

A G E N D A
REGULAR SESSION
Wednesday, June 19, 2019
12:00 p.m.

- I. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**
- II. Approval of Agenda**
 1. Consideration and Approval of Agenda
 2. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of the May Board Meeting
- III. Consideration of College Financial Report**
 1. Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets
 - a) Monthly Financial Statements
 - b) Budget to Actual Financial Statements
 2. Cash in Bank
 3. Certificates of Deposit
 4. Checks Issued
 5. Bid Report
- IV. President's Report**
- V. Executive Session** (Permissible under guidelines of MO Rev. Statute Section 610.021.1 Legal – Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and confidential and privileged communications between a public governmental body and its attorney; Section 610.021.2 – Real Estate – Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefore; Section 610.021.3 – Personnel – Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.)
- VI. Items for Consideration, Discussion, and Vote**
 1. Consideration, Discussion and vote on the FY20 Annual College Budget
- VII. Consideration and Approval of all Personnel Actions and Associated Documents**
 - 1. Acceptance of Employment**
 1. Doyle, Destinie – Part-time Nursing Secretary for LPN in Sikeston
 2. Hale, Elizabeth – College Store Coordinator
 3. Taegtmeyer, Amanda – Practical Nursing Instructor in Sikeston
 - 2. Transfers**

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1. Mathias, Gentry – Welcome Center Facilitator to Student Services
Advisor I

3. Resignations

1. Ellis, Candace – Practical Nursing Coordinator/Instructor, Sikeston
2. Reed, Tristin – Student Services Specialist
3. Smith, Terri – Instructor, Information Systems Technology

VIII. Appendix

1. **Information Items**
2. **Upcoming Events**
3. **Recent Newspaper Articles**

IX. FY20 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates

- Wednesday, August 21, 2019
- Wednesday, September 18, 2019
- Wednesday, October 16, 2019
- Wednesday, November 20, 2019
- Wednesday, January 15, 2020
- Wednesday, February 19, 2020
- Wednesday, March 18, 2020
- Wednesday, April 15, 2020
- Wednesday, May 20, 2020
- Wednesday, June 24, 2020

X. Adjournment

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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
May 15, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees began at 12:00 p.m. at the Board Room in Tinnin Center on Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER

Those present included: Trustees: Dr. Tim Hager, chairman; Dr. Amber Richardson, vice-chairman; Gary Featherston, secretary; Chris Williams, treasurer; Eric Schalk, member; Darren Garrison, member; and college administrators: Dr. Wesley Payne, president; Charlotte Eubank, chief financial officer; Dr. Justin Hoggard, dean of instruction; Ann Matthews, dean of student services; Janine Heath, recording secretary.

ATTENDANCE

Trustee Hager delivered the invocation.

INVOCATION

Trustee Garrison made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. On a second by Trustee Schalk, the motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF BOARD
MEETING AGENDA**

Trustee Schalk made the motion to approve the April 2019 minutes. With a second by Trustee Williams, the motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 2019
MEETING**

Charlotte Eubank reviewed April financials. We are 83% into the fiscal year and have recognized 90% of revenues and obligated 73% of the budgeted expenses. The Capital Budget was reviewed with Ms. Eubank outlining the projects currently underway.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AND
BID REPORT**

The bid report was reviewed noting the outstanding bid opportunities and the administrations recommendation to accept SG360's bid for the custodial contract beginning July 1, 2019.

Trustee Featherston made the motion with a second by Trustee Williams to accept the financial report and award the custodial bid to SG360. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Payne presented the President's Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mike DeAngelo presented to the board. The governors PTK and Student Excellence luncheon was held in Columbia on April 24. Two of our PTK leaders were recognized; Ms. Rebekah Hill was selected for

**GOVERNOR'S PTK &
STUDENT EXCELLENCE
LUNCHEON**

the All Missouri Second Team and Mr. Joshua Webb was selected for the All Missouri Third Team. Ms Shelby Hammond was selected to represent Three Rivers as our Student Leadership representative.

On the 25th, 51 new members were inducted into the Three Rivers PTK with the ceremony taking place on campus. There are currently 110 members in our club.

Dr. Hoggard discussed the recent HLGU graduation. Dr. Allen, President of HLGU attended and recognized the local students that would be graduating this year. The event was well attended

Each year ACHIEVE holds a celebration banquet for their graduating students. In order to be served by ACHIEVE, the student must qualify for two of the three requirements which are 1st generation college student, low income, or have a disability.

Cindy and Buddy White presented the recent performances of the music department students. Willy Wonka was cast completely from current students. In addition to learning their parts and participating in the setup, the students learned time management, how to work together, how to better handle stress and the importance of dependability.

Music for Life was the last spring concert. There were 200 plus in attendance.

Dr. Hoggard explained that this is where the outstanding students are recognized by the faculty. The event is always the Friday before finals week. Each student is nominated by a faculty member.

Wendy Spradling presented the Community Salutes Program. This is a partnership with the US Army where high school seniors who have decided to go into the Army directly out of high school are recognized with a mock induction ceremony that can be attended by family and friends. This year there were 66 students that participated and over 200 people in the audience.

- Nursing Pinning Ceremony – May 17 at 2pm
- Commencement – May 17 at 6pm
- College Closed Memorial Day – May 27
- Summer hours begin the week of June 3

PTK INDUCTION CEREMONY

HLGU GRADUATION RECEPTION

ACHIEVE GRADUATION BANQUET

WILLY WONKA

IMAGINE: MUSIC FOR LIFE

STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

COMMUNITY SALUTES PROGRAM

UPCOMING EVENTS

- TRET Golf Tournament – June 14

Trustee Schalk made the motion to enter into executive Session at 12:26 p.m. With a second by Trustee Garrison the board was polled as follows: Trustee Garrison, yes; Trustee Schalk, yes; Trustee Williams, yes; Trustee Featherston, yes; Trustee Richardson, yes; Trustee Hager, yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Schalk made the motion to approve all personnel action and associated documents as presented. With a second by Trustee Richardson, the board was polled as follows: Trustee Schalk, yes; Trustee Williams, yes; Trustee Featherston, yes; Trustee Richardson, yes; Trustee Hager, yes; Trustee Garrison, yes.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

There being no further business, Trustee Garrison made the motion to adjourn at 12:53 p.m. and with a second by Trustee Schalk, the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

