



Hazelwood School District Teachers of the Year For All Schools



Ashley Gerald, first grade teacher at Lusher Elementary, was honored as the 2018-2019 Hazelwood District Teacher of the Year at the district's Founder's Day event. (See all Hazelwood Schools' Teacher of the Year recipients on page 3.)

Hazelwood PTA Foundation Day Honors District Teachers, School's Support Staff

The Hazelwood PTA Council hosted its 2019 Founders' Day Celebration Feb. 7 at the Hazelwood Central High School Fieldhouse.

A Teacher of the Year at each school was honored, along with the District's Support Staff of the Year and District Teacher of the Year.

Ashley Gerald, first grade teacher at Lusher Elementary, was recognized as the 2018-2019 District Teacher of the Year. She is a Hazelwood Central High School graduate, and has taught at Lusher Elementary for the past four years; she began teaching in the Hazelwood School District in Spring 2007 and taught previously at both Grannemann and Keeven Elementary.

Katie Hernandez of Jana Elementary and Stephani Durant of West High School tied for first runner-up. The event also serves as a fundraiser for scholarships, and this year, the generous contributions of Hazelwood PTA students and staff totaled more than \$19,000.

The Teacher of the Year honorees at each school in above photo are:

Armstrong Elementary - Lizabeth Johnson
 Arrowpoint Elementary - Amy Williams
 Barrington Elementary - Paris Bouchard
 Brown Elementary - Jean Goldstein
 Cold Water Elementary - Monica Warren
 Early Childhood - Stacey Anderson
 Garrett Elementary - Toni Grimes
 Grannemann Elementary - Jernae Craig
 Jamestown Elementary - William Kuhnert
 Jana Elementary - Katie Hernandez
 Jury Elementary - Kelsey Bodie

Keeven Elementary - Allison Cooke
 Larimore Elementary - Angela Turner
 Lawson Elementary - Jaimie Wilmes
 Lusher Elementary - Ashley Gerald
 McCurdy Elementary - Teresa Fiudo
 McNair Elementary - Rachel Johnson
 Russell Elementary - Molly Vatterott
 Townsend Elementary - Chelsea Christman
 Twillman Elementary - Sharene Brown
 Walker Elementary - Renee Jenner
 Central Middle - Cindy Miller
 East Middle - Anna Zakrzewski
 North Middle - Lauren Chadbourne
 Northwest Middle - Joyce Pipes
 Southeast Middle - Matthew Loyet
 West Middle - Mark Hicks
 Opportunity Center - Dorothy Burford
 Central High - Patrick Rocco
 East High - Cassandra Thomas
 West High - Stephani Durant

The Support Staff of the Year recipients are:

Security - Ladonna Vaughn
 Social Worker - Carla Sheppard (North Middle School)
 Nurse - Dee Davis (West High School)
 Maintenance - Christopher Kahl
 Transportation - Denise Jennings
 Food Service - Christine Dalton (Grannemann and Keeven Elementary)
 Custodial
 Martel Coleman (East High School)
 David Mann (Garrett Elementary)
 Teacher Assistant/Building Aide
 Nathaniel Williams (Larimore Elementary)
 Lisa Hackmeister (McNair Elementary)
 Clerical Alecia White (District Communications)
 Keisha Jackson (Arrowpoint Elementary)
 Paula Manis (West High School)

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Hazelwood East student-athletes who signed letters of intent Feb. 6.



Hazelwood West student-athletes who signed letters of intent Feb. 6.



Hazelwood Central student-athletes who signed letters of intent on Feb. 6.

24 Hazelwood Student-Athletes Commit on National Signing Day

Student-athletes from each of the Hazelwood School District's three high schools made their college choices official on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

The full list of signees includes:

From Hazelwood East High School:

- Ryan McGruder, Southwestern Community College, football
- Marcus Burns, Benedictine College, football
- Torre Dyson, Missouri Valley College, football
- Maurice Chavers, Culver-Stockton College, football
- Jarvion Hardimon, Iowa Western Community College, football
- Jason Garrett, Missouri Baptist University, football
- Eugene Napper, McKendree University, football

From Hazelwood Central High School:

- Jada Harvey, Southeast Missouri State, soccer
- Amanda Hei, University of Missouri St. Louis, swimming
- Sean Stephens, Missouri Southern State, football
- Alijah Clark, Missouri S&T, football
- Sidney Bailey, Jefferson County Community College, volleyball

- Darius Watson, Truman State University, football

- Jordon Tate, Northwest Missouri State, football

- Melissa Gomes, Lindenwood University, cycling

From Hazelwood West High School:

- Leah Batton, Missouri Baptist University, soccer
- Janai Butler, University of Charleston, lacrosse
- Alexandria Cafolla, Webster University, softball
- Damian Garcia, Greenville University, soccer
- KeviYon Hampton, Southwestern College (CA), football
- Kennedy Huff, Missouri Baptist University, lacrosse
- Sopheea Vomund, Missouri Baptist University, lacrosse
- Holly Withington, Missouri Baptist University, volleyball

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Rotary Club to Award \$16,000 Worth of Scholarships to Area Students

The Rotary Club of Florissant announced that they are funding a scholarship program for 8 high school seniors who live in the Rotary area which includes the boundaries of the Hazelwood and Ferguson-Florissant School Districts.

Each of the 8 scholarships is for \$2000.00 and will be paid for one year to the accredited college, university or vocational school the student chooses to attend. Students in private, parochial, or public schools are invited to apply. Visit the Rotary website - www.florissantrotary.org.

