

Webster University awards 10 Suggs Scholarships: Five-fold increase in four-year scholarships for minority students

The 10 incoming Suggs Scholars from throughout the bi-state region new to Webster this semester are Machaela Brock, Francis Howell High School; **Jessica Echols, Hazelwood West High School**; Bolanle Akinyemi, Fort Zumwalt West High School; Juliette Ferch, Fox Senior High School; Khalisah Habeebullah, Francis Howell High School; Dashauna Mairidith, Soldan International Studies; Joi' Johnson, Edwardsville High School; Naba Yasir, Parkway South High School; Jalalah Muhammad, Collegiate School of Medicine; and **Khyree Plair, Hazelwood Central Senior High School**.

These scholarships are being instituted at a time when institutions of higher learning are reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic and its economic impacts along with everything and everyone else, so it's a remarkable time to dramatically increase a scholarship program. The university is investing over \$1 million on its new cohort of 10 entering Suggs Scholars. FOLLOW THIS LINK FOR ENTIRE STORY http://www.stlamerican.com/news/local_news/webster-university-awards-10-suggs-scholarships-five-fold-increase-in-four-year-scholarships-for-minority/article_97983f66-f8f9-11ea-a5aa-7b6c64852e90.html

Both students are 2020 graduates

Game on: with Rockwood taking games outside St. Louis County, will other districts follow suit?

District leadership says they've spoken with others interested in circumventing youth sports restrictions



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"I've received significant positive feedback from parents about this decision and the opportunity for their student athletes to compete this year. We've always taken great pride in Rockwood Athletics, we have great success in Rockwood Athletics," said superintendent Dr. Mark Miles [at a press conference detailing the plan](#). "We have great traditions throughout all of our schools and we want to maintain those traditions, whether inside the borders of St. Louis County or outside."

5 On Your Side reached out to St. Louis County school districts to find out more about the schools exploring the option: here are the responses we've received from district spokespeople so far.

HAZELWOOD: District spokesperson says they are "not involved in this idea."

JENNINGS: Teams are practicing but no plans for games at this time.

"Even if we played games in another county, we would not have any teams in our division to play against at this time based on the geography and size of the schools that compete against us," said superintendent Dr. Art McCoy in an email. "Also, we have been advised by our legal team to not play in St. Louis or out of the county because both actions may lead to the same fines and penalties."

KIRKWOOD: A spokesperson says the district "did not talk to Rockwood" but adds they do not have knowledge of conversations among athletic directors.

MAPLEWOOD RICHMOND HEIGHTS: Moving forward with plans to play fall sports in the spring.

PARKWAY: A spokesperson says the idea is in discussions but no decisions have been made yet. "We are keeping options open and discussing it in the interest of student-athletes and safety."

RITENOUR: Moving forward with plans to play fall sports in the spring.

WEBSTER GROVES: A spokesperson says they have no plans to join the Rockwood plan "at this time."

NORTH COUNTY INCORPORATED HOSTS 43RD ANNUAL LEADERSHIP EVENT

[North County Incorporated](#) (NCI) recently recognized local leaders for their contributions to North County region at its 43rd Annual Leadership Breakfast Virtual celebration. [The St. Louis Economic Development Partnership](#) was a recipient of the Business Development Award for being one of the COVID-19 Business Assistance Rapid Response Partners.

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