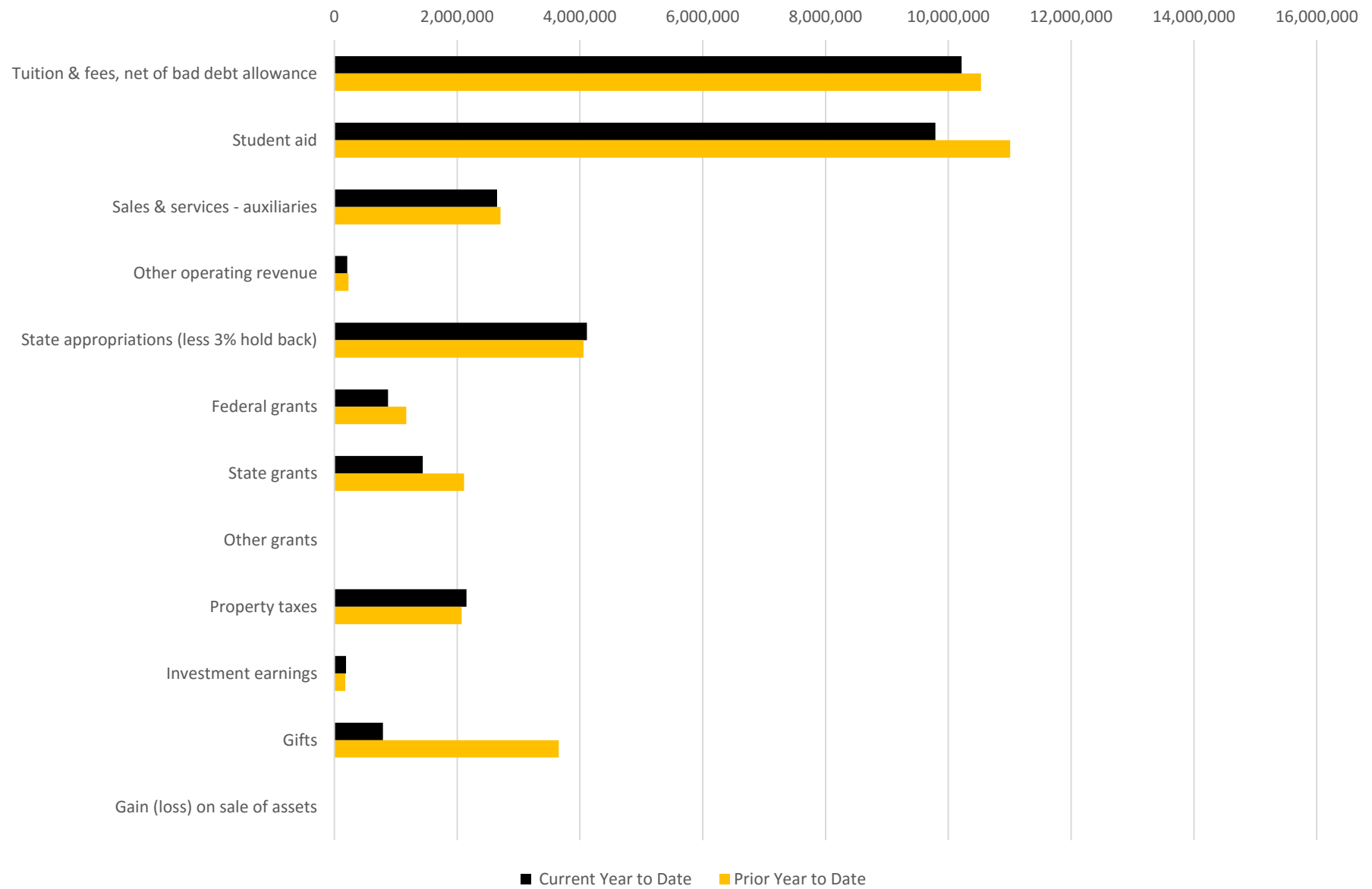
CHAIRMAN

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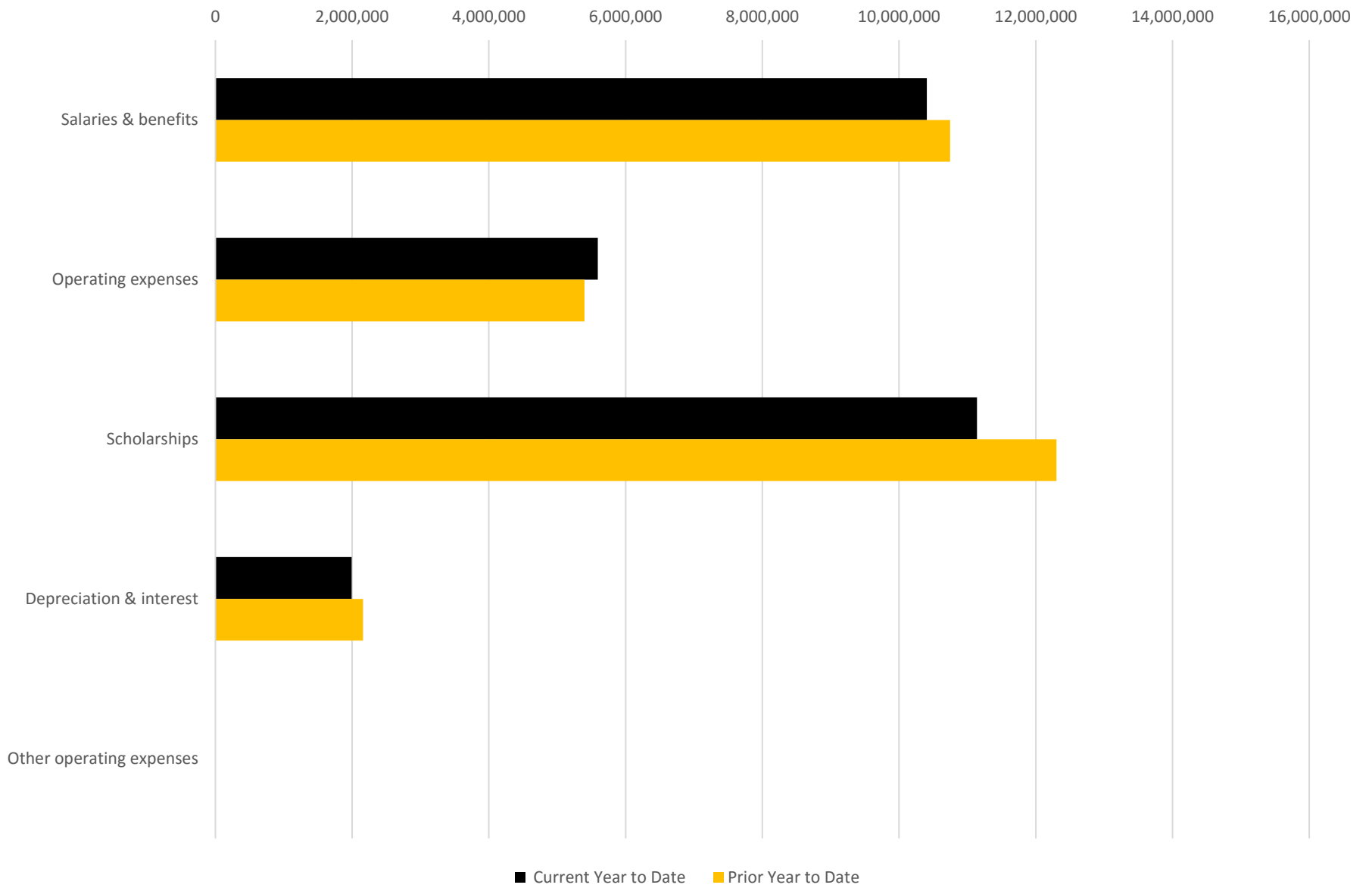
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YTD Comparison to Previous Year 04/30/19



