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Hazelwood West High School hosts Festival of Nations



Hazelwood West High School held its 12th annual Festival of Nations on Jan. 24. Twenty-four countries were showcased by students in this celebration of diversity; students wore traditional clothing from different cultures, performed song and dance routines, and prepared several different foods for attendees to try.

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Hazelwood School District Support Staff of the Year announced

The Hazelwood School District 2018-2019 Support Staff of the Year recipients have been chosen.

“Our support staff are vital to the mission of Hazelwood School District and helping to provide a safe and supportive learning environment,” Superintendent Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart said. “It is with great pride we recognize these individuals whose contributions influence students, teachers, and administrators every single day.”

The Support Staff of the Year recipients are:

- **Security** – Ladonna Vaughn
- **Social Worker** – Carla Sheppard (North Middle School)
- **Nurse** – Dee Davis (West High School)
- **Maintenance** – Christopher Kahl
- **Transportation** – Denise Jennings
- **Food Service** – Christine Dalton (Grannemann and Keeven Elementary)
- **Custodial** -
 - Martel Coleman (East High School)
 - David Mann (Garrett Elementary)
- **Teacher Assistant/Building Aide** -
 - Nathaniel Williams (Larimore Elementary)
 - Lisa Hackmeister (McNair Elementary)
- **Clerical** -
 - Alecia White (District Communications)
 - Keisha Jackson (Arrowpoint Elementary)
 - Paula Manis (West High School)

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Opportunity Center student receives scholarship from Christian Hospital Foundation

Carlenzia Gilbert, a senior at the Hazelwood Opportunity Center, received a \$500 scholarship from the Christian Hospital Foundation on Jan. 18.

Gilbert received the scholarship at the second-annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Luncheon, hosted by the foundation.

Scholarships were given to eight local students who plan to pursue a career in health care.

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.





Police: Hazelwood high school student brought gun to school



HAZELWOOD, Mo. – A student at Hazelwood Central High School was arrested Tuesday afternoon for bringing an unloaded gun to campus.

According to Officer Benjamin Grandpa, a spokesman for the St. Louis County Police Department, a 17-year-old student was found concealing an unloaded gun in his bag. He was meeting with an administrator in the hallway when the gun was discovered.

Students were in class at the time. The suspect was arrested without incident.

The suspect has not been charged at this time.



Hazelwood school officials say they've addressed cyberbullying since News 4 spotlighted problem

HAZELWOOD (KMOV.com) - Hazelwood school leaders say they are addressing cyberbullying. "We take any instance of this very seriously," said Ross Green, a spokesperson for Hazelwood School District.

In January, several [parents reached out](#) to News 4 after they questioned the way school officials handled incidents stemming from violent social media posts.

"It's always going to find its way into schools and we have to do our job as a district to de-escalate those situations," said Green.

The district says when the bullying first began, they followed the policies outlined in their student handbook by investigating the incidents and speaking with parents and teachers.

From this, News 4 found some students were suspended and expelled.

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"It's not a challenge that we'll shy away from, we don't stay quiet on these things," said Green. As social media grows, school leaders say they're constantly reviewing disciplinary issues to make improvements to policies if needed.

Ross says since they've taken action, fights stemming from cyberbullying at the school have ceased in the last two weeks.