

Scholarship Recipients



Carlenzia Gilbert, a senior at the Hazelwood Opportunity Center, received a \$500 scholarship from the Christian Hospital Foundation on Friday, Jan. 18. Gilbert received the scholarship at the second-annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Luncheon, hosted by the Foundation. Gilbert plans to attend Southern University and pursue a double major in Health Administration and Hospitality Management. She was recognized for her leadership within the Hazelwood School District, as she is a member of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Board and an exceptional building leader at the Opportunity Center.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Women's health workshop brings awareness to community

Empowering a community with knowledge.

That was the focus of the Hazelwood School District's Women's Health Workshop on Jan. 10.

The district partnered with Dr. Lannis Hall to provide a free, hour-long presentation on women's health and breast cancer awareness for the community.

Hall is the Director of Radiation Oncology at Siteman Cancer Center in St. Peters and Assistant Professor of Clinical Radiation Oncology at the Washington University School of Medicine; she spoke about the alarming trends and increased rates at which breast cancer affects African-American women in the St. Louis region, and how all women can access treatment and spread awareness.

An audience of about 40 people listened in and later asked questions and shared some of their own experiences with Hall.

Among the attendees was Gretchen Smith, a two-time cancer survivor and board member for Valeda's Hope, a St. Louis-based group dedicated to educating women on health issues.

For Smith, it's a matter of taking her story and empowering women to help one another.

"When I was diagnosed with cancer in 2016, I was so afraid and I felt like I was frozen in time," she said. "But now my ears are different and I'm hearing it differently, and I just realize the importance of it even more, and how important it is for us to have this conversation."

Hall spoke about a number of facts and figures related



to breast cancer, many of which might be eye-opening to those hearing them for the first time.

For example, breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosis in women, with 230,000 diagnosed annually in the U.S.

Hall also noted that African-American women are more likely to develop the disease before the age of 45, and African-American and Hispanic women are 30 to 60 percent more likely to have a later stage of the disease at the time of diagnosis.

Attendees also learned about risk factors related to breast cancer, and the various facilities and providers available to women in the area.

The Jan. 10 workshop was one of four workshops giv-

en by Hall in the district; she gave presentations to girls at all three Hazelwood high schools in October and November.

Most importantly, Hall emphasized that she hopes these workshops can serve as the start of a movement, one that inspires women of all ages to take action for the sake of their own health and for that of others.

After attending the workshop, Smith wholeheartedly agrees.

"For us to sit here and get this information, to hold onto it and not pass it on, that's what we can't do," she said. "I share this information all the time and pass it on."



Hazelwood East student slaps teacher on video, school district investigating



NORTH ST. LOUIS (KMOV.com) -- The Hazelwood School District is investigating an altercation caught on camera between a student and a teacher Friday morning at the Hazelwood East High School. St. Louis County police said they took a 16-year-old student into custody shortly before 7 a.m. Friday before turning him over to family services.

In a video caught on a student's cell phone, the student walks up to the teacher sitting at the desk in front of the room. He then slaps his teacher before a resource officer enters into the classroom and apprehends him.

Police said the incident stemmed from a disagreement between the student and teacher before school began.

Hazelwood School District's full response can be read here:

The Hazelwood School District does not condone violence of any nature. The safety of our students, faculty, and staff is the District's number one priority. The District at all times followed their policies and procedures, as well as state statutes. Parents are always contacted after an assault has occurred. Parents are always contacted at the first stages of behaviors that are contrary to the District's Student Code of Conduct.

Most parents are responsive and cooperative; however, that is not always the case. Students who consistently exhibit troubling behavior are provided additional support at the Hazelwood Opportunity Center (Alternative Learning).

When an assault occurs on a staff member, the police are contacted. The student, if a juvenile, is usually taken into custody and taken to the Family Court. School Administrators cooperate fully with the police and juvenile authorities. This practice was followed in the case at hand.

https://www.kmov.com/news/hazelwood-east-student-slaps-teacher-on-video-school-district-investigating/article_1059b132-266a-11e9-b5ec-f3cbd4d0eced.html

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