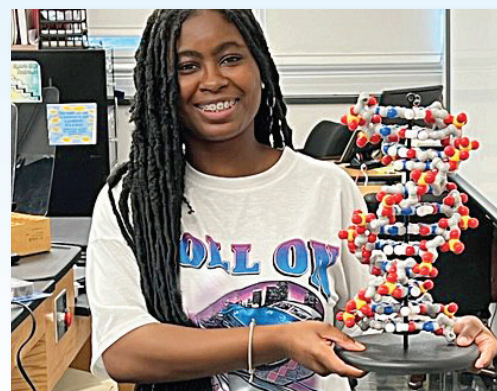


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## Central High School Students Receive Scholarships to Harris-Stowe State University

CHS students Angelica Ihim, Jada Louis, Taliya Allen, and Brijaee Morgan were awarded scholarships based on academic performance during a visit from Dr. LaTonia Collins Smith, the Interim President of Harris-Stowe State University, in December of 2021. Dr. Collins Smith surprised the students with the scholarship news after sharing a presentation about the college admissions process. The scholarships cover the full cost of tuition.



## East High School Student Builds DNA Model

Paris Prince, a junior at EHS, built an intricate DNA model to help her Principles of Biomedical Sciences classmates better understand DNA structure in the fall of 2021. Prince, who dreams of attending Saint Louis University to study nursing, is passionate about the science behind human life.

## West High School Student Targets Health Disparities in Scholarship Acceptance Speech

Omolabake Oyebamiji, a senior at WHS, used her scholarship acceptance speech at the annual Christian Hospital Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration in January of 2022 to put a spotlight on health disparities. "It's a systemic issue that requires a systemic approach," she said. "My dream is to advocate for social justice to be infused into health care to address disparities." Oyebamiji, who was awarded the Drum Major Scholarship at the event, intends on pursuing a career in health administration. "I hope to show people of color that there is a space for them in health care," she said. The Drum Major Scholarship is awarded based on academic achievement, community service, and a scholarship essay.



# Hazelwood School District

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Greetings Hazelwood School District Community,

Since March of 2020, our learning community has been navigating the unthinkable – educating students during a pandemic. Throughout this unprecedented challenge, our Board of Education, administrators, faculty, and staff have remained committed to putting the needs of our students first.

Reasonable people can disagree about the best way forward; in fact, I am encouraged by our stakeholders' passionate and diverse opinions. They serve as confirmation that our learning community cares about education. I am also encouraged by what we have learned during the pandemic.

First and foremost, we learned that our students are incredibly resilient. With their example in mind, we have a duty to offer the best possible learning environment. I have always believed that face-to-

## From the Desk of the Superintendent

face instruction is the best way to support students' academic, social, and emotional development. After a full calendar year of virtual instruction and hard work from students, parents, faculty, and staff, my long-held belief was confirmed. We also learned that daily in-person interaction puts our faculty and staff in the best position to utilize their unique talents.

To help provide a safe learning environment for our students, faculty, and staff, HSD has implemented some of the strongest and most consistent COVID-19 mitigation strategies of any district in the country. In addition to utilizing personal protective equipment (PPE) and hospital-grade cleaning procedures, all district employees must be vaccinated or participate in weekly COVID-19 testing. More than 1,000 HSD students have been vaccinated through the district vaccine events, and many more students have been vaccinated through other avenues. Additionally, we continue to provide COVID-19 testing and vaccine resources for the community through our award-winning *Help Hazelwood Get Healthy* campaign.

Thanks to the hard work of our students, parents, faculty, staff, community partners, and board members, HSD remains a shining example of all that can be accomplished when people work together toward a common goal.