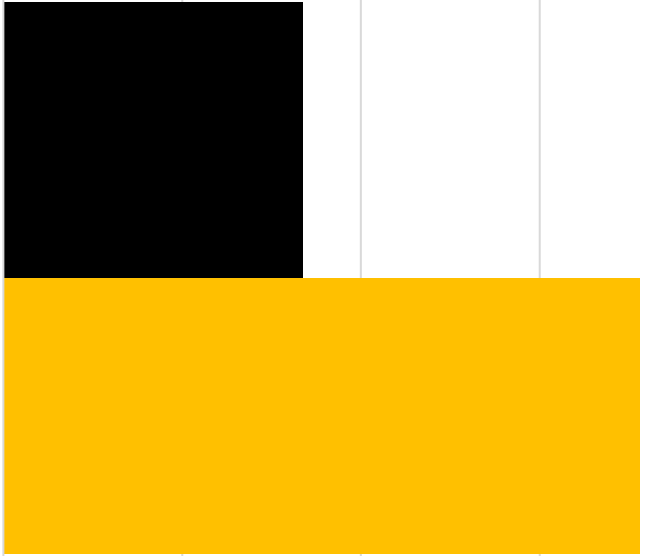
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CHANGES IN NET POSITION



■ Current Year to Date ■ Prior Year to Date

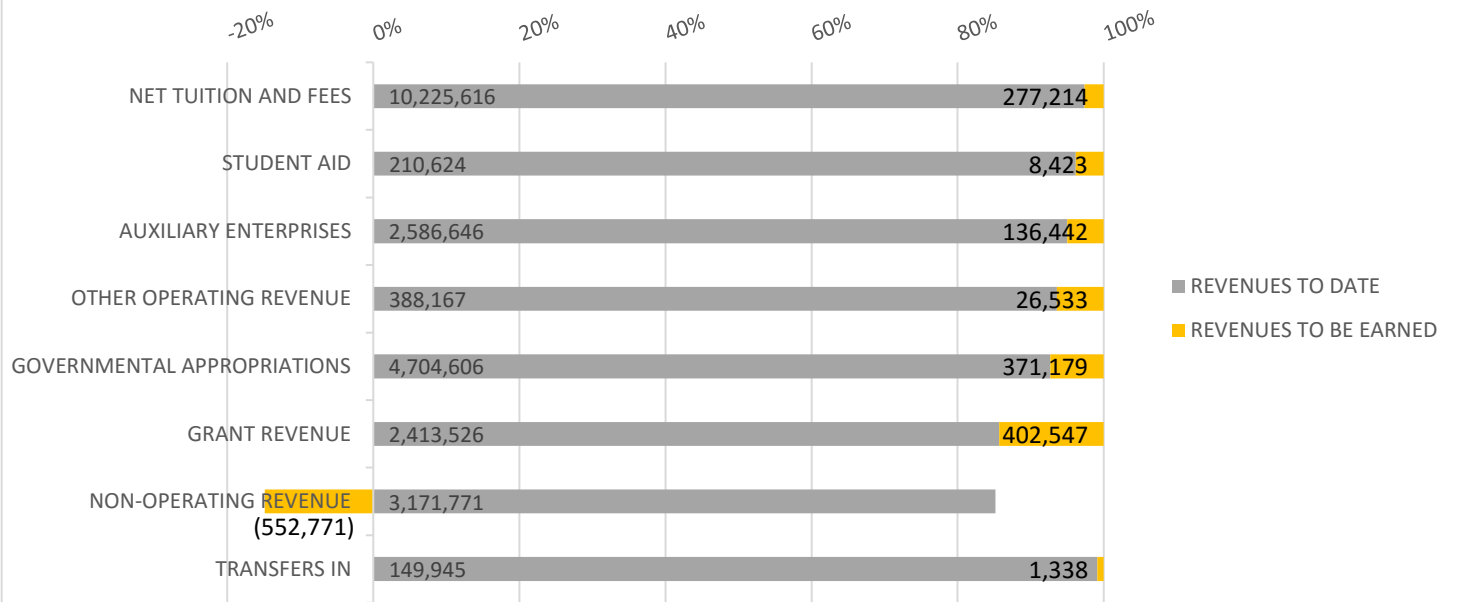
Three Rivers College
Statement of Net Position
Unrestricted Funds, Grants and Governmental Appropriations - Unaudited
April 30, 2019

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS		LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND NET POSITION	
CURRENT ASSETS		CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	15,115,512	Accounts Payable	912,024
Student Account Receivables, net	6,743,300	Accrued Vacation	334,373
Property Tax Receivable	115,904	Student Deposits	30,850
Other Receivables	6,357,493	Deferred Tuition & Fees	3,928,978
Investments	0	Scholarships	(5,835)
Inventory	128,027	Total Current Liabilities	5,200,390
Prepaid Expenses	192,832		
Total Current Assets	28,653,068	NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		Retirement Incentive Payable	3,880
Land	5,490,786	Other Post Employment Benefits	15,857,963
Capital assets	68,244,922	Bonds, Notes and Leases Payable	20,669,344
Plus: Current year additions to capital assets	1,656,576	Accrued Interest	0
Accumulated Depreciation	(29,555,859)	Agency	303,860
Unamortized Bond Issue Costs	0	Total Non-Current Liabilities	36,835,046
Total Non-Current Assets	45,836,425	Total Liabilities	42,035,436
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	8,271,641	DEFERRED INFLOWS	9,947,763
		NET POSITION	
		Beginning Balance	27,428,611
		Changes in Net Position	3,349,324
		Total Net Position	30,777,936
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS	82,761,135	TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS AND NET POSITION	82,761,135

