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CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

Russell Elementary School 5th grade teacher Georgen Collier helps students Raymere Jackson, Claire Jones, Ma'Kenzie Gilbert, Miracle Harris, work a science experiment they found on the NIE page of the newspaper.

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St. Louis American Girls Fab Five All Stars

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The members of the 2020 St. Louis American Girls "Fab Five" All-Star Team represent



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sophomore Saniah Tyler of Incarnate Word. The two forwards who patrol the inside for this team are seniors Jakayla Kirk of Hazelwood Central and Jasmine Manuel of Rockwood Summit.

Here is a look at the first team members of the St. Louis American "Fab Five" Girls All-Star Team.

Jakayla Kirk (Hazelwood Central): The senior power



forward led the Hawks to a Final Four berth in the Class 5 state tournament. She is a strong low-post player who could also dominate on the boards. Kirk averaged 18.9 points, 9.0 rebounds and 2.1 steals in leading the Hawks to a 20-9 record.

Que Love (Edwardsville): An outstanding senior point guard who was the floor leader and catalyst for the Tigers, who won the Southwestern Conference championship and a regional title. Love averaged 11.4

points, 2.4 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 2.5 steals while running the show and playing stellar defense.

Jasmine Manuel (Summit): The 6'3" senior was a dom-

inant force in the paint in leading the Falcons to a berth in the Class 4 state quarterfinals. Manuel averaged 17.1 points and 12.6 rebounds to lead Summit to a 26-4 record. She scored 28 points in a

district championship victory over Westminster Christian. Manuel finished her career as the school's leader in scoring and rebounding. She has signed with Tuskegee.

Jordan Peete (Ladue): An excellent senior point guard who led the Rams to one of their best seasons in many years. She was excellent at both ends of the court as she averaged

16 points, 3.5 rebounds, 5.3 assists and 3.4 steals in leading Ladue to a 23-5 record and a

berth in the Class 4 state quarterfinals. She has committed to Lipscomb University.

Saniah Tyler (Incarnate Word): The sophomore standout is the latest in the long line of tremendous point guards



at Incarnate Word. She excelled at both ends of the court and could take over games in clutch situations with her scoring and passing.

Tyler averaged 11.8 points, 4.2 assists and 2.6 steals in leading the Red Knights to a 27-4 record and yet another Final Four berth in the Class 4 state tournament.

St. Louis American "Fab Five" Girls All-Star Teams

First Team

Jakayla Kirk 5'10"
Hazelwood Central (Sr.)

Que Love 5'4"
Edwardsville (Sr.)

Jasmine Manuel 6'3"

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Summit (Sr.)
Jordan Peete 5'6" Ladue (Sr.)
Saniah Tyler 5'7"
Incarnate Word (Soph)

Second Team

Faith Bland 5'10" Metro (Sr.)
Kelsey Blakemore 5'9"
Whitfield (Jr.)
Jayla Kelly 6'3"
Parkway Central (Sr.)
Kennedi Watkins 5'11"
Marquette (Jr.)
Aliyah Williams 5'4"
Parkway North (Jr.)

Third Team

Mia Collins 5'10" Ladue (Sr.)
Kayla Gordon 5'5"
O'Fallon (Sr.)
Sydney Harris 6'0"
Edwardsville (Soph.)
Azaria Hulbert 5'6"
Francis Howell Central (Sr.)
Raychel Jones 5'10"
Vashon (Fr.)

Fourth Team

Marshaun Bostic 5'9"
Gateway STEM (Jr.)
Jessica Brooks 5'10"
MICDS (Sr.)
Antuanae Garrett 5'6"
Miller Career Academy (Sr.)
Jade Moore 5'6"

Whitfield (Sr.)
Vanessa Polk 6'3"
John Burroughs (Soph)

Fifth Team

Jalayah Green 5'10" Holt (Jr.)
Mykel Mathews 5'6"
Hazelwood West (Sr.)
Nariyah Simmons 5'3"
Hazelwood Central (Jr.)
Keisha Watkins 5'8"
Northwest (Sr.)
Daniyah Ward 6'0"
Lift for Life (Jr.)

Austin Achievement Awards

Player of the Year:

Jasmine Manuel (Summit)

Coach of the Year:

Chantell Polk
(Hazelwood Central)

Freshman of the Year:

Raychel Jones (Vashon)

Sophomore of the Year:

Saniah Tyler (Incarnate Word)

Junior of the Year:

Aliyah Williams
(Parkway North)

Senior of the Year:

Jasmine Manuel (Summit)

Area school buildings to stay closed, in-person instruction suspended for remainder of school year



St. Louis County Schools, St. Louis City Public Schools and St. Louis Charter Schools announced today that their buildings will remain closed through the end of this school year, although learning and support services will continue through each district's last day of school.

“This decision was extremely difficult, but it is imperative that we take bold measures to further mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and help save lives in our community,” A joint statement signed by several area districts read. “This decision follows recommendations from local health departments and is in collaboration with government officials. We will continue to follow their guidance as we make decisions on end of year events in the best interest of the health and safety of our students, staff, and communities. All school districts listed below are included in this extended school closure. Individual school districts will be in contact with their communities to provide additional information.”

The announcement came just after Missouri Governor Mike Parson ordered all public, private and charter schools to remain closed for in-person [instruction for the remainder of the school year](#).

“While our school buildings are closed, our commitment to continue providing support for our students, staff, families, and community remains unwavering,” the statement from the districts read.

State education officials said that remote learning should take place until the school year ends and Parson said that districts can also continue doing outreach to their communities, including providing lunch programs to many students.



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Keeven Elementary (St. Louis, Mo.) in the Hazelwood School District will teach students guitar during music classes, using grant funds to purchase guitars, music stands and electric tuners.



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Hazelwood West High School (Hazelwood, MO) will present Writers Week, a four-day program that allows students, teachers and professional writers to present original stories, essays, poems, and songs to the student body.