

Hazelwood West sprinter Justin Robinson named Gatorade Missouri Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year



Hazelwood West High School's Justin Robinson has been named the 2018-2019 Gatorade Missouri Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. The award recognizes both athletic excellence and high standards of academic achievement and character demonstrated on and off the track, and distinguishes Robinson as the best high school boys' track & field athlete in Missouri. Robinson, who just completed his junior year, won three individual events and anchored the winning 4x200 relay team at the Missouri [Class 5 State Championships this past spring](#).

He won the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.56 seconds, the 200-meter in 21.96 seconds, and the 400-meter in a state-record time of 46.30 seconds; his performance also helped the Hazelwood West Wildcats win the Class 5 team championship. Robinson's season-best time of 44.84 seconds in the 400 ranked as the nation's top performance among prep runners in 2019 at the time of his selection; that time also ranks second in American prep history. He also volunteers locally as a mentor for young athletes and maintains a B average in the classroom. "Justin has become the best high school 400 runner in the U.S., but that's not his goal," Hazelwood West High School coach Tim Levine said. "His goal is to be the best 400 runner, period. For the first time in my coaching career, one of my athletes has a legitimate chance to be an Olympian. It's no guarantee, but the talent, work ethic, focus, and intangibles are all there." Robinson is the second Hazelwood West student-athlete to earn this recognition, following Daniel Harris during the 1999-2000 school year.

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Envision's National Youth Leadership Forum: Pathways to STEM



Morgan E. Harvey - 10 years old, 5th grade Student at McCurdy Elementary in Hazelwood School District

St. Louis, MO – This summer, Morgan E. Harvey from Florissant, MO will join outstanding elementary school students from across the state to take part in a unique academic and career oriented development experience, the National Youth Leadership Forum (NYLF): Pathways to STEM, taking place in Chicago, IL at Loyola University.

NYLF Pathways to STEM is one of the Envision family of programs (www.envisionexperience.com) that enable students to explore their interests and experience learning beyond the classroom.

Morgan was nominated by her 4th grade teacher Mrs. Garrett at McCurdy Elementary in Hazelwood School District. She is excited to attend the program and learn exciting new things. Morgan aspires to go to college and become a teacher; she believes this will be an unbelievable experience for her.

“As an alumna of Envision myself, I am excited for Morgan E. Harvey to meet, work, and collaborate with fellow high-aspiring students from other cities and schools,” said Amanda Freitag Thomas, SVP for Envision. “Hands down, my favorite part of attending an Envision program was being with motivated students in an environment designed to help us challenge our assumptions, meet new people, and grow. Creating that same learning environment is a central focus for all of our programs. At NYLF Pathways to STEM, students build the confidence and skills needed to excel in the classroom while gaining exposure to STEM fields and concepts. They learn how to adapt to and communicate in new situations, to new challenges, and with new people, which, given how rapidly the world is changing due to technology and innovation, are essential skills for success.”

Since 1985, Envision programs have served more than 800,000 students in more than 145 countries, with programs designed to help students develop the leadership, scholarship and career skills needed to succeed in today’s competitive college and career landscape.

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Local students enjoy Junior Achievement's "Biz Town" year-round



CHESTERFIELD, Mo. – For 100 years, Junior Achievement has shaped the lives of young minds as they prepare for the real world. JA Biz Town began 15 years ago in Chesterfield, allowing middle school students the opportunity to learn how to operate successful businesses. These students learn how to run one of 17 businesses, how to write and balance a checkbook, use a debit card, how to manage finances, live on a budget, and learn life skills for not only themselves but their future families. This is all taught at JA Biz Town and it couldn't be put on without corporate sponsorships. KPLR 11 is proud to be one of those sponsors. Summer camps run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. One of those lucky students, Stanley Black, got to be the CEO of utilities. He talked about what he learned. "Saving money and putting money away for saving. Like, if I want to buy a new computer, I can, but it's going to take time," Black said. Another student, Georgia Lane, got a glimpse in the media world as a DJ but here's what she loved most: "City hall. You can actually vote, so that's pretty cool." And what would Georgia tell her friends about Biz Town: "I hope they can do it so they can experience a glimpse of the real world." Approximately 16,500 students are afforded this Biz Town opportunity and 166,000 through JA St Louis. For more information log on to jastl.org.