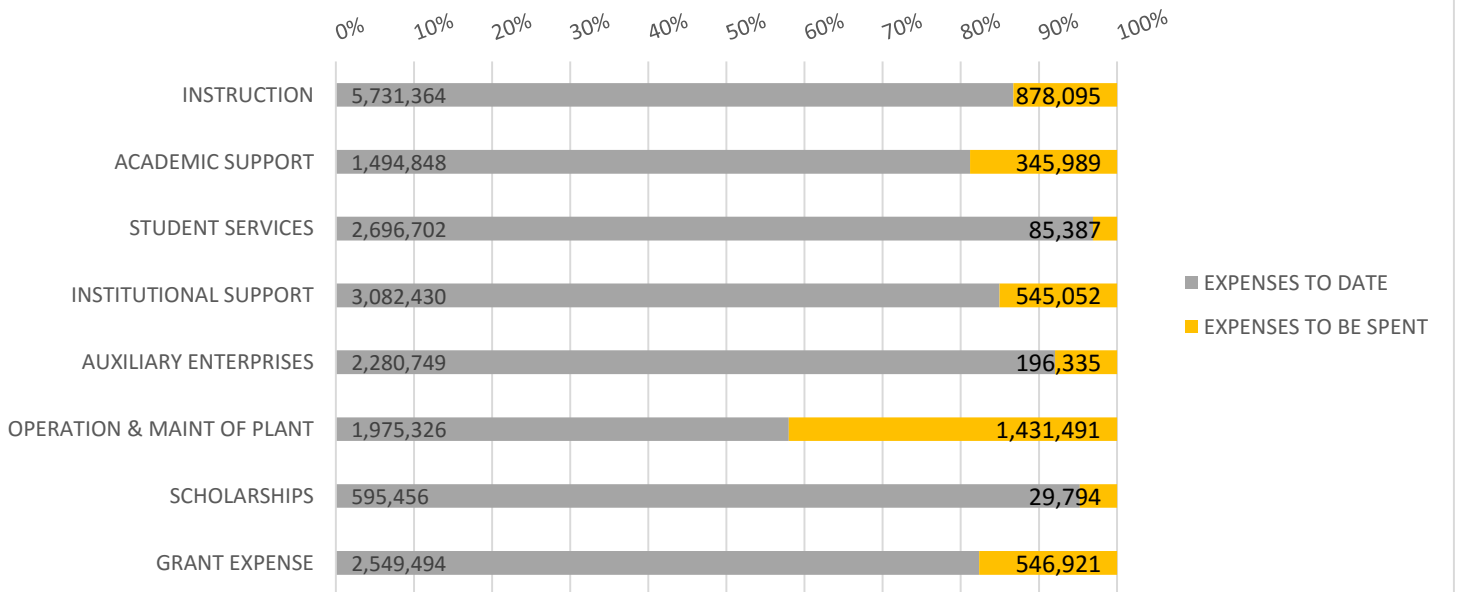
Three Rivers College
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
Unrestricted Funds, Grants and Governmental Appropriations - Unaudited
April 30, 2019

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	Current Year to Date	Prior Year to Date	\$ Change	% Change
OPERATING REVENUE														
Tuition & fees, net of bad debt allowance	5,482,455	421,713	(251,807)	2,135,131	1,509,265	733,993	(106,831)	(118,787)	221,218	188,869	10,215,219	10,533,218	(317,999)	(3.02)%
Student aid	229,430	29,626	3,714,071	810,656	255,284	123,054	87,823	3,956,132	488,032	97,001	9,791,108	11,007,533	(1,216,425)	(11.05)%
Sales & services - auxiliaries	747,710	419,460	101,748	227,784	400,477	168,207	329,614	79,462	107,680	67,671	2,649,812	2,705,515	(55,703)	(2.06)%
Other operating revenue	2,502	2,754	2,337	189,577	1,564	3,675	1,815	1,843	2,269	1,388	209,724	228,204	(18,480)	(8.10)%
Total Operating Revenue	6,462,097	873,553	3,566,348	3,363,148	2,166,589	1,028,929	312,421	3,918,649	819,199	354,929	22,865,863	24,474,470	(1,608,607)	(6.57)%
OPERATING EXPENSES														
Salaries & benefits	902,920	1,029,174	1,193,363	1,067,502	1,050,020	908,010	1,011,831	1,032,942	1,159,118	1,052,838	10,407,719	10,747,705	(339,986)	(3.16)%
Operating expenses	667,367	547,391	504,684	728,769	494,143	754,060	433,159	412,813	594,385	458,148	5,594,918	5,397,722	197,196	3.65%
Capital equipment	794	45,733	99,543	49,740	470,029	168,311	185,708	115,509	390,056	131,153	1,656,576	3,434,639	(1,778,063)	(51.77)%
Less: Transfer to capital assets	(794)	(45,733)	(99,543)	(49,740)	(470,029)	(168,311)	(185,708)	(115,509)	(390,056)	(131,153)	(1,656,576)	(3,434,639)	1,778,063	(51.77)%
Scholarships	320,479	74,200	4,131,643	928,146	308,765	146,789	104,186	4,431,391	557,355	136,362	11,139,316	12,303,022	(1,163,706)	(9.46)%
Depreciation & interest	(22,798)	388,477	161,452	164,796	158,364	157,841	157,670	509,917	159,747	158,755	1,994,222	2,158,226	(164,004)	(7.60)%
Other operating expenses	0	0	(50,000)	0	(5,000)	0	(16)	0	0	846	(54,170)	0	(54,170)	0.00%
Total Operating Expenses	1,867,969	2,039,242	5,941,143	2,889,213	2,006,292	1,966,700	1,706,830	6,387,063	2,470,604	1,806,950	29,082,005	30,606,676	(1,524,670)	(4.98)%
NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)														
State appropriations (less 3% hold back)	411,195	411,195	411,195	411,195	411,195	411,195	411,195	411,195	421,141	401,249	4,111,950	4,058,371	53,579	1.32%
Federal grants	38,579	160,607	96,105	97,883	(60,528)	187,007	80,856	80,849	127,297	64,019	872,676	1,171,333	(298,657)	(25.50)%
State grants	0	(10)	101,198	59,251	(44,237)	838,046	137,510	(100,403)	301,374	147,459	1,440,188	2,113,925	(673,736)	(31.87)%
Other grants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000	0.00%
Property taxes	21,535	23,138	22,420	7,813	13,463	305,305	1,360,765	257,329	99,763	41,466	2,152,997	2,071,062	81,935	3.96%
Investment earnings	26,663	18,111	16,353	19,193	16,351	15,914	16,956	30,418	18,842	12,751	191,552	179,895	11,657	6.48%
Gifts	2,650	650	(55,755)	25,800	(42,453)	100	2,502	(4,177)	861,788	0	791,105	3,655,581	(2,864,476)	(78.36)%
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	500,622	613,692	591,516	621,135	293,791	1,757,567	2,009,784	675,211	1,835,205	666,944	9,565,467	13,250,166	(3,684,699)	(27.81)%
CHANGES IN NET POSITION	5,094,750	(551,997)	(1,783,278)	1,095,070	454,089	819,796	615,376	(1,793,204)	183,800	(785,077)	3,349,324	7,117,960	(3,768,636)	(52.95)%

Budget to Actual Revenues 05/31/2019 (92%)



Budget to Actual Expenses 05/31/2019 (92%)



Three Rivers College
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes In Net Position
Unrestricted Funds, Grants and Governmental Appropriations - Unaudited
May 31, 2019
Fiscal Year Benchmark: 92%