Thank you for your ongoing support and efforts.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart*

Superintendent of Hazelwood School District



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## East, Central High School CAPS Students Present Innovation Project to Hospital Leaders

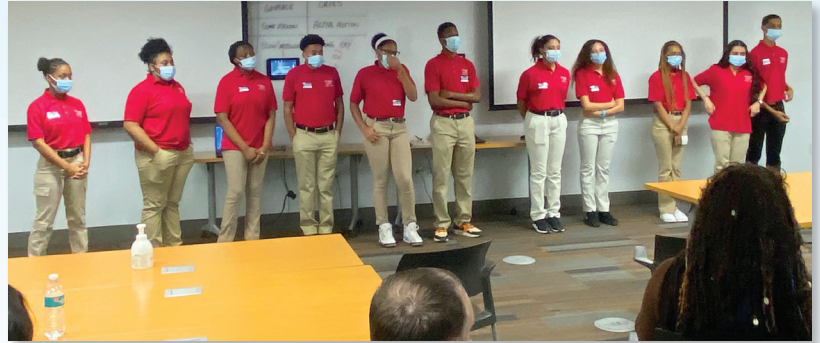
EHS and CHS students presented a medical innovation project to Christian Hospital leaders, including Rick Stevens, the President of Christian Hospital, in December of 2021.

The district's Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) made the unique opportunity possible. The students' presentation focused on transforming emergency departments to handle modern needs.

Through their Biomedical Innovations class, the students defined specific problems that emergency departments face and how to meet patient needs. For the presentation, the students designed an emergency room focused on patient wait times and efficiency.

CAPS, which is a national high school program, helps students learn to solve real-world problems.

Later this year, the students will present their project to the Missouri Hospital Association and Workforce Development. The project will also be entered in the Health Occupations Students of America competition.



The following students participated in the project:

- Iyinoluwa Praise-Elikem Aruwajoye
- Samantha Bahre
- Tayah Burnett
- Brennen Cannon
- Celina Colon Perez
- Brian Hunter
- Angelica Ihim
- Jeramel Meeks
- Melodie Mwangi
- Siya Patel
- Da'Shonda Payne

## West High School Softball Star Commits to Missouri Baptist University

Abigail Cafolla, a WHS senior, is leaving her mark on the softball field and in the classroom. Abigail, who has committed to play softball at Missouri Baptist University next year, led the conference in batting average and triples during the 2021 season.

"Abigail is a gifted athlete who sets a great example for her teammates," Subrinia Chappelle, Athletics & Activities Director of WHS, said. "She is also a very high achieving student."

Abigail has taken more than 30 honors and AP classes during her time at WHS. She dreams of becoming a corporate lawyer.





## Meet the School Board Candidates

Two HSD Board of Education seats are open in the April 5, 2022, election. The seats that will be filled are two three-year seats. The four candidates are listed below in the order they appear on the ballot. The biographies were written by the candidates, and they were not edited by the Communications and Public Relations Department.

### Filed for 3-year Expired Seats



**Kevin R. Langley**

My wife and I have lived in the Hazelwood School District since my retirement from the Navy in 2011. Our two young children attend HSD schools.

I have been a parent in the Hazelwood School District since my son started kindergarten in 2013. I expect to remain an HSD parent until my youngest child graduates in 2032. As a parent of HSD students and as a

taxpayer within the boundaries of HSD, I have great interest in upholding the highest standards within the educational programs offered while also maintaining fiscal responsibility to maximize the educational impact of every dollar spent.

My background has provided me with extensive and unique experiences to support service on the Board of Education. Prior to joining the Navy, I served as a bookkeeper at an insurance agency. This provided me with a strong foundation in financial responsibility.

During my Navy service, regular transfers exposed me to parental and volunteer experiences, and practices and policies in eight school districts spanning five states. These experiences included the design, planning, and implementation of a mentorship program for a Department of Defense school.

In 2016, I received my Bachelor's Degree in Educational Studies from UMSL. I followed that by earning a Master's Degree in Secondary Education in May of 2021, also from UMSL.

I am seeking election to the Board of Education to take an active role in ensuring HSD students are prepared with the skills and knowledge required to be successful now and in the future.



**Cheryl D. Latham**

(Incumbent)

I moved to North St. Louis County with my family almost 21 years ago from Florida. As an Army family, we've lived in several diverse communities, including military bases. My involvement with Hazelwood School District began with volunteering in the school my sons attended. Next, I became involved in PTA and held many key leadership roles at the building, district, and state-level. I also served on or co-chaired many school and district-wide committees.

