
Dear TJ Parents, Students, Faculty, Staff, and Friends,

TJ’s 25th anniversary brought extraordinary programming and events to our students – from the Remnant Trust’s remarkable collection of rare books to the visit from Dr. Niall Ferguson, legendary historian and award-winning journalist.

For more than 25 years, TJ has remained committed to its mission and honor code, to classical liberal arts education, and to educating each and every student to make the most of their abilities.

As the clear leader in education and the only non-sectarian independent college preparatory school in our area – TJ has a long track record of successfully preparing students for college, to meet life’s challenges, and to be engaged citizens guided by a strong moral compass.

As our annual report shows, TJ students outperform all other area schools: academically, in the arts and athletics, and in the wider community because of TJ’s world-class program, its faculty, and strong school community.

A TJ education is transformative and will be the most meaningful gift you can give to any child.

We need your help to continue TJ’s success. As members of an independent school community – parents, faculty, staff, students, alumni and alumni families, grandparents, and friends – all are needed to ensure the success of our school and our children.

As you will see on Page 10 of this report, tuition alone does not cover the cost to educate the students. TJ needs your charitable support from the Annual Giving Campaign, Escapade, and privately-funded scholarships. Without your support TJ could not exist.

Your gift makes it possible for TJ to have top notch faculty, to enhance academic programs, and to hold tuition at affordable levels.

Please make your gift to help support TJ financially. We need you to help TJ continue its commitment to excellence. Your gift will make a difference and every child will benefit from your generosity. Please make a contribution to the TJ Annual Giving Campaign today.

Sincerely,

Debra Humphreys
Chairman of TJ’s Board of Trustees

Seniors Receive Accolades

TJ Senior Named National Merit Scholarship Program Finalist - Scored in top 1% in the nation on PSAT

Congratulations to Senior Hallah Butcher for earning distinction as a National Merit Scholarship Program finalist. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation made the announcement in May. Hallah was named a semifinalist in September, and subsequently advanced to finalist standing. The semifinalists were students who scored in the Top 1% in the nation on the PSAT, and finalists are selected based on “academic performance that is consistently very high in all of grades 9 through 12.” The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for scholarships, and high school students enter the by taking the PSAT — a test which serves as an initial screen of entrants each year — and by meeting published program entry/ participation academic requirements. Hallah joins an elite group of people recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program including Chief Justice of the United States John Roberts, Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos, Ben Bernanke, and Joseph Stiglitz.

TJ Students Top Local ACT Score Averages

With an average composite score of 29 on the ACT, the TJ Class of 2018 once again tops the list of average composite scores for schools in the Four State region. The TJ average composite score is also significantly higher than the average for independent schools that are part of TJ’s accrediting body, the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS).

Two TJ seniors named to the highly-selective 2018 All-Area Academic Excellence Team

Congratulations to TJ Seniors Hallah Butcher and Andrew Lown on their selection as two of the students on the 20-member Joplin Globe All-Area Academic Excellence Team. Based on a selection pool that includes dozens of high schools across area conferences and districts, the All-Area Academic Excellence Team includes the top achieving students from schools in several cities. Students are selected using a formula that includes grade point average and performance on either the ACT or SAT. These seniors were honored during an awards banquet, and the entire team was featured in the Joplin Globe on May 6, 2018.

Class of 2018 Graduation

The 19 members of TJ’s Class of 2018 celebrated commencement on May 27, 2018, in the TJ Concert Hall. Almost all graduates will attend a four-year college or university, and they earned more than $5 million in merit-based scholarship offers. The class has an average ACT score of 29. Mary McDonald (TJ Class of 2006) was the commencement speaker, and she received the TJ Distinguished Alumnus Award. Ms. McDonald is a math teacher and academic coordinator at Lawrence Gardner High School at Kansas Juvenile Correctional Complex. A memorable commencement ended with a reception hosted by parents of the junior class. Caitlin Mueller delivered the valedictory address, and Raphael Dohmen presented the senior class gift — an inlaid tile school seal at the entrance.
Letter from the
HEAD OF SCHOOL

It is with great appreciation that we present the 2017-2018 Annual Report. Through the generosity of parents, trustees, alumni, alumni parents, grandparents, and friends of the school, we are able to continue our tradition of academic excellence and provide support to the programs and experiences that are hallmark of a TJ education.