REVENUES	BUDGET	REVENUES TO DATE	REVENUES TO DATE %	REVENUES TO BE EARNED
NET TUITION AND FEES <i>Tuition, Student Registration Fees, Net of Bad Debt & Scholarship Allowances</i>	10,502,830	10,225,616	97%	277,214
STUDENT AID <i>Federal Pell, Student Loans, SEOG, ACG, Work Study</i>	219,047	210,624	96%	8,423
AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES <i>Housing, Bookstore, Testing & Assessment, Tinnin Center Operations, License Bureau Rental</i>	2,723,089	2,586,646	95%	136,442
OTHER OPERATING REVENUE <i>Athletic Ticket Sales, Fines, Transcript Fees, Other Income</i>	414,700	388,167	94%	26,533
GOVERNMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS <i>State Aid, State Maint. & Repair</i>	5,075,785	4,704,606	93%	371,179
GRANT REVENUE <i>State Grants, Federal Grants</i>	2,816,073	2,413,526	86%	402,547
NON-OPERATING REVENUE <i>Taxes, Interest Earnings, Gifts</i>	2,618,999	3,171,771	121%	(552,771)
TRANSFERS IN <i>General funds - prior year transfers in (Reserves), current year transfers from capital</i>	151,284	149,945	99%	1,338
TOTAL REVENUES	24,521,807	23,850,901	97%	670,906

NOTE: We have recognized a total of 97% of budgeted revenues. We have recognized 97% of our budgeted revenues from tuition and fees, comprised of spring 2019 registrations, fall 2018 registrations and portions of summer 2018 and 2019, net of estimated bad debt. The operating budget includes transfers in from prior year reserves to support one-time projects which do not meet criteria for inclusion in the capital budget.

EXPENSES	BUDGET	EXPENSES TO DATE	EXPENSES TO DATE %	EXPENSES TO BE SPENT
INSTRUCTION <i>Business, Education, Math, Science, Technology, Humanities, Social Science, Health & Human Services</i>	6,609,458	5,731,364	87%	878,095
ACADEMIC SUPPORT <i>Academic Resource Commons, Academic Outreach Services, Career Education, Off Campus Center Support</i>	1,840,837	1,494,848	81%	345,989
STUDENT SERVICES <i>Recruiting, Enrollment Services, Advising, Retention, Financial Aid, Student Life, Athletics, Disability Services</i>	2,782,089	2,696,702	97%	85,387
INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT <i>Board of Trustees, Executive Management, Financial Services, Human Resources, Technology, Communications</i>	3,627,482	3,082,430	85%	545,052
AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES <i>Housing, Bookstore, Tinnin Center Operations, Testing & Assessment, License Bureau Rental</i>	2,477,084	2,280,749	92%	196,335
OPERATION & MAINT OF PLANT <i>Maintenance, Custodial, Groundskeeping, Campus Safety, Utilities, Insurance, Mail Services</i>	3,406,816	1,975,326	58%	1,431,491
SCHOLARSHIPS <i>Institutional Scholarships, Federal Student Aid Disbursed, Tuition Remission</i>	625,250	595,456	95%	29,794
GRANT EXPENSE <i>State Grants, Federal Grants</i>	3,096,415	2,549,494	82%	546,921
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,465,432	20,406,369	83%	4,059,063

NOTE: We have obligated 83% of our budgeted expenses at 92% into the fiscal year. May payroll IS INCLUDED, but credit card expenses ARE NOT INCLUDED as they were not yet available at the time of this report. Budgeted increase in Net Position is a result of adjustments made to the Enhancement Grant that resulted in less matching funds required as well as savings from temporarily vacant positions.

CHANGES IN NET POSITION	56,375	3,444,532
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Three Rivers College
 Capital Budget - Unaudited
 May 31, 2019
 Fiscal Year Benchmark: 92%

	BUDGET	SOURCES TO DATE	SOURCES TO DATE	SOURCES TO BE
			%	EARNED
FUNDING SOURCES				
RESTRICTED				
<i>Bond proceeds</i>	737,080	737,080	100%	0
<i>State appropriations (Crisp)</i>	3,000,000	0	0%	3,000,000
UNRESTRICTED				
<i>General funds - prior year transfers in (Reserves)</i>	479,214	479,214	100%	0
<i>General funds - prior year transfers in (TRET/Libla gifts)</i>	1,459,742	1,459,742	100%	0
<i>General funds - current year transfers in</i>	1,606		0%	1,606
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	5,677,642	2,676,036	47%	3,001,606
USES OF FUNDS				
	BUDGET	USES TO DATE	USES TO DATE %	USES UNSPENT
<i>Libla Family Sports Complex</i>	2,184,807	378,823	17%	1,805,984
<i> Current year transfers out to operating budget for non-capital items</i>	12,015	10,677	89%	1,338
<i>Crisp Technology Center addition and remodel</i>	3,000,000	226,550	8%	2,773,450
<i>Westover Administration Building repairs</i>	200,000	20,589	78%	10,822
<i>Landscaping and Lighting</i>	50,000	39,178	78%	10,822
<i>Student Housing repairs</i>	127,000	(4,500)	0%	22,646
<i>License Bureau roof</i>	30,000	0	0%	30,000
<i>Campus Safety improvements</i>	22,646	0	99%	352
<i>Kennett External Location parking repairs</i>	27,568	0	0%	27,568
<i>Tinnin Fine Arts Center repairs</i>	23,606	23,254	0%	22,646
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,677,642	694,571	12%	4,983,071
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	0	1,981,465		

**THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
CASH IN BANKS**

June 3, 2019

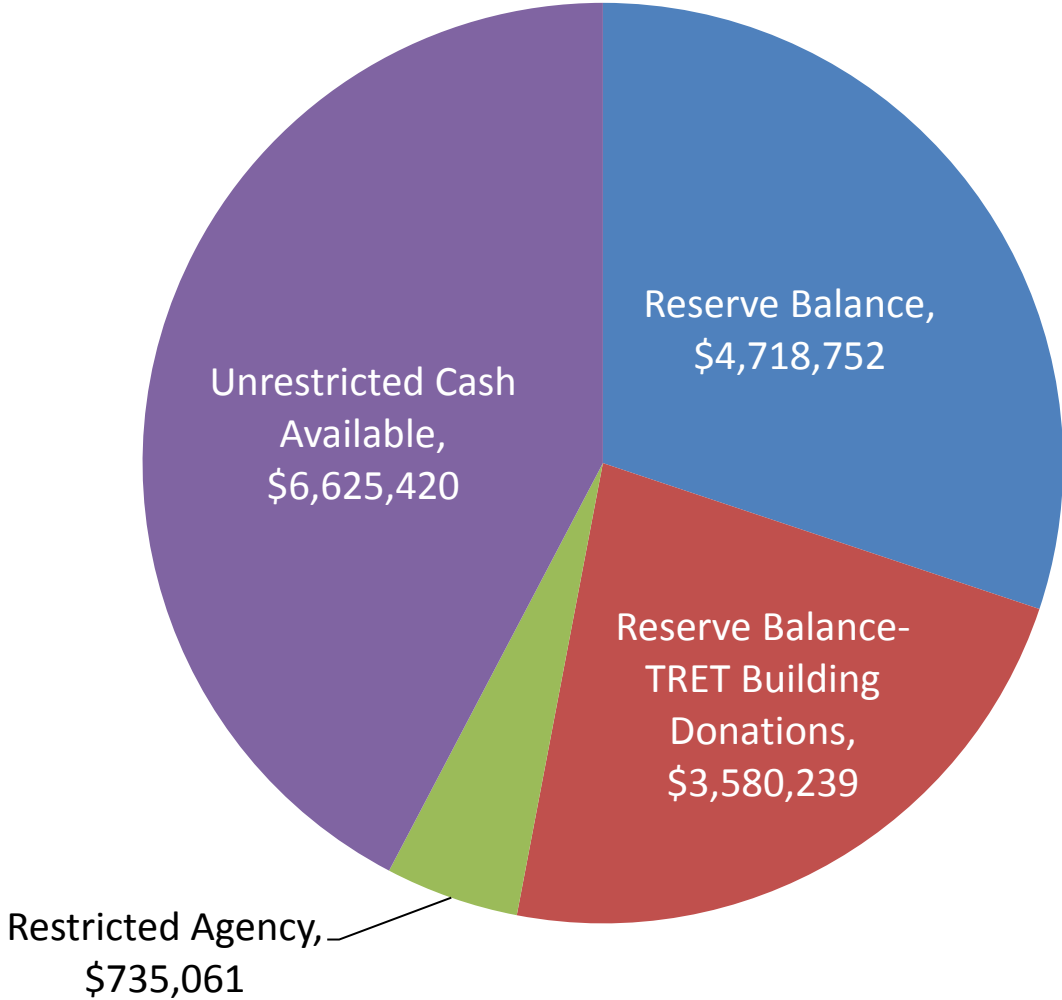
	<u>05/02/19</u>	<u>06/03/19</u>
CURRENT FUND		
<i>Cash Funds</i>		
Bookstore	1,800.00	1,800.00
Petty Cash	200.00	200.00
Vending Machines	224.55	224.55
Business Office	2,088.00	2,088.00
<i>Total Cash Funds</i>	4,312.55	4,312.55
<i>General Accounts</i>		
Southern Bank - General Funds	6,290,084.58	6,204,338.88
Southern Bank - Credit Cards	200,290.70	135,999.97
<i>Total General Accounts</i>	6,490,375.28	6,340,338.85
<i>Restricted Bank Accounts</i>		
Payroll Account - Southern Bank	(21,000.69)	92,704.92
Federal Clearing Account	-	4,459.00
Flexible Spending Account	10,472.23	10,405.38
<i>Total Restricted Accounts</i>	(10,528.46)	107,569.30
TOTAL CURRENT FUND	6,484,159.37	6,452,220.70
HOUSING FUND		
<i>General Accounts</i>		
Rivers Ridge Account - Southern Bank	235,688.58	173,199.08
<i>Total General Accounts</i>	235,688.58	173,199.08
TOTAL HOUSING FUND	235,688.58	173,199.08

**THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
CASH IN BANKS**

June 3, 2019

	<u>05/02/19</u>	<u>06/03/19</u>
PLANT FUND		
<i>Bank Accounts</i>		
Plant Fund - Southern Bank	2,725,164.22	2,728,637.80
<i>Total Bank Accounts</i>	2,725,164.22	2,728,637.80
<i>Certificates of Deposit</i>		
Bank of Grandin #16126	143,732.70	143,732.70
First Missouri State Bank #22132	104,328.96	104,328.96
Bank of Grandin #17101	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
Bank of Grandin #17103	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00
First Missouri State Bank #22223	1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Bank of Grandin #17002	1,322,292.42	1,322,292.42
<i>Total Certificates of Deposit</i>	5,570,354.08	5,570,354.08
TOTAL PLANT FUND	8,295,518.30	8,298,991.88
AGENCY FUND		
<i>Bank Accounts</i>		
Agency Account - Southern Bank	346,700.84	357,713.83
<i>Certificates of Deposit</i>		
Restricted CD's & Savings	388,374.16	377,347.37
TOTAL AGENCY FUND	735,075.00	735,061.20

**TOTAL CASH IN CHECKING AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT
\$15,659,472 AS OF 06/03/19**



THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT AS OF May 31, 2019

CD#	BANK	RATE	DATE	TERM	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
17002	Bank of Grandin	2.25	08/14/19	12 mths	1,322,292.42	Contingency
22132	First Missouri State Bank	1.89	11/01/19	12 mths	104,328.96	Contingency
16126	Bank of Grandin	3.50	02/22/20	12 mths	143,732.70	Contingency
17101	Bank of Grandin	2.90	04/01/20	12 mths	1,500,000.00	Contingency
17103	Bank of Grandin	2.90	04/01/20	12 mths	1,500,000.00	Contingency
22223	First Missouri State Bank	2.92	04/02/20	12 mths	1,000,000.00	Contingency
Total Unrestricted Designated Reserves					\$ 5,570,354.08	