I quickly came to love and appreciate our small, close-knit school community. I was impressed by all the positive aspects of our school community, but I also noticed opportunities for growth. With that in mind, I pursued a seat on the Hazelwood Board of Education. Thanks to the support of our wonderful stakeholders, I joined the Board in 2007. Since then, I have championed many issues related to student achievement, parent engagement, and equity. It has been an honor and a tremendous responsibility to participate in the decision-making process on behalf of our students. I advocate for all our 18,000+ students as if they were my own.

I am seeking re-election to the Hazelwood Board of Education because I believe the well-being of our children is our community's most sacred trust. Access to a high-quality education is an essential component of child well-being. As a Board member, I will continue to advocate for all students to have access to the resources, supports, and interventions needed to reach their fullest potential. A strong school district ensures we have a vibrant, safe community where we can all thrive. I have the experience and preparation needed to shepherd our district through the challenging times we currently face in public education.

To continue my growth as a leader in education, I earned the Master Board member certification through the Missouri School Boards' Association (MSBA). The certification focuses on contemporary issues in education, particularly closing the opportunity gap and the disproportionate impact of suspensions and expulsions on children of color. Additionally, I've been a presenter at MSBA's state conference on two separate occasions.

Professionally, I have worked in the child welfare sector for more than 25 years. Currently, I am the Chief Program Officer at CASA of St. Louis. In that role, I advocate for the best interests of children and youth who have experienced abuse and neglect and are in foster care. My professional background also includes serving as a 6th-grade teacher in Louisiana. In addition to that, I taught GED/ABE courses for at-risk youth in Florida.

I am a graduate of Fisk University. My husband and I have been married for 35 years. We have two sons, who are both graduates of Hazelwood Central High School. We are also the proud grandparents of nine; two attend HSD schools. I am a proud member of the St. Louis Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated.

VOTE



VOTE

Election Day: April 5, 2022

## Filed for 3-year Expired Seats

**Myia Banks**

It's my pleasure to have lived in the Hazelwood School District for six years. I'm a wife, mother and grandmother. I am currently servicing our community as the business owner of Banks Notary and Certified Signing Agent L.L.C. Additionally, I've been blessed to hold leadership positions with companies AT&T, Inc and Wells Fargo and have co-written training manuals for Home Depot and Edward Jones.

I possess an Associate Degree in Business Management and am actively pursuing a Bachelor's in Business Administration. As a parent with a child in our Hazelwood School District, I understand every parent should desire to be involved in their children's education and day-to-day operations of the school district.

I am willing to be a fresh face at the table, I'm confident I can assist in creating and evolving with the positive changes to our students educational curriculum, and by suggesting and adding much needed life skills courses for our children. These are necessary for whatever career path they may choose. My past job and life experiences afford me the skills and clarity to keep our community informed.

If selected as a board member, I will embrace an open door policy to address any needs that our students, teachers, and our district may have. I am also committed to resolving any issues as they arise. It would be an honor to represent Hazelwood School District! I am YOU! Because I'm a product of OUR community, and I'm well versed with the necessities, skills and support needed in OUR community to enable OUR children and OUR teachers to be even more successful. Please allow me to represent OUR values that matter on the Hazelwood School District Board. I thank you in advance for the opportunity!

**Sparkl West-Pruitt**

Sparkl West-Pruitt has lived in the Hazelwood School District since 2012. She was nominated to the Hazelwood School Board of Education in November 2020. She has always been an active leader in the HSD PTA, serving as Hazelwood PTA Council President, Missouri PTA Executive Board, Local Unit President at various schools, Membership Chair, Teacher Appreciation Chair, and more. In addition, she serves on several committees within the district: Budget Committee (Curriculum), HSD Ambassador, Key Communicator, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Solutions Group.