Applications can be downloaded from the website but must be mailed to Rotary Club of Florissant, P.O. Box #1188, Florissant, MO 63031 with a postmark no later than March 15, 2019.

HSD Hosts Summer Opportunities Fair March 7

The Hazelwood School District will host a Summer Opportunities Fair on Thursday, March 7 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Hazelwood East High School, 11300 Dunn Road.

The fair will feature summer camp and program exhibitors with options for boys and girls in all grades K-12. Families can get a head start on their summer planning and learn about several great opportunities and experiences available to students.



'They were inseparable': St. Louis County brothers gunned down 6 months apart



Brothers Kelvon (left) and Kelvin Phillips both played for the Hazelwood East High School football team and were "inseparable," family members said. Kelvin Phillips was gunned down on Aug. 1, 2018. Kelvon Phillips was fatally shot on Feb. 17, 2019. Photo courtesy of the family.

For most of the last 19 years, Kelvin Phillips Sr. said, his sons Kelvin and Kelvon would spend every minute together. Though they were a year apart in age, they were very nearly like twins.

"They were inseparable," Phillips said. "You didn't see one without the other one. ... it was hard for Kelvon to cope with his brother not being there. He was taking it very, very, very hard."

[Kelvin Phillips Jr., 19, was shot and killed in the 1000 block of Gimblin Street](#) in St. Louis on Aug. 1. His younger brother, Kelvon Phillips, 19, was fatally shot Sunday in a Budget Inn motel parking lot in the Spanish Lake area. The brothers lived in the 11300 block of Rockgate Court.

The brothers both had played on the Hazelwood East High School football team and were stars, their father said. Both of them played running back and safety.

"Kelvin was kind of the more outspoken one. He liked to be the center of attention. He liked girls," Phillips Sr. remembered. "Kelvon was basically the exact opposite. He was laid back and quiet, but he had a smile and sense of humor that could light up a room."

Charges have been filed in Kelvon Phillips' murder against Ivan K. Henley.

[Ivan Henley](#), charged with murder in St. Louis County in the death of Kelvon Phillips at a Spanish Lake motel on Feb. 17, 2019.

Henley was charged Tuesday with second-degree murder, armed criminal action, unlawful possession of a firearm and tampering with physical evidence.

Henley, 23, was hospitalized Wednesday. He was suffering from at least one bullet wound that, police say, could have come in a shootout with his victim. He was arrested after showing up at a hospital for treatment, said Officer Benjamin Granda of the St. Louis County Police Department. Henley is accused of [fatally shooting Kelvon Phillips](#) early Sunday outside the motel at 1405 Dunn Road. Phillips, 19, lived about two miles from the motel. Kelvin Phillips Sr. said Henley knew his son through school.

Henley and Phillips met on the parking lot, and Henley got into Kelvon Phillips' car and sat in the front passenger seat, police say. Henley used a 9mm handgun to shoot Phillips multiple times, police say. Henley ran off, taking a gun that Kelvon Phillips had with him, police say.

https://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/they-were-inseparable-st-louis-county-brothers-gunned-down-months/article_598dec93-c561-56d7-9647-3a652a0da745.html

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North County family grieves for sons murdered 6-months apart

ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MO – Unspeakable grief for parents in North County: they've now have two teenage sons shot to death since August.

The brothers were inseparable, their mother said, sadly even in death.

"They did everything together – even in death they've still got each other," said mother, Angel Mays.

She and the boys' father, Kelvin Phillips, Sr., are despondent.

Not quite a year and a half ago, Kelvin, Jr., and his brother Kelvon Phillips were in the backfield together playing Quarterback and Tailback at Hazelwood East High School. They wore numbers 1 and 2.

In a span of about 6 months, they've both been shot and killed. They were born a year apart. Both were 19 at the time of their deaths.

Ivan Henley, 23, is charged with 2nd-degree murder in Kelvon's death over the weekend, plus weapons offenses, and evidence tampering. Henley met Kelvon in a parking lot near the Budget Inn on Dunn road in North County, Sunday, and shot killed Phillips in Phillips' car, authorities said. Henley was also shot, and is in custody at an area hospital, according to authorities.

His bond was set at \$1,000,000 cash only.

On August 1st, Kelvin Phillips, Jr., was shot and killed on Gimblin Street near Newby in North St. Louis.

Police have identified Nicholis Campbell as a person of interest but have yet to find him.

"Come on stop hiding him. Stop assisting him," Mays said. "He has hurt my family. It's not ok. I will never see my boys again. That's a hurt nobody should ever have to go through. We were just somewhat trying to get over losing Kelvin and now it's like all over again. Call the police. Please help them, so I can finally start grieving."

Anyone with information about Campbell should call CrimeStoppers at 866-371-TIPS. Anonymous tips may bring a \$5,000 reward.

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2 St. Louis County brothers slain 6 months apart



ST. LOUIS (AP) — Authorities say two St. Louis County brothers whom their father described as "inseparable" have been fatally shot six months apart.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch [reports](#) that [Kelvin Phillips Jr. was 19 in August when he was slain in St. Louis.](#) His younger brother, [Kelvon Phillips, also was 19 when he was killed Sunday](#) in a motel parking lot in the Spanish Lake area.

Their father, Kelvin Phillips Sr., says he "can't sugarcoat it, nobody is doing good." He says his sons were very nearly like twins, although they were a year apart in age. Both played football on the Hazelwood East High School team, where their father said they were stars.

A man has been charged in the younger brother's death, but not in the killing of the older brother.