Philanthropy enables us to expand the opportunities we provide with regard to programming, and it also allows us to expand our reach and provide the benefits of a TJ education to a greater number of students from the four-state area.

Creating opportunities for a diverse group of students to embrace challenge, make the most of their abilities, and become engaged citizens fulfills the mission of the school.

The 2017-2018 school year brought with it a milestone in the life of Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School. As the community celebrated the 25th anniversary of the school, we paused to reflect upon the growth and success of the programs and students. Our celebration also provided an opportunity to look ahead to the next chapter in the life of the school to discover ways to continue to prepare students for college and life, but in the context of the 21st-century skills they will require and jobs they will encounter.

Our meaningful and purposeful work each year builds upon the dedication of many students, teachers, trustees, and families that helped build the school that exists today. We are unable to continue this work without the financial support that we acquire through philanthropy.

Most parents join the TJ community because of their strong belief in their children and their potential for success. Once families become engrained in the community, they begin to believe wholeheartedly in the school and its mission.

What we have seen over the past 25 year is a continued belief in TJ’s programs, students, and success on a national scale, so much so that the school has garnered a strong reputation among selective colleges and universities. Colleges want TJ students, incentivizing them with millions of scholarship dollars in an attempt to recruit them. There is a strong belief in the types of individuals and students that TJ produces.

A strong belief in the education that Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School provides has led to generous support from all of our constituent groups and the community at large. The school has proven its value and purpose over the last 25 years, and it has provided opportunities for countless students whose lives were forever changed by the mission of the school.

We offer our sincere appreciation for your generous gifts to the school. With the continued support of so many amazing individuals who believe in TJ and its mission, the school will continue to embrace students and provide opportunities that they cannot find anywhere else.

Sincerely,

Laura McDonald
Head of School

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Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School
Statement of Financial Position — June 30, 2018

**ASSETS**
- Cash and cash equivalents: $2,539,136
- Investments: $113,811
- Prepaid expenses: $34,092
- Accounts receivable: $1,001,643
- Property and equipment: $12,033,920
- **TOTAL ASSETS:** $15,722,602

**LIABILITIES**
- Accounts payable and accrued liabilities: $1,161,557
- **TOTAL LIABILITIES:** $3,695,717

**NET ASSETS**
- Unrestricted and restricted: $12,026,885
- **TOTAL NET ASSETS:** $12,026,885

**TOTAL ASSETS** and **NET ASSETS:** $15,722,602

**REVENUE: 2017-2018**
- Tuition and fees: $3,113,921 (97%)
- Other Income: $86,240 (3%)
- **TOTAL REVENUE:** $3,200,161

**EXPENSES 2017-2018**
- Salaries and Benefits: $3,007,792 (94%)
  - Covers all administrative and instructional compensation, fringe benefits, and related expenses.
- Plant Costs: $1,118,438 (36%)
  - Includes utilities cost, insurance, depreciation, building interest expense, wages and benefits for maintenance staff.
- Supporting Expenses: $947,802 (30%)
  - Includes educational materials and equipment and other general costs required for the administration of the school.
- **TOTAL EXPENSES:** $5,074,032

**Deficit:** $1,873,871

**Annual Fund:** $229,678
**Escapade (Net of Expenses):** $200,081
**Privately-funded Scholarships**: $661,886
**Other Philanthropy:** $502,533
- **TOTAL PHILANTHROPY:** $1,594,178

**Other Philanthropy** includes those funded by Debra and David Humphreys (J.P. Humphreys and E.L. Craig), Missouri Walnut, & others. See the complete list on page 29.