Mrs. West-Pruitt has used her passion and history for advocating for public education, students, and teachers long before moving to St. Louis. She volunteers at several schools on a daily basis, assisting teachers, encouraging students, building relationships, and helping out wherever needed. She has been a volunteer of the year in 2018 and 2019. In addition to volunteering with PTA, she continues to volunteer with other organizations like the Women's Empowerment Network, Sickle Cell Association, NAACP, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, and American Business Women's Association (ABWA)

Sparkl was born in Japan and attended public school when her family moved to the United States. She has a Bachelor's degree in Communications from Georgia Institute of Technology and an Associates degree in Artist Management from the Music Business Institute. She is currently enrolled in Purdue University for Diversity and Inclusion. She has several years of experience in management, leadership, customer service, and negotiations from owning her own company; Infinity West, Inc. to the worldwide travels managing musical tours.

Mrs. West-Pruitt is married with two children, one attends high school in HSD. She has previous BOE experience and has attended the state board training session. She is seeking a position on the HSD BOE to promote transparency, diversity & Inclusion, and a global enriched education while she continues to advocate for students, teachers, parents, & community.

VOTE

# Russell Elementary School Student Takes Leadership Role in Fight Against COVID-19

Sadie Jethroe, 6, is one of the first HSD elementary school students to receive the first dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. The FDA recommended the vaccine for elementary-age children in October of 2021.

Sadie is a first-grader at Russell Elementary School. Her mother, Augusta Orbin, called the decision to get her daughter vaccinated “an easy choice.”

With family members by her side, Sadie received the first dose in November of 2021.

“Sadie was very excited, but she was a little nervous,” Orbin said. “Throughout the pandemic, we talked with her about how the vaccine would help protect her and others.”

Orbin said communicating with a pediatrician was the key to helping her determine what was best for Sadie.

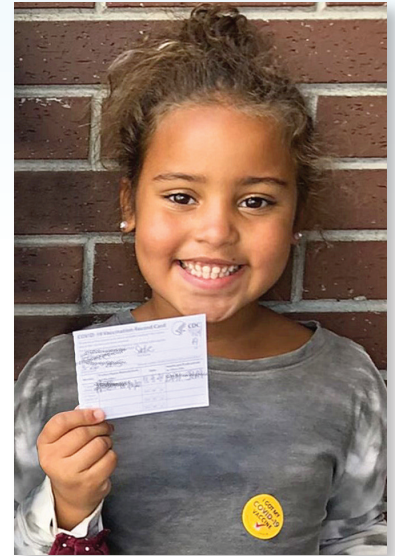
“I encourage parents to talk with pediatricians since they are the medical experts,” Orbin said.

Dr. Lisa Strauther, Principal of Russell Elementary, said she was not surprised by Sadie’s bravery.

“Sadie is a courageous student who cares deeply about others,” Dr. Strauther said. “We are glad she is part of our school community.”

Moments after getting the first dose, a picture of Sadie smiling was captured to document the experience. “It is important, and we are proud of her,” Orbin said.

Sadie received her second dose in December of 2021.



## ALL RETURNING HSD STUDENTS

Online Registration & Enrollment  
for the 2022-2023 School Year  
Begins March 21!



## ALL NEW STUDENTS TO HSD

Online Registration & Enrollment  
for the 2022-2023 School Year  
Begins June 6!

*For more information, visit [www.hazelwoodschoools.org](http://www.hazelwoodschoools.org).*

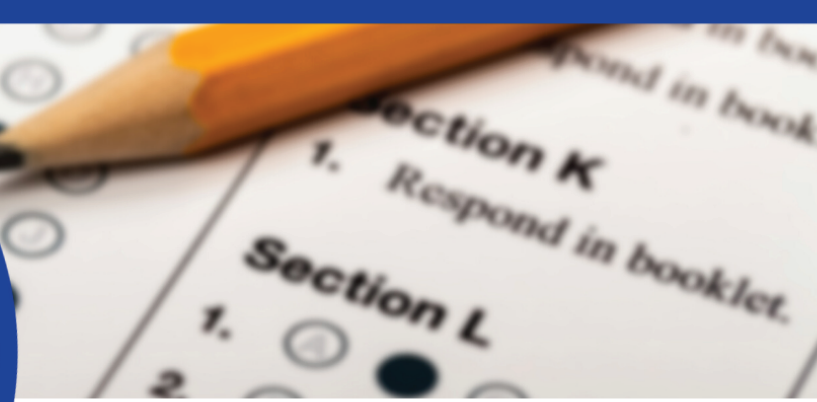


# HSD Launches Campaigns to Engage Stakeholders & Support Schools



**BE THE  
BEST  
ON THE  
TEST**

Hazelwood  
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District



In April of 2022, HSD students will take state tests. In line with our culture of high expectations, our goal is to increase state test scores and ***Be the Best on the Test.***