SCHOLARSHIP/ENDOWMENT CERTIFICATES AS OF May 31, 2019

2016012267	Commerce Bank	0.25	06/04/92	06/04/19	2,350.00	Bill Vinson
5016848212	Commerce Bank	0.25	06/23/98	06/23/19	7,843.17	Louise Spradling
63760632	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	1.54	07/02/89	07/01/19	1,226.80	A. Garner
451028956	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	07/02/99	07/02/19	5,234.00	Wm. D. Becker
21030291	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	07/07/93	07/07/19	1,405.00	Joshua Bowman
2170801	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	1.65	07/11/97	07/30/19	10,925.00	Mabel Swindel
21024477	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	08/22/89	08/22/19	10,000.00	Myrtle Rutland
8036	First Missouri State Bank	0.75	08/23/90	08/23/19	4,000.00	Jackie Watson
1721901	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	0.65	08/25/92	08/25/19	3,000.00	Odd Fellows
110270576	Southern Bank	0.85	08/27/85	08/28/19	5,000.00	Belle Hinrichs
14776	First Missouri State Bank	0.75	08/28/02	08/28/19	5,000.00	Helvey-Miller
218101	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	1.24	09/22/98	09/22/19	5,000.00	Jerome Burford
423137249	Regions Bank	0.01	05/12/88	10/06/19	2,833.00	Combined Sch
423137256	Regions Bank	0.01	05/12/88	10/06/19	1,024.34	Fred Morrow
24325	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	0.65	10/15/99	10/15/19	10,324.77	Norman Gamblin
2197201	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	0.65	10/31/97	10/31/19	1,065.00	Gertrude Cox
23353	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	1.24	11/06/00	11/06/19	4,000.00	Coll. Achievement
1014001	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	1.00	11/06/89	11/06/19	5,000.00	Charlotte Stone
423135367	Regions Bank	0.10	11/18/04	11/18/19	1,106.64	Betty Waldrop
21028354	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.40	12/03/91	12/03/19	2,310.00	C.T. McDaniel
423135383	Regions Bank	1.49	12/04/04	12/04/19	1,650.00	R. Couperus
10369	First Missouri State Bank	1.10	12/05/95	12/05/19	5,000.00	Helvey-Miller
451038849	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.40	12/08/99	12/08/19	1,110.00	C.T. McDaniel
451034787	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.50	06/09/97	12/09/19	1,000.00	Wm. D. Becker
2017004259	Commerce Bank	0.30	12/09/89	12/09/19	1,000.00	P.I. Church
2016012160	Commerce Bank	0.25	12/11/91	12/11/19	7,700.00	Bill Vinson
11129	First Missouri State Bank	1.10	12/12/96	12/12/19	6,131.36	Kim Mosley
43712	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	0.85	04/27/09	12/14/19	67,447.79	Holder-Rowland
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2213401	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	0.85	01/08/98	01/08/20	10,000.00	Jerome Burford
423137157	Regions Bank	1.24	01/14/85	01/14/20	2,500.00	Dr. Miller
21031513	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	01/19/95	01/19/20	12,868.64	Kim Mosley
2012008112	Commerce Bank	0.30	08/11/92	02/11/20	1,000.00	Myra C. Hays
352394707389	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	08/19/88	02/18/20	2,061.55	James Warren
63761112	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	02/23/89	02/22/20	2,500.00	A. Garner
2224601	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	1.05	02/25/98	02/25/20	1,658.87	Missy Braden
2136801	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	1.05	03/05/97	03/05/20	5,000.00	Thelma Jackson

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CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

CD#	BANK	RATE	DATE	TERM	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
2017004363	Commerce Bank	0.30	03/30/88	03/30/20	10,000.00	Myrtle Corbett
5017843040	Commerce Bank	0.30	05/01/97	04/07/20	2,900.00	Miles Hays
20205	First Missouri State Bank	1.10	04/21/10	04/21/20	20,403.81	ICHE Scholarship
21033372	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	05/01/96	05/01/20	1,000.00	Kim Mosley
9525	First Missouri State Bank	1.10	05/06/93	05/06/20	2,000.00	Carl Wiseman
25103	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	1.74	05/14/99	05/14/20	5,000.00	Thelma Jackson
2016007496	Commerce Bank	0.25	05/14/90	05/14/20	3,835.00	Bill Vinson
21031218	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	05/15/94	05/15/20	2,192.00	Greg Starnes
2038701	First Midwest Bank of P.B.	1.30	05/16/96	05/16/20	5,000.00	Thelma Jackson
21028105	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	05/22/91	05/22/20	29,782.32	Myrtle Rutland
21028106	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	0.25	05/22/91	05/22/20	20,000.00	Myrtle Rutland
7236	First Missouri State Bank	1.10	05/26/89	05/26/20	16,350.00	Jackie Watson
110260320	Southern Bank	0.85	06/02/86	06/02/20	1,000.00	Hulen Spencer
110239662	Southern Bank	1.00	01/05/91	01/05/21	1,412.53	Bulow Mem.
63760768	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	1.24	03/06/89	03/05/21	6,468.04	Butler Co Co-op
63760695	US Bank of Poplar Bluff	1.73	04/04/85	04/05/21	1,001.63	Lonnie Davis
2018004893	Commerce Bank	0.35	04/10/88	04/10/21	3,000.00	Myra C. Hays
2012008906	Commerce Bank	0.30	05/11/81	05/11/21	4,526.11	P.C. Hays, Sr.
423137173	Regions Bank	0.15	12/09/85	12/09/21	5,000.00	Mary Hinrichs
110274305	Southern Bank	0.90	05/30/86	06/30/22	5,200.00	Mabel Swindel
2019003547	Commerce Bank	0.40	07/08/90	07/08/22	4,000.00	P.C. Hays, Jr.

Total Endowment CD's

\$ 377,347.37

Three Rivers College
CD Report
As of May 31, 2019

Investment CDs

Bank Account Interest Rate

Bank	Account	Interest Rate
Southern Bank	all except Federal Funds	1.50%

CDs Maturing

Bank	Certificate Number	Maturity Date	Amount

Responses

Bank	Contact	Comment	Amount	3 months	6 months	9 months	10 months	1 year

CDs Transferred

Endowment CDs Transferred to Endowment Trust
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CDs Maturing

Bank	Certificate Number	Endowment	Maturity Date	Amount
US Bank	0-035-6867-6067	William Becker	5/1/2019	11,026.79
Total				11,026.79

THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Summary of Checks Issued
Month of May 2019

Current Fund:	General Fund - Southern Bank	\$ 1,219,637.20
	Electronic Student Refunds - Higher One	<u>35,283.22</u>
	Total Current Fund	1,254,920.42
Housing Fund:	Rivers Ridge - Southern Bank	64,864.00
Plant Fund:	Construction Account - Southern Bank	-
Agency Fund:	Agency Account - Southern Bank	<u>5,589.73</u>
	Grand Total	<u><u>\$ 1,325,374.15</u></u>

This is to certify that the above is supported by invoices, purchase orders, and other pertinent data on file in the College Financial Service Office. Approved by the Board of Trustees, this 19th day of June 2019.

_____ Chairman, Board of Trustees

_____ Secretary, Board of Trustees

**THREE RIVERS COLLEGE
 BID REPORT
 AS OF JUNE 11, 2019**

SAN

Status: Closed
 Open Date: 4/23/2019
 Close Date: 5/7/2019
 Funding Source: General Revenue
 Bids Submitted:

Provision Data Solutions	Chesterfield, MO
Midwest Computech	Columbia, MO
Dell	Round Rock, TX
CDW Government	Vernon Hills, IL

Bid Awarded: Yes CDW Government

\$36,931.89

Housing Apartment Cleaning

Status: Closed
 Open Date: 5/17/2019
 Close Date: 5/29/2019
 Funding Source: Housing
 Bids Submitted:

M & R Hard Surface Restoration	Poplar Bluff, MO
SEMO Carpet Doctor	Poplar Bluff, MO
C. E. Berry Janitorial Service	Overland, MO
SG360	Caruthersville, MO

Bid Awarded: No

Housing Flooring Replacement

Status: Closed
 Open Date: 5/28/2019
 Close Date: 6/11/2019
 Funding Source: Housing
 Bids Submitted:

Pack's Do it Center	Poplar Bluff, MO
Garett Hutchcraft Construction, LLC	Dexter, MO

