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Scholars Awarded

The Hazelwood School District Parent Teacher Association Council awarded \$32,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors. Sixty four members of the Class of 2018 received \$500 college scholarships in recognition of their academic achievement. Since its inception, the Hazelwood PTA Council Scholarship Program has awarded 3,300 scholarships, totaling more than \$3.4 million.

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Hazelwood Gives Middle School Students A Head Start at Eighth Grade Center

The Hazelwood School District (HSD) announced the Hazelwood East Middle School eighth grade center program. The program is designed to offer students an opportunity to pursue a career pathway of interest beginning in eighth grade either under a traditional pathway model or an accelerated model.

Under the traditional model, students may choose to pursue one of the pathways in a traditionally paced school setting, graduating from high school in four years with a traditional diploma. Students in the accelerated model will also choose one of the three pathways, but they will move through school at a faster pace either graduating after three years of high school or graduating with Missouri Core 42-college credit, an associate degree, or a career certification.

“At Hazelwood East Middle School we are responding to a new type of student and a new type of world,” said Collins-Hart, superintendent of schools. “We are preparing our students across the continuum.”

Hazelwood East Middle School eighth grade program provides opportunities in broadcasting, health sciences, or information technology and coding. Each opportunity is specific to the students’ needs in pursuing a college degree or a career in one of the high demand fields after graduation.

The program will also offer college credit to students through advanced placement, dual credit, and/or dual enrollment courses. “Since Hazelwood East Middle School is located within a high school, it allows more opportunities for our students,” said Dr. Eric Arbetter, assistant superintendent of middle schools. “They are able to take multiple high school courses as 8th graders which will allow them to get a head start in high school.”

Nicholas Savery, an eighth grader and advanced track applicant, is excited about the program and thinks it will be beneficial to his future.

“I believe the accelerated track program will help prepare me for the future because I will have greater knowledge ahead of high school.”

“We have students who are bright and they need access to diverse courses making them more college, career, and life ready,” said Collins-Hart.

For more information about the program at Hazelwood East Middle School or to apply visit www.hazelwoodschoools.org.

Hazelwood Teacher Nominated for Missouri Regional Teacher of the Year

Hazelwood School District's Teacher of the Year Scott Borcharding was recently selected as one of 10 awardees for the Missouri Regional Teacher of the Year for the St. Louis region. He was chosen by his peers as a teacher of excellence and selected by an elite panel of educators for one of the most prestigious honors in the educational profession.

He has now qualified to move forward in the Missouri State Teacher of the Year process.

"Congratulations to Mr. Borcharding on this great accomplishment. He has had an amazing year full of much deserved recognition. We are very proud of him and wish him well at the regional and state levels." said Nettie Collins-Hart, Hazelwood School District superintendent.

He has also been named, Mathematics Educators of Greater St. Louis (MEGSL) Teacher of the Year and Suburban 12 North Conference Coach of the Year in girl's tennis.

Borcharding is a math teacher at Hazelwood West High School and has been with the district for 12 years.



Scott Borcharding



Momos Ouzaria Taverna in University City temporarily closes

Following the unexpected death of restaurant owner Charles (Chuck) Pener III, the restaurant's Facebook page says the family will be taking time "to process the loss and determine how to move forward with the amazing restaurant legacy he left behind." Popular University City restaurant [Momos Ouzaria Taverna](#) has closed following the unexpected death of the restaurant's owner, [Charles \(Chuck\) Pener III](#). Pener died June 13. Signs on the restaurant door indicate that the closing is temporary, and a post to the [restaurant's Facebook page](#) says the family will be taking time "to process the loss and determine how to move forward with the amazing restaurant legacy he left behind." Pener graduated from Hazelwood Central High School and earned his degree from Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University). He learned the ins and outs of the restaurant business as a manager at the former Ozzie's Restaurant, where he worked before opening Momos and later Joyia's Tapas, which closed in 2015. Friends remember Pener as charming and charismatic, a consummate host and entertainer. He is survived by his parents, children, sisters, and a grandson.