

COMMUNITY NEWS

Special School District honors two Hazelwood West students

The Special School District (SSD) recently honored two Hazelwood West High School students with the Rosemary Zander award. Collin Fiore and Ryan Friend received the awards at the Annual Commitment to Kids Banquet in early April.

Fiore and Friend were honored for their achievements in academics, arts, athletics, communications, vocational training, independent living skills, and community service.

Fiore is a senior at Hazelwood West. He serves as team manager for several of the school's sports teams, he is a member of the swim team, and he is an office assistant at the school. After graduation, Fiore plans to attend St. Charles Community College and major in film studies.

Friend is also a senior at West High. He is a member of the yearbook staff, produces his own



Photo courtesy Hazelwood School District

videos, works on web design, and is a member in the Special Education Foundation's Fred Saigh Leadership Program. After graduation, he plans to attend Lindenwood University and major in sports management.

The Rosemary Zander Awards were named in honor of an SSD teacher who dedicated her career to the success of her students.

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Hazelwood School District's Fine Arts Show attracts more than 600 attendees



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621 students, staff, families, and members of the community recently enjoyed works of art ranging from digitally created works of art to 3D artwork at the Hazelwood School District's Fine Arts Show held at Hazelwood Central High School.

The fine arts show was a presentation of artwork by HSD art students in Pre-K through 12th grade. The show included works of art from all courses, including art and design, drawing, painting, 3D, and more.

"The 2018 art show was a big success," said Dr. Stacy Ray, HSD curriculum coordinator and art show coordinator. "We had a fantastic turn out on a beautiful Saturday morning and I heard many compliments from our guests who stopped by to view the work."

The Fine Arts Show exemplifies the district's value of forming partnerships with parents and community members to ensure the success of each student.

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North County Inc. Awards Area Community Leaders



NCI Honorees: First row, left to right: Natissia Small, Ed.D.; Erica Henderson; Cheryl Latham. Second row; left to right: John Londoff, Jr.; City of Florissant Mayor Tom Schneider accepting on behalf of Howard Nimmons, CPA, CFA; Lisa Cagle accepting on behalf of Bi-State Development Research Institute; Julie Hahn accepting on behalf of Ritenour International Welcome Center; Julie Kampschroeder. Third row, left to right: Mike Fulton, Ed.D; Bob Hueke, Jr.; Chief Tim Lowery; City of Vinita Park Mayor James McGee; John Caravelli; Chief Frank Minnini

North County Incorporated (NCI) honored several area leaders for their contributions and commitment to the North County region at its May 18th 41st Annual Leadership Breakfast. More than 525 business, civic and community leaders attended the sold-out event.

"NCI is pleased to recognize our North County exceptional leaders. It's so awe-inspiring to know these individuals are motivated to work hard every day, because they believe in North County and all that it offers," said NCI President and CEO, Rebecca Zoll.

Awards and recipients include:

Elmer Belsha Leadership Award, presented to an individual making a positive impact in the community.

– **Howard Nimmons**, CPA, CFA, Howard Nimmons Wealth Management

Business Development Leadership Award, presented to individuals positively affecting economic development of North County.

– **Erica Henderson**, St. Louis Economic Development Partnership

– **John Londoff, Jr.**, Johnny Londoff Chevrolet

Community Development Leadership Award, presented to individuals benefitting youth, residents or civic organizations.

– **Bi-State Development Research Institute**

– **Ritenour International Welcome Center**

– **Natissia Small**, Ed.D., University of Missouri-St. Louis

Public Service Leadership Award, presented to individuals, elected, appointed or employed by a public body who is making a positive impact on the community they serve.

– **Mike Fulton**, Ed.D., Pattonville School District

– **Cheryl Latham**, Hazelwood School Board of Education

– **Chief Tim Lowery**, City of Florissant Police Department

– **Mayor James McGee**, City of Vinita Park

– **Chief Frank Mininni**, City of Normandy Police Department

Special Recognition Leadership Award, presented to individuals who, through business and philanthropy, exemplify leadership and service..

– **John Caravelli**, Citizens National Bank-Florissant

– **Bob Huneke, Jr.**, Community News

– **Julie Kampschroeder**, Ritenour School District

Hazelwood Central, Trinity, IWA, LHSN Win Girls Soccer Districts

By Jim Wieners

High School Girls Soccer Teams at Hazelwood Central, Trinity Catholic, Incarnate Word Academy and Lutheran North began the road to Swope Soccer Village, Kansas City, and the Missouri State Championships, began by winning district titles. Unfortunately, Lutheran North's road and season ended May 19 at Orchard Farm. The Eagles shut out the Crusaders 10-0 in a Class Two Sectional game that ended at halftime.

HAZELWOOD CENTRAL was to play Jackson May 22 at James Eagan Civic Center Park in a Class Four Sectional. The winner plays Saturday, May 26, in a Class Four Quarterfinal for the right to play in Kansas City June 1-2. Had Hazelwood Central won the Hawks will play at Francis Howell North or Fort Zumwalt West, time to be determined

The Hawks won their 15th District title since 1987 but the first since 2014 after a 3-2 overtime win May 17 over McCluer North at Civic Center Park. Junior Jada Harvey, who assisted on the first two Hawk goals, scored the overtime game-winner. McCluer North sophomore goalkeeper Karina DuFour kept the Stars in the game with 13 saves.

Hazelwood Central played only a half of a District Two semifinal as the Hawks scored 10 first-half goals in a 10-0 shut out of Hazelwood East May 15 at Civic Center Park. Harvey, who netted four goals, and senior Logan Pratte, who scored three times, each had three assists.

Hazelwood West and Lutheran North Win Baseball Districts Over Top Seeds

By Jim Wieners

There were three things in common with Hazelwood West and Lutheran North in high school baseball when it came to district tournament.

First, Hazelwood West and Lutheran North were district hosts. Second, both were second seeds. Third, both defeated top seeds in the district finals.

However, that is where the similarities end. Hazelwood West was in the State Quarterfinals twice but it has been 40 years (1978) since the Wildcats have been to the State Semifinals. Lutheran North was in the State Quarterfinals six times, the last in 2013, but not to the State Semifinals since moving in 1965 from the St. Louis Central West End, where the Crusaders were State Runner Up in 1954.

HAZELWOOD WEST won Class Five, District Six, their sixth District title in the last seven years and the 14th District or Regional title since 1978. The Wildcats secured their district title with a 4-3 win May 16 over top-seeded McCluer North, a team that previously defeated Hazelwood West twice. Pitcher Josh Inman defeated the Stars with his arm as he struck out six and his bat as he drove in two runs. McCluer North junior Desmond Woods pitched five innings for the Starr and, with his bat, drove in two runs. On May 14, Hazelwood West defeated visiting Hazelwood Central 3-2, the third time the Wildcats defeated the Hawks. Winning pitcher AJ Steward struck out six Hawks while Dylan Leonard drove in two Wildcats with a fifth-inning single. Hazelwood Central senior Devin Matteoni drove in two runs with a seventh-inning single to cut the Hawk deficit to one run but Wildcat reliever Jacob Kempfer came in with two out and ended the game on a strikeout.

Hazelwood West hosted DeSmet Jesuit in the Sectional on May 22 for their seventh and last home game. A Wildcat win would send them to Fort Zumwalt North or Troy-Buchanan Thursday, May 24. DeSmet, with a win, will host Troy-Buchanan or go to Fort Zumwalt North.