## Benefits of performing well on state tests include:

### **For Students**

- Increasing student confidence
- Additional scholarship opportunities
- Dispelling myths about the likelihood of first-generation college students succeeding
- Creating a culture of high achievement
- Attracting college recruiters

### **For the District**

- Remaining fully accredited
- Dispelling false narratives about predominantly Black school districts
- Remaining financially stable
- Additional community partnership opportunities
- Attracting more students and employees

### **For the Community**

- Attracting new residents and businesses to the area
- Higher property values
- Additional tax revenue
- Reducing the number of vacant homes
- Increasing community pride

## Campaigns Continued



The *No Guns in School* campaign specifically targets guns and mobilizes students, parents, and the community to partner with the district to achieve one goal - *No Guns in School*. ***Did you know that a student who brings a gun to school will be suspended for up to 180 days? Additionally, barring extenuating circumstances, the student will be expelled, which means they will not be able to attend any public school in the state of Missouri.***

The key to achieving the campaign goal is participation from all stakeholders. The information below explains specific ways each stakeholder group can support the campaign.

### Students

- Do not bring guns to school.
- If you become aware of anything that threatens the safety of our learning community, immediately alert an administrator or file a report through the anonymous HSD Safety Tip Line (314-281-4584, [tipline@hazelwoodschoools.org](mailto:tipline@hazelwoodschoools.org)).
- Hold your peers accountable by reminding them about the consequences of bringing a gun to school.
- Promote the campaign amongst your peers.

### Parents

- Talk with your student about the importance of staying away from guns.
- Know what your student brings to school each day.
- If you become aware of anything that threatens the safety of our learning community, immediately alert an administrator or file a report through the anonymous HSD Safety Tip Line.
- Talk with other parents about the campaign.

### District

- Conduct relationship-building activities involving students, Safety Officers, Safety Monitors, Administrators, Faculty, and Staff.
- Implement incentive programs for schools that do not have incidents related to guns.

### Community

- Report school-aged children in our community who you suspect have a gun to the police or to the HSD Safety Tip Line.
- Gun owners should store guns in a locked case, safe, or cabinet away from children.



## Top Teachers and Staff of the 2021-2022 School Year Honored

HSD is fortunate to have extraordinary teachers and support staff. Their commitment to students and their craft is awe-inspiring. Each school year, the district celebrates the District-Level Teacher of the Year, Building-Level Teachers of Year, and Support Staff of the Year. In February of 2022, HSD named Sarah Hecht the District-Level Teacher of the Year.

Hecht, a McCurdy Elementary School second-grade teacher, has been with the district for seven years. She is also an HSD graduate and parent. Hecht, the Building-Level Teachers of the Year, and Support Staff of the Year were honored during the PTA Founders' Day virtual event in February. Below is the complete list of honorees.



Mrs. Sarah Hecht,  
District-Level Teacher of the Year

### Teachers of the Year honorees:

Early Childhood Center - Katrina Bussen  
 Armstrong Elementary School - Darnetta D. Wafford  
 Arrowpoint Elementary School - Shonda Northern  
 Barrington Elementary School - Michele Lashly  
 Brown Elementary School - Tonya Felicia Jackson  
 Cold Water Elementary School - Shaunn Simmons  
 Garrett Elementary School - Molly Gibbs  
 Grannemann Elementary School - Asia McClain  
 Jamestown Elementary School - Alana Huddleston  
 Jana Elementary School - Brittany Taussig  
 Jury Elementary School - Amy Johnson  
 Keeven Elementary School - Mary Abegg  
 Larimore Elementary School - Rochelle M. Jordan  
 Lawson Elementary School - Susan Gentry  
 Lusher Elementary School - Elizabeth DeSilva  
 McCurdy Elementary School - Sarah Hecht  
 McNair Elementary School - Daniel Evert