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**REVENUE**
- Tuition and fees: $3,200,000
- **OTHER PHILANTHROPY:** $503,000
- Privately-funded Scholarships: $662,000
- **SUPPORTING EXPENSES:** $948,000
- **PLANT COSTS:** $506,000

**TUITION & FEES:** $3,200,000
**ANNUAL GIVING:** $230,000

**DEPRECIATION:** $612,000

*Depreciation is a non-cash item. Revenues in excess of expenses are being placed in a sinking fund which currently contains $462,151.*
The TJ community gathered for several events throughout the school year to celebrate a Quarter Century of Excellence. The celebration kicked off October 20 with a Family Fun Night that included a barbecue dinner, bubble soccer and bounce houses, and a 25th Anniversary cake-cutting ceremony featuring students from Pre-K and 12th grade.

On December 21, the school community gathered for a banquet in the Hershewe Family Courtyard to induct the inaugural class of coaches, athletes, and teams into the Cavalier Hall of Fame, recognizing greatness in athletics during the first quarter century of the school’s life. Our alumni holiday reception welcomed dozens more graduates back to the campus.

On January 10, the community celebrated the arrival of the Remnant Trust collection, and the Upper School orchestra and choir performed the world premiere of A Song of Liberty, a new piece of music commissioned by Mr. Atteberry specifically for the 25th anniversary celebration.

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On April 12, alumni parents, graduates, faculty, trustees, and students gathered for a reception in the Commons, and then the entire community came together in the Concert Hall for a celebration which included a presentation by Dr. Niall Ferguson, world-renowned historian, college professor, award-winning filmmaker, and bestselling author, who discussed the importance of independent schools, a classical liberal arts education, and the study of Western civilization. Dr. Ferguson also met with Upper School students earlier in the day, and talked with them about history, specifically about what makes great civilizations great.

During these events, Heads of School Dr. Leonard Kupersmith, Bill Carter, and Laura McDonald remarked on the school’s impact on the community - and the children who attended TJ. Debra Humphreys, Chair of TJ’s Board of Trustees, talked about the ways TJ set the standard for academic excellence, and raised the bar for other public and private schools in the area. In his remarks, Dr. Kupersmith described some examples of what he called the “collateral benefits” for children outside the TJ community when TJ opened, including air-conditioned classrooms, Advanced Placement courses, foreign language classes, and more.

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The inaugural class of the Cavalier Hall of Fame was inducted on December 21, 2017. These first inductees created the momentum in the school’s early years to grow the athletic programs, and they earned some of the school’s first significant recognition on the conference, district, regional, and state athletic stages.

Athletes:

Mindy Schaffer ('98)
Jonathan Pintado ('99)
Grady Clemons ('00)
Kelly Desmond ('00)
Taylor Poling ('00)
Sara McDonald ('01)
Erin Oster ('01)
Allison Scott ('01)
Lindsey Standlee ('01)
Brian Black ('03)
Matthew Croxland ('05)
Jacob Guthwill ('05)
Kallin Jackson ('05)
Felicia Owen ('05)
Joshua Porte ('05)
Angela Scott ('05)
Kasey Jackson ('07)
Sam Simpson ('07)
Matthew Taylor ('07)
Mark Silva ('07)
Summer Davidson ('08)
Allison Fraum ('08)
William Humphreys ('08)
Carly Luebber ('08)
Joseph Newman ('08)
David Evans ('09)
Spenser Newman ('09)
Jordan Stauffer ('10)
Alex Oserowsky ('12)
Chris Saladin ('13)

Coaches:

Bill Carter
Mike Grove
Deborah Newkirk

Teams:

1999 & 2000 Upper School Volleyball Teams

Mya Aytote ('02), Emily Bradley ('04), Doniqua Colbert ('02), Annie Davies ('02), Kelly Desmond ('00), Elizabeth Flanigan ('04), Laura Frankowski ('03), Rachel McDonald ('04), Sara McDonald ('01), Amanda Neil, Erin Oster ('01), Taylor Poling ('00), Megan Reineke ('02), Laura Reinsvold ('04), Emily Riggs ('02), Allison Scott ('02), Lauren Standlee ('01), Kate Walkenhorst, and Coach Bev Goff