Bid Awarded: No

Westover Entrance Canopy

Status: Closed
 Open Date: 5/25/2019
 Close Date: 6/6/2019
 Funding Source: General
 Bids Submitted:

Sides Construction	Jackson, MO
RLP	Poplar Bluff, MO

Bid Awarded: No

Crisp Grading Package

Status: Closed
 Open Date: 5/25/2019
 Close Date: 6/6/2019
 Funding Source: General
 Bids Submitted:

Farrell Enterprises	Sikeston, MO
Dumey Contracting	Benton, MO
Persons & Son	Poplar Bluff, MO
RLP	Poplar Bluff, MO

Bid Awarded: No

June 2019 President's Report

- Nursing Pinning Ceremony – May 17
- Commencement – May 17
- Academic All Americans (not sure on date)
- Summer Classes Began – June 3
- College National Finals Rodeo – June 9-15
- TRET Golf Tournament – June 14

- Upcoming Events
 - College Closed – July 4 and 5
 - 27th Annual Drama Camp – July 8-12
 - Basketball Camp – July 8-12 and July 15-19
 - Dash and Splash 5K – July 12
 - Convocation – August 12
 - First Day of Classes for Fall 2019 – August 19

A G E N D A
Executive Session
Wednesday, June 19, 2019

I. Executive Session

1. Personnel and any other matters covered by RSMo Section 610.021
2. Real Estate/Property and other matters covered by RSMo Section 610.021.2
3. Legal and other matters covered by RSMo Section 610.021.1

II. Adjournment

V6.1. Consideration and approval of the FY20 Budget

BACKGROUND INFORMATION--HISTORY

A new budget must be adopted each fiscal year.

POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVES

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Failure to adopt a budget will prevent operations

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

Administration recommends the adoption of the budget as presented

Consideration of Personnel Action
Employment of Personnel
Part-time Nursing Secretary for LPN in Sikeston

PERSONNEL DATA SHEET

_____ Administrative Officer

_____ Professional Staff

_____ Faculty

X Support Staff – new position

_____ Federal Program: _____

_____ Special Program _____

NAME: Destinie Doyle

POSITION TITLE: Part-time Nursing Secretary for LPN in Sikeston

SALARY: \$10.00/hour

FULL-TIME _____ PART-TIME: X

9 months _____ 10 months _____ 11 months _____ 12 months X

Other: _____

STARTING DATE: July 29, 2019

QUALIFICATIONS:

Degree Ed. Institution Major

EXPERIENCE

09/2015 – 03/2019	Heritage Nursing Center Kennett, MO	Certified Nurses Assistant
06/2014 – 06/2015	Grecian Steak House Kennett, MO	Waitress

(06/19/2019)

Consideration of Personnel Action
Employment of Personnel
College Store Coordinator

PERSONNEL DATA SHEET

_____ Administrative Officer

_____ Professional Staff

_____ Faculty

X Support Staff – replacement; Christina Wooldridge to Board 05/15/2019

_____ Federal Program: _____

_____ Special Program _____

NAME: Elizabeth Hale

POSITION TITLE: College Store Coordinator

SALARY: \$10.00/hour

FULL-TIME X PART-TIME: _____

9 months _____ 10 months _____ 11 months _____ 12 months X

Other: _____

STARTING DATE: June 3, 2019

QUALIFICATIONS:

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Ed. Institution</u>	<u>Major</u>
AA	Three Rivers College Poplar Bluff, MO	Business Administration

EXPERIENCE _____

<u>07/2016 - present</u>	<u>Three Rivers College/The College</u>	<u>Work-Study/</u>
<u>05/2018 – 02/2019</u>	<u>Store</u>	<u>PT Temporary Worker</u>

(06/19/2019)

Consideration of Personnel Action
Employment of Personnel
Practical Nursing Instructor in Sikeston

PERSONNEL DATA SHEET

_____ Administrative Officer

_____ Professional Staff

X Faculty – new position; Sikeston LPN Program

_____ Support Staff

_____ Federal Program: _____

_____ Special Program _____

NAME: Amanda Taegtmeier

POSITION TITLE: Practical Nursing Instructor in Sikeston

SALARY: \$44,205

FULL-TIME X PART-TIME: _____

9 months _____ 10 months _____ 11 months _____ 12 months X

Other: _____

STARTING DATE: July 15, 2019

QUALIFICATIONS:

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Ed. Institution</u>	<u>Major</u>
LPN	Sikeston Career & Technology Center Sikeston, MO	Nursing
AAS	Three Rivers College Poplar Bluff, MO	Nursing
BSN	Southeast Missouri State University Cape Girardeau, MO	Nursing

EXPERIENCE

<u>02/2013 - present</u>	<u>St. Francis Healthcare</u>	<u>Registered Nurse</u>
	<u>Cape Girardeau, MO</u>	
<u>02/2015 – 06/2016</u>	<u>Clearview Nursing Center</u>	<u>Weekend RN Charge Nurse/</u>
<u>06/2009 – 02/2013</u>	<u>Sikeston, MO</u>	<u>MDS Coord/LPN Charge Nurse/ADON</u>

(06/19/2019)

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

Transfer of Position
Welcome Center Facilitator to Student Services Advisor I

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

HISTORY

Due to reorganization of Enrollment Services, one position of Welcome Center Facilitator will transition to a Student Services Advisor I and assist with advising for incoming students. In conjunction with GAR1120 College Reorganization, the President has recommended the transfer of Gentry Mathias to this position. Ms. Mathias will assume the new duties as of April 28, 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This is a twelve-month, support position.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Approve the internal transfer of Gentry Mathias.

(06/19/2019)

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

Acceptance of Resignation
Practical Nursing Coordinator/Instructor, Sikeston

BACKGROUND INFORMATION **HISTORY**

Ms. Candace Ellis originally accepted the Practical Nursing Coordinator/Instructor, Sikeston position with a start date of July 15, 2019. Due to other circumstances, Ms. Ellis has decided to not accept this position.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This is a full-time, twelve-month, faculty position.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Accept Ms. Ellis' resignation and proceed with review of the position and the appropriate replacement process.

(06/19/2019)

CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

Acceptance of Resignation
Student Services Specialist

BACKGROUND INFORMATION **HISTORY**

Ms. Tristin Reed has been employed as a Student Services Specialist since November 2015 and full-time with the college since 2013. Ms. Reed has submitted her resignation, effective May 10, 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This is a full-time, twelve-month, non-exempt staff position.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Accept Ms. Reed's resignation and proceed with review of the position and the appropriate replacement process.

(06/19/2019)

Kristina McDaniel

From: Tristin Reed
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 10:35 AM
To: Kristina McDaniel
Subject: Resignation

Good morning,

I'm sorry I didn't get this to you sooner. After careful consideration, I have decided not to return to work. I have enjoyed the last ten years with Three Rivers and appreciate all the opportunities given to me. I hope maybe someday I can return, but I feel I need to spