

## Christian Activity Center teaches math skills to ESL youth

Plus, New Life  
in Christ  
awards \$23K  
in scholarships

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Thanks in part to a recent Wells Fargo Gives grant of \$10,000, Kindergarten through 5th grade youth of the Christian Activity Center in East St. Louis will have access to degreed teachers, math software/games, and "manipulatives" like flash cards, clocks, etc.

Through the Everyday I'm Calculatin' Math Program, almost 200 youth learn grade-level math skills (counting, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and master advanced applications of these skills (fractions, time, money, etc.) afterschool during the school year and between 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. this summer. The program provides small group and one-to-one instruction to remediate math skills and prevent summer slide in math skills. Additionally, staff works to increase the involvement of parents and caregivers in their child's math education.

"The Everyday I'm Calculatin' Math Program helps our kids close the gap between Common Core math expectations and their ability to perform math skills they should be learning in East St. Louis elementary schools," said Chet Cantrell, executive director.

"Children make decisions regarding their capacities to learn in elementary school — they need math competence and confidence. The Wells Fargo



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Gives grant supports educator salaries and math software, which in addition to teaching the basics, make math learning fun."

By increasing math competence and confidence in the center's youth, the Wells Fargo's support of the Everyday I'm Calculatin' Math Program is also helping the Christian Activity Center meet its goal of high school completion and at least two years of post-secondary training or education for East St. Louis youth.

For more information, visit <https://www.cacesl.org>.

### New Life in Christ awards scholarships

New Life in Christ Interdenominational Church in O'Fallon, Illinois awarded scholarships totaling \$23,000 to nine area high school

graduates during its 15th annual Celebration of Education Worship Service on Wednesday, May 30.

The event, which will be held in the church's newly expanded sanctuary, also recognizes New Life members who are graduating from high school, college and graduate school as well as those transitioning from elementary and middle school.

"As college tuitions continue to rise, parents and students are often burdened with finding financial solutions to cover costs," said Bishop Geoffrey V. Dudley Sr., New Life in Christ's senior pastor. "Our congregation appreciates the opportunity to recognize academic excellence while also providing financial assistance for college bound students."

Nearly 50 students from across the St. Louis region

applied for the scholarships. The nine recipients were chosen based on their high academic achievement and their ability to demonstrate a love for serving others as well as their communities. To date, \$246,000 in scholarships has been awarded.

*The 2018 New Life in Christ scholarship recipients are:*

- Anya Jones, Alton High School, Bishop Geoffrey V. Dudley, Sr. Pastoral Scholarship of Excellence, \$5,000, attending University of Kansas
- Emmanuel Brown, SIUE/ East St. Louis Charter School, John H. McCants Hope Scholarship, \$5,000, University of Indianapolis
- Hannah Teverbaugh, Belleville Township High School East, Bishop Leamon and Ida Dorothy Dudley Memorial Scholarship, \$2,500, Xavier U.
- David Walter, Hazelwood East High School, Minister Sheila Renee Swygert Memorial Scholarship, \$2,500, Purdue University
- Jazmine Brown, Althoff Catholic High School, NLICIC Life Changer Scholarship, \$2,000, Eastern Illinois U.
- Millenia Wells, Mascoutah High School, NLICIC Life Changer Scholarship, \$2,000, attending University of Illinois
- Huey Dunomes, Belleville Township High School East, NLICIC Life Changer Scholarship, \$2,000, undecided
- Bailey Conner, Belleville Township High School East, The Chyriell Drain Hill Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000, attending University of Alabama, and
- Brittney Glover, Belleville Township High School East, The Chyriell Drain Hill Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000, attending Murray State University.

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## School of Character



Brown Elementary School in the Hazelwood School District received the School of Character Honorable Mention award for the second year in a row. Schools of Character are recognized for their efforts to positively shape the social, emotional, and character development of students.

Pictured: Counselor, **Kenneth Woods**; 5th Grade Teacher, **Pete Kain**; Reading Specialist, **Darnetta Wafford**; Instructional Specialist, **Chris Spanberger**; Principal, **Marvin Talley**

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