Russell Elementary School - Sara Garland  
 Townsend Elementary School - Stephanie Marrero  
 Twillman Elementary School - John Phillips  
 Walker Elementary School - Donisha Abdul-Mumin  
 Hazelwood Central Middle School - Michael Walls  
 Hazelwood East Middle School - Monekea Smith-Taylor  
 Hazelwood North Middle School - Diane Beers-Gallop  
 Hazelwood Northwest Middle School - Stephanie Brazuk  
 Hazelwood Southeast Middle School - Tanika Harper-Hoover  
 Hazelwood West Middle School - Amanda Weber  
 Hazelwood Central High School - Wendy Reeves  
 Hazelwood East High School - Chuck Orlando  
 Hazelwood West High School - Myronna Pryor  
 Hazelwood Opportunity Center - Tirsha S. LeNoir  
 Hazelwood GALACTIC - Carrie Ziolkowski  
 English Learners - Sheri Lawson

### Support Staff of the Year honorees:

Child Nutrition - Lesley Kocurek  
 Child Nutrition - Melody Dupree  
 Clerical - Joan Everett  
 Clerical - Laura Augsburger  
 Clerical - Tracy Colton  
 Counselor - Alissa Erbs  
 Custodial - Emanuel Williams  
 Custodial - Eric Henderson

Maintenance - Richard Maness Sr.  
 Nurse/Clinic Aide - Rachel Benjamin  
 Professional/Technical - Mulugeta Chekol  
 Security - Daymon McGhee  
 Social Worker - Monique Goris  
 Teacher Assistant/Building Aide - Anthony Hinton  
 Teacher Assistant/Building Aide - Verna Taylor  
 Transportation - Kernell Watson

## Elementary Schools Make PRiME Growth Scores Regional Top 10 List

Policy Research in Missouri Education (PRiME) Center ranked three HSD schools in the Top 10 PRiME Growth Score in the St. Louis region for student growth in the fall of 2021. This ranking is part of the Missouri Regional Student Growth Report. **Barrington Elementary School** ranked third in the St. Louis region for English Language Arts. **Brown Elementary School** ranked tenth in the St. Louis region for English Language Arts and fourth in Mathematics. **Lawson Elementary School** ranked eighth in the St. Louis region for Mathematics. The Missouri Regional Student Growth Report highlights the top schools in each Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education supervisory region that are moving student learning forward the fastest. Student growth is examined by scores on the Missouri Assessment Program, which is an annual standardized assessment.



## New JAG Initiates and Leadership Team Announced

HSD announced new Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) initiates and leadership team in December of 2021. Students who won office positions with JAG and the new initiates were recognized during a recent ceremony at the Opportunity Center. JAG is a public/private partnership that provides students across the country with unique instruction, training, and leadership opportunities.

### Leadership Team:

- President: Ameyah Maxie
- VP of Leadership Development: Savannah Jost
- VP of Career Development: Morgan Thomas
- VP of Social Awareness: Deandre Henderson
- VP of Civic Awareness: N'Thaniel Broyles
- VP of Community Community Service: Jonique White
- Secretary: Jorden Goodwin
- Awareness Builder: Janiah Thompson



### New Initiates:

- Eric Ballard
- Lashari Hayes
- Justin Johnson
- Correi Hardin
- Re'My Martin
- Angel Cooney
- Shanti Moore
- Janiah Thompson





**Diane  
Livingston**



**Dr. Zella  
Williams**



**Margo  
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**Sylvester  
Taylor II**



**Cheryl D.  
Latham**



**Betsy  
Rachel**



**Dr. Brenda C.  
Youngblood**

## A Message from the Board

In September of 2021, the Board of Education received an Outstanding Government Achievement Award from the East-West Gateway Council of Governments for the district's Statement of Solidarity, which addresses longstanding diversity, equity, and inclusion issues in our learning community. While the recognition was greatly appreciated, we, the Board, view the award as a challenge to do more in this crucial space.

