

15 High School Students Receive Citizenship Award

Fifteen public high school students were honored by the State Board of Education and Missouri Bar as recipients of the 2014 Outstanding Achievement in Citizenship Award. The students were recognized at an awards luncheon on Monday, April 14th hosted by the Missouri Bar.

Guest speaker John Brady, President of the Missouri Bar challenged the students to remain engaged and involved in civic activity.

The Missouri Legislature established the citizenship award in 1990. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education conducts the awards competition with assistance and financial support from The Missouri Bar.

The citizenship award recipients are:

- John Bantle, Rockwood Summit High School
- Theresa Abby Bergman, Oakville High School
- Seth Boeke, Stockton High School
- Alexander Jackson Bollinger, Fort Zumwalt South High School
- Talor Crawford, Webster Groves High School
- Jessica Dennis, Lee's Summit North High School
- Sophia Etling, Parkway South High School
- Nora Faris, Concordia High School
- Charles Darren Green, Malden High School
- John Korenak, Lindbergh High School
- Shelby Linneman, Brentwood High School
- Kaitlee Metcalf, Hume High School
- Nathan Rickard, Francis Howell High School
- Danica Ridgeway, Jefferson City High School
- Lauren Wilbert, Carl Junction High School

Pictures of the award winners are posted at:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.705248619540246.1073741845.217296671668779&type=3>

Educators and members of the Missouri Bar's Advisory Committee on Citizenship Education reviewed the nominations and selected the winners from 32 nominees.

Each public high school is eligible to nominate one senior for the award. Students are selected for the award on the basis of their academic achievement in civics and government courses, performance in civics and government-related extracurricular activities and exemplary community service. Students also must submit an essay about the importance of citizenship.

The awards were presented by State Board of Education President Peter Herschend, and Missouri Bar Association President John Brady. Each student received an award plaque and is enrolled in the American Bar Association's Citizenship Honor Roll.

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