2005 Upper School Girls Track 4x400m & 4x800m Relay Team

Kallin Jackson ('05), Allison Fraum ('08), Kasey Jackson ('07), and Summer Davidson ('08)

2006 Upper School Girls Track 4x400m & 4x800m Relay Teams

Allison Fraum ('08), Kasey Jackson ('07), Drew Tills ('06), and Summer Davidson ('08)

2007 Upper School Girls Track 4x400m Relay Team

Allison Fraum ('08), Ali Weil ('10), Kasey Jackson ('07), Summer Davidson ('08)

2007 Upper School Boys Tennis Team

Cooper Banday ('10), David Evans ('10), William Humphreys ('08), Joseph Newman ('08), Spenser Newman ('09), Will Norton, Grant Oserowsky ('09), Andrew Prigmore ('10) and Coach Diego Camacho

2008 Upper School Boys Tennis Team

Cooper Banday ('10), David Evans ('10), William Humphreys ('08), Joseph Newman ('08), Spenser Newman ('09), Grant Oserowsky ('09), Carlo Prigmore ('10), William Rhoads ('07), Mark Silva ('07), Matthew Taylor ('07), and Coach Malias Oddie

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Cavaliers earn 2nd Place at MSHSAA state scholar bowl tournament

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MSHSAA record books.

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TJ students earn awards at state, advance to National History Day national contest
Congratulations to the TJ students who earned awards in the 2018 National History Day State Contest in Columbia. Ms. Freshen, Johanna Jeyaraj, Sydney Stamps, and Sonia Carlson earned 2nd Place at state in the group exhibit category, and advanced to the national contest in Maryland June 10-14. Their entry, “The Missouri-Kansas Border Wars: The Lawrence Massacre,” also won two special prizes: Freedom’s Frontier National Heritage Area Prize, and the Local History Prize. Each of the special prizes included cash awards for the students. Aeclynn Tate earned 3rd Place in the state contest for her senior individual exhibit entry “Coloring Books and Conflict: The Black Panthers, Congress, and the Origin of WC.” She is an alternate for the national contest. Grace Jacobs earned the Missouri Press Association Prize for her senior individual exhibit presentation, earning a $200 cash prize. Sania and Alizeh Hammad were finalists at the state contest in the junior group documentary category, meaning they were in the top 6. Lane Wilson was a finalist (top-6) in the senior paper category. The state competitors from TJ, including the students listed above and Evelyn Wilson, were among 600 students competing for state honors out of the more than 5,000 who initially entered in regional contests earlier in the school year.
Upper School students earn medals at regional math meet Congratulations to the 36 TJ students who competed in the 50th Annual Pittsburg State University Math Relays. Students from nearly 50 area schools competed in individual and team events, and these students earned awards (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place earned medals).

TJ students earn top awards in national Latin exam Congratulations to the TJ students who earned the top scores on the National Latin Exam, including the six Middle School students who earned a perfect score. Students in Latin I through IV earned Gold Medals for earning the highest scores, and Silver Medals for the second place scores.

Gold Medal, Summa Cum Laude: Savannah Dillard (Latin I), Thomas Herbrewe (Latin II), Sania Carlson (Latin II), Parker Woods (Latin II), Kyra Hayes (Latin III), and Shrithari Nagarajan (Latin III)
Silver Medal, Maxima Cum Laude: Dillon Dodge (Latin I), Jaden Moore (Latin I), Caroline Martucci (Latin II), Noah Hamlett (Latin II), Killian Holmes (Latin II), Sydney Stamps (Latin II), Evelyn Wilson (Latin II), Liam Chevillard (Latin I), Ian Ding (Latin I), Abhijith Jenkins (Latin I), Elias Rinder (Latin I), and Sophia Schwartz (Latin I)
Magna Cum Laude: Chris Underwood (Latin IV), Ian Parkman (Latin III), Dev Bhutal (Latin I), Anea Davis (Latin III), and Jannmire Dunn (Latin I)
Cum Laude: Olivia Renfo (Latin IV), Alivia Bead (Latin I), and Sydney Walker (Latin I),
TJ students earn top awards at national chinese speech contest Congratulations to the Middle and Upper School Chinese language students who earned top awards in the regional 2018 Year of the Dog City of Wichita Chinese Speech Contest sponsored by the University of Kansas. The students qualified by writing, memorizing, and delivering their speeches in person in front of an audience at the local contest. Of the 19 TJ finalists, 13 placed in the Top-3 in their divisions:
6th grade: 1st place: Emalene Fox; 3rd place: Alexsis Stamps
5th grade: 2nd place: Emily Delman; 3rd place: Sydney Rake
4th grade: 2nd place: Olivia Stass; 2nd place: India Robinson; Tie for 3rd place: Edwina Hsieh and Ally Jacobs
3rd grade: 2nd place: Preston Johnson; 3rd place: Beth Patterson; 2nd grade: Hannah Tripplet; 1st grade: Heritage speaker middle school division: 1st place: Jiao Jiao Nelson; 3rd place: Chengye Qian
TJ 5th graders earn 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in essay contest Congratulations to the three TJ 5th graders who earned the top awards in the 2018 ELKS Essay Contest. Students from around the region entered the competition with essays addressing “Why Our Veterans Are America’s Heroes.” Maxine Shiffed earning 1st place, and a cash prize of $50, Kiera Onyango earning 2nd place and $37.50, and Emily Zhang earning 3rd place and $25.
Upper School students earn top writing awards Congratulations to the talented TJ Upper School students who earned awards in the regional Joplin Globe 2017-2018 High School Writing Contest. High School students from around the region competed in three categories: Personal Narrative, Poetry, and Short Story, and in two grade-level divisions: 9th & 10th graders, and 11th & 12th graders. These students and their parents received the awards at the winners’ breakfast at PSU on Feb. 28, and their winning entries were published in the Saturday Joplin Globe. The winners include:
9th graders: 1st Place Team - Abhijith Jenkins, Nat Curtis, and Prithvi Nagarajan; 2nd Place Team - Alley Jacobs, Hannah Triplett, Richard Zhang, and Ammo Zhang
8th graders: 1st Place: Mary Chen; 2nd Place: Kaitlyn Presley; 3rd Place: Jiao Jiao Nelson; 4th Place: Andrew Corle, Enikeev Shifled, Sania and Alizeh Hammad, and Richard Zhang
7th graders: 2nd Place at state D.I tournament Congratulations to the team of Kaitlyn Beyerdsorfer, Eva Locher, Samantha Seto, and Sophia Sweeney (also known as “Whatever Strikes You Fancy”) on their 2nd Place finish at the Missouri State Destination Imagination tournament. Destination Imagination, is an organization whose purpose is to inspire and equip students to become the next generation of innovators and leaders, and is a leader in project-based learning experiences. Students work together in teams to solve open-ended science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics, and service learning challenges, and then present their solutions at tournaments. The TJ teams performed well in the regional tournament earlier this year, qualifying for the state tournament Saturday.
TJ team earns 1st place in MATHCOUNTS regional tournament Congratulations to the TJ Middle School MathCounts team on the performance at the regional competition at MSSU. Ten TJ Middle School students competed, and our students earned several top awards, including the 1st Place Overall Team, and 4 of the 5 top overall awards. These students earned awards, and qualified for the state competitions.
1st Place Team - Abhijith Jenkins, Nat Curtis, Shrithari Nagarajan, and Prithvi Nagarajan
2nd Place Overall, 3rd Place Countdown Round
3rd Place Overall, 1st Place Countdown Round
4th Place Overall, 2nd Place Countdown Round
5th Place Overall, 3rd Place Countdown Round
who have just completed their junior year, and candidates are selected on their leadership abilities, interest in government, service to others, and academic accomplishments, including speech and debate experiences.
Congratulations to Richard Joseph III on his selection for the Missouri Boys State program. The Boys State of Missouri summer program is a weeklong, hands-on workshop that allows students to experience the operation and fundamentals of various state government. Missouri Boys State draws the best and brightest students who have just completed their junior year in high school, and steers them toward personal and professional success through these extraordinary leadership experiences.

TJ students earn top awards at national Academic Bowl
TJ students earned awards at the 50th Annual Pittsburg State University Academic Bowl. Congratulations to the three TJ juniors who selected to participate in Missouri Girls State this summer, Lessy Ahn, Grace Jacobs, and Cyra Evans will attend the week-long leadership program at the University of Central Missouri beginning June 24. Missouri Girls State brings the best and brightest students from around the state, and pushes them to test their leadership, citizenship, and scholastic skills as they create and govern a mythical state, highlighting leadership at the city, county, and state government levels. Delegates to this program are selected by their peers and chosen by an interview and application process. Delegates are Missouri high school students.

TJ Junior selected for Boys Girls State Congratulations to the three TJ juniors selected to participate in Missouri Girls State this summer, Lessy Ahn, Grace Jacobs, and Cyra Evans will attend the week-long leadership program at the University of Central Missouri beginning June 24.

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Cavaliers sweep 1st place awards in regional math tournament.

Congratulations to the Middle School scholar bowl teams on the strong performances at the Middle School Math Tournament at TJ. This regional scholar bowl tournament includes several themed tournaments throughout the season, and teams from several schools compete. Tournament topics include History, Math, Science, and Humanities. The Cavaliers earned 1st place in all divisions, and the A and 6th grade teams were undefeated for the evening.

Speech & Debate team earns top awards at regional contest.

Congratulations to the Upper School speech and debate team on the great performance at the Clever Speech Tournament. Freshman and debate team on the great performance.

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TJ 4th grade, 6th grade win TJ Spelling Bee.

Congratulations to Daisey Drown on winning the 4th and 5th grade school spelling bee, and to Alexis Stamps for winning the 6th grade spelling bee. Daisey and Alexis advanced to the regional Joplin Globe Spelling Bee on March 19, at TJ. Vanlor Evangelista was the 2nd place finisher in the 4th and 5th grade bee, and he got out on the word “bandicoot.” In the 6th grade bee, Adeline Dunn finished 2nd, and “hedgehog” was the word she finished on. TJ “Mathletes” Earn Top Awards at Regional Contest, Advance to State

Congratulations to the TJ Mathletes who competed in the MCTM contests in Lamar (for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade) and here at TJ (for 4th, 5th, and 6th grades) at the Lamar contest: The TJ Team of Dev Bhatt, Ian Ding, Shrihari Nagarajan, and Abhijith Jenkins earned 1st place overall. Shrihari, Ian, Dev, Abhijith, and Prathilva qualified to compete in the State MCTM Middle School Competition. Individual winners were: Shrihari Nagarajan: 1st place Sprint, 1st place Target, 1st place Overall Abhijith Jenkins: 2nd place Sprint, 2nd place Target, 2nd place Overall Prathilva Nagarajan: 1st place Sprint, 3rd place Target, 1st place Overall Allison Ding: 2nd place Sprint, 3rd place Overall

The students who earned the highest academic standing (Highest GPA) in each grade were:

Middle School:
5th Grade: Emily Zhang
6th Grade: Emalre Ro
7th Grade: Richard Zhang
8th Grade: Shrihari Nagarajan

Upper School:
9th Grade: Jane Min
10th Grade: Preston Johnson
11th Grade: Aaron Wells
12th Grade: Caillen Mueller

MEL HANCOCK FREEDOM AWARDS AND COLLEGE AWARD WINNERS

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**2017-18 ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE ARTS**

**TJ Senior named to All-State Band**

Congratulations to Aaron McDonald on being named to the highly-selective Missouri All-State Honorable Mention Band. More than 240 clarinet players from high schools across the state auditioned to be part of the All-State Band.