*Our students depend on us to get this right.*

Since releasing the Statement of Solidarity in July of 2020, the Board has engaged in vigorous exchanges of ideas and taken concrete action steps to address diversity, equity, and inclusion issues. Throughout the process, our focus has been inward. While the Board is well aware of the inequities and systematic racism that exists in our society, our first obligation is to address our own issues.

To help accomplish our primary task, the Board approved a ground-breaking Racial Equity Policy that empowers district

administrators, faculty, and staff to do the work necessary to create a welcoming and safe learning environment for all students. The policy is adhered to in all HSD schools.

In October of 2021, the district created a district-wide Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Solutions Group. The group, which meets bi-monthly, includes students, parents, employees, alumni, and area residents. Through development activities, group discussions, and data analysis, the group will make significant progress in identifying solutions to issues that have plagued education for generations.

While we are proud of the district's progress, we recognize that this is just the start of a journey that will require sustained commitment. Our community can rest assured, knowing that the Board is built for this journey. We will not stop or pause for anything that stands in the way of creating and nurturing a diverse, equitable, and inclusive learning environment for all HSD students.

## HSD Learning Community Shines During MLK Celebrations

In January of 2022, the talent that exists in HSD was on full display during celebrations that honored the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. From oratory contests to scholarship essays, HSD shined.

Jiyu Zhang, a WHS student, Reva Gomes, a CHS parent, and Lynda Phillips, a Keeven Elementary School teacher assistant, are among the winners of the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratory Contest. The contest, which is sponsored by St. Louis Community College at Florissant

Valley and North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice, gives community members a chance to share their thoughts about Dr. King.

During the Christian Hospital Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, Eryonne Jefferson, a CHS student, and Omolabake Oyebamiji, a WHS student, were awarded the Drum Major Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded based on academic achievement, community service, and a scholarship essay.



Jiyu Zhang



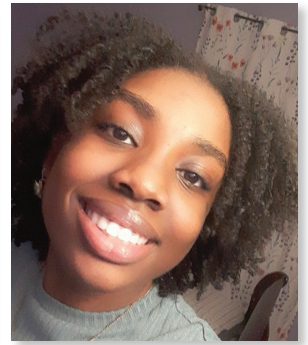
Reva Gomes



Lynda Phillips



Eryonne Jefferson



Omolabake Oyebamiji

## HSD Educators Display Pride Flags to Promote Welcoming Environment

Several classrooms across the district have the Pride flag on display. The flag, which was created in 1978, is a symbol of support for the LGBTQIA+ community.

“Inclusion and support are crucial to the well-being of our students, teachers, and staff,” Jazell Thomas, HSD Coordinator of Counseling and Social Work Services, said. “Displaying the Pride flag is a great way to reinforce our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.”

The district also has a wide range of LGBTQIA+ related resources available on the district website.





## English Language Learners Express Ideas Through Visual Storytelling

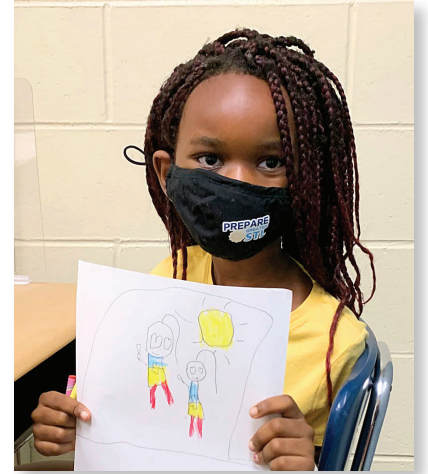


Noura Abdelghafoor, an English Language (EL) teacher at Lusher Elementary School, uses visual storytelling activities to help multilingual students express themselves.

A recent activity started with reading the book *My Friends* by Taro Gomi.

said. “The idea is to practice translating your thoughts into a story.”

Joy Muriuki’s picture depicts her enjoying popsicles with a friend on a hot summer day. Joy is a first-grade student who loves warm weather.



“It is wonderful to see students find new ways to express themselves and connect with others,” Abdelghafoor said.

“After we read the book, students created illustrations to convey a memory they have of a friend,” Abdelghafoor

## St. Louis Suburban School Counselor Association names Tonya Jackson the 2021-2022 Counselor of the Year

Tonya Jackson, a Brown Elementary School Counselor, has been named the 2021-2022 Counselor of the Year by the St. Louis Suburban School Counselor Association for her outstanding service and leadership.