**Middle School music students earn top ratings at regional contest**

Congratulations to the students who earned top ratings at the NED Middle School Vocal Festival. The TJ Middle School vocal ensemble earned 1+ ratings from both judges. The Purple Mixed Ensemble and the Gold Mixed Ensemble both earned 1 ratings. The Girls Ensembles received two 1s and a 2 rating. In solo performances, Eve Cartwright earned a 1, and Bria Brattin, Melinda Fauss, and Kip Atteberry each earned a 2. In Duo performances, Kip Atteberry and Luke Miller earned a 1, and Jennalee Dunn and Sydney Flake earned a 2.

**Upper School musicians earn medals at state festival**

Congratulations to the Upper School music students who performed at the MSHSAA State Music Festival in Columbia. 34 students performed solos and small ensembles for adjudication again at the MSHSAA State Music Festival in late April in Columbia, Mo. A total of 34 students performed at the state music festival. Receiving a 1 rating (Exemplary): Jane Min, flute; Brass Sextet; Tessa Wells, cello; Girls Trio. Bronze Medals: Savannah Dillard, violin; Anastasia Young, voice; Mixed Double Quartet; Ladies Sextet.

**TJ Musicians earn district and regional honors**

Congratulations to Aaron McDonald and Jane Min for being named to the Southwest Missouri All-District Honor Band. Aaron is 3rd chair clarinet, and Jane is 2nd alternate flute. Aaron was also recently named to the highly-selective Springfield Regional Youth Orchestra as 2nd chair clarinet.

**Upper School Artists Sweep at Ozark 7 Competition**

Congratulations to the talented TJ artists who earned awards at the Ozark 7 Conference Art Competition in Cassville, Mo. Awards were announced last night, and TJ students earned 22 top awards including Judge’s Choice Award and five 1st Place awards. Upper School artists in all grades earned awards, and 10 of the top awards were earned by TJ freshmen and sophomores. The artworks were on exhibit for a month at the Barry County Museum in Cassville, and then were displayed in TJ’s Gallery and Arts Lobby. The TJ students who earned top awards in the Ozark 7 Conference Art Competition are: Judge’s Choice Award: Hallah Butcher Graphite Drawing: 1st - Yang Qiu Charcoal Drawing: 1st - Cyra Evans Oil Painting: 1st - Ruchi Patel, 4th - Layla Mokhtar

**Upper School students earn Exemplary, Outstanding ratings at District Music Festival**

Congratulations to the Upper School Music students for their outstanding performances at the MSHSAA District Solo and Small Ensemble festival. The judging at this event is very demanding, and all of our groups performed exceptionally well. All entries that received a 1 rating performed for adjudication again at the MSHSAA State Music Festival in late April in Columbia, Mo. A total of 34 students performed at the state music festival. Receiving a 1 rating (Exemplary): Kelsoy Altheberry, voice; Kaisin Mixed Double Quartet (vocal); Matthew Palmer, voice; Kelsey Altheberry, piano; Simran Anis, violin; Savannah Dillard, violin; Kelsey Altheberry, cells; Quartet D’Enos (saxophones); Aaron Trio (woodwinds); Each Quartet (strings); Jane Min, flute; Aaron MacDonald, clarinet; Hannah Triplett, voice; Wells Quartet (vocal); Julianna Joseph, voice; Henry White Sextet (vocal); Savannah Dillard, piano; Nicholas Quartet (cellos); Simran Anis, violin; Kiley Quartet (strings); Savannah Dillard, piano; Jade Quartet (clarinets); Neighmond/Patterson duo (strings); Jan Palmer, saxophone; Haaris Rehman, clarinet.

**TJ Students Earn Top Awards in George Washington Carver Art and Essay Contest**

Congratulations to the TJ 4th graders who earned awards at the annual George Washington Carver 4th Grade Art and Essay Contest. The students were honored at an awards ceremony at the park. The contest celebrates students’ creativity through essay writing and creating original artwork. Based on the annual theme, student work is recognized with an art show and display of essays, plus an awards ceremony.

The TJ 4th graders earned the 1st Place award for “Most Creative Classroom,” and several individual students earned top category awards:

1st Place - Most Creative Classroom (all essays made it into the 2nd round of judging because they were written so well.)

1st place, individual art, 3-D: Sarah Cole (she was asked to describe her artwork at the ceremony)

3rd place, individual art, 3-D: Daisy Brown

3rd place Essay Category: Abbi Dickinson (she was asked to read her essay at the ceremony)

Honorable Mention, Essay Category: Tad Curtis

Nathan Cole won an honorable mention

Megan Mueller, Abbie Dickinson, and Rania Najib won honorable mention for their group project.

Karsen Myers, Silas Stone, Elliott Parker, Liam Sexton, and Brant Beyersdorfer won honorable mention for their group project.
Academic All-State Honorees:

Olive Renfro earned 1st Place in state Class 1 for the triple jump, with a distance of 36’5”. This was more than a foot longer than her personal best distance. Lane Wilson earned 4th Place overall in the 100m dash, and the girls 4x800m relay team, composed of Caroline Martucci, Austin Flake, Jaden Moore, and Caitlin Mueller, clocked its best time of the year and earned 1st Place overall.

The Upper School golf team earned 4th place overall at the Class 1 MSHSAA State Tournament. The team includes Andrew Low, Owen D’Amour, Dustin Turnbow, Coach Chris Letter, Aaron Wells, and Luke Kirk. Owen D’Amour placed 34th overall at State golf, and made the All-State team.

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Luke Kirk – 1st team All-District in golf

Noah Hamlett and Brock Conklin - Class1, District 11 doubles champions in tennis, and the team was the district champion.

Caitlin Mueller as named to the All-Area Girls Basketball Team for the 2nd year in a row.

Senior Andrew Corle was named to the Academic All-State Boys Team, and Austin Flake & Caitlin Mueller were named to the Academic All-State Girls Team.

The Upper School boys basketball team was ranked 10th in the state by the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association its poll, and TJ was the only boys Class 2 team in the region that is ranked in the Top-10.

Austin Flake – 2nd Team All-Ozark 7 Conference Basketball, Ozark 7 Conference Runner of the Year, State Qualifier in cross country

Aaron Wells – Honorable Mention, All-Ozark 7 Conference Basketball, and 1st Team All-District in golf

Hayley Neighmond – Class 1, District 11 Singles Champion and State Qualifier in tennis

Audrey Neighmond – Sectional Qualifier in tennis

Jaden Moore – State Qualifier in cross country

Caroline Martucci – 1st Team All-State Swimming

Dhruv Gheewala – Class 2, District 12 All-District Team, and 2nd Team All-Ozark 7 Conference Basketball

Caitlin Mueller – 1st Team All-Ozark 7 Conference Basketball (unanimous selection)

Chase Kellenberger – 1st Team All-Ozark 7 Conference Basketball

Catherine Lant – 1st Team All-Conference, & 1st Team All-District Volleyball Teams.

Acelynn Tate – 2nd Team All-Conference & 2nd Team All-District Volleyball Teams.

Class 1, District 6 All-District Soccer Teams:

1st Team: Aaron Wells (Defender), Thomas Hershey (Forward), 2nd Team: Brock Conklin (Goal), Humza Rehman (Midfield), Luke Goodhope (Midfield)

Junior Olivia Renfro won the state championship for the Triple Jump, and Junior Lane Wilson earned 4th in the 100m dash.

Caroline Martucci competed at the Upper School girls swimming state meet, and was named to the 1st Team All-State team.

Thomas Jefferson won the Ozark 7 Conference Sportsmanship Award for 2017-2018.

This award is voted on by conference coaches, and administrators.
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