“HSD is committed to being a leader in addressing the mental health of students,” Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart, Superintendent of HSD, said. “Ms. Jackson embodies that commitment, and we are fortunate to have her in our district.”

Ms. Jackson learned about the honor during a surprise visit from members of the Association and district leaders at her school on January 31, 2022.

“I feel so honored,” she said. “I am grateful to

work with so many wonderful educators and students.”

Ms. Jackson has been an elementary school counselor for four years.





# Hazelwood School District

"A Culture of High Expectations and Excellence!"

Proudly representing

**43** languages

and **59** countries in HSD

**Welcome to our school!**

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## Christian Bertel Nominated for National LifeChanger of the Year Award

Congratulations to Christian Bertel, HSD Coordinator of Health Services, on her LifeChanger of the Year nomination. LifeChanger is a national program that recognizes school district employees for the positive difference they make in students' lives. Her expertise in the health care field and work ethic have helped HSD navigate one of the most challenging times in the history of education. HSD is incredibly thankful to Mrs. Bertel for her dedication to our students, employees, families, and community members.



## Elementary School Sisters Earn Unprecedented Recognition



The Reyes sisters, from Jana Elementary School, went three for three in Student of the Month awards in January of 2022.

In an unprecedented coincidence, Savannah Reyes, a third-grader; Sophia Reyes, a kindergartner; and Juliana Reyes, a first-grader, all won Jana Student of the Month awards.

"They are special students and deserve this recognition," Relanda Hobbs, Principal of Jana Elementary, said. "They inspire their classmates to do their best each day." The Reyes sisters were selected by their individual teachers for academic achievement, good character, and leadership.



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**Hazelwood East Middle School 8th Grade Center**

Located at Hazelwood East High School, the 8th Grade Center offers students innovative classes to prepare them for careers in growing professions.

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For more information, visit [www.hazelwoodschools.org/ems](http://www.hazelwoodschools.org/ems).

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Pay Range: \$16.52 - \$19.72 / Per Hour

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Pay Range: \$15.00 - \$37.59 / Per Hour

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Pay rates are for the 2022-2023 school year and will go into effect on July 1, 2022.

**Employee Benefits**

- ✓ District Paid Medical, Dental, & Life Insurance
- ✓ Personal Leave Days
- ✓ Tuition Reimbursement
- ✓ Employee Assistance Program

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**HSD Student Overcomes Obstacles to Star on the Baseball Diamond**

In the fall of 2021, Madison Farr, a fourth-grader at Cold Water Elementary School, was awarded the Billiken/Academy Sports + Outdoors All-Star Award.

St. Louis University Athletics and Academy Sports + Outdoors partnered to honor five extraordinary athletes who have overcome difficult obstacles to succeed. Farr, who excelled in the Softball Youth All-American Games and USSSA All American Games last summer, has sickle cell disease.

"I try to make the most out of each chance I get," Farr said. "Sometimes it's hard, but I keep trying."

Despite her battle with pain and fatigue, Farr finished the fall season with a .636 batting average.

Leslie Farr, Madison's father, said that his daughter "always strives to be the best, and she does not let anything hold her back."

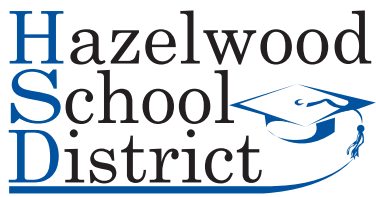
In addition to being a great athlete, Farr is a high-achieving student.



To apply, visit [www.hazelwoodschools.org](http://www.hazelwoodschools.org).

**Parent University**

Parent University offers HSD families key resources to help navigate educational challenges and opportunities. Through Parent U workshops, events, videos, resources, and programs, parents receive the tools they need to support their children. Additional information about Parent U can be found at [www.hazelwoodschools.org](http://www.hazelwoodschools.org).



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In a culture of high expectations and excellence, our students will become lifelong learners equipped with 21st Century skills for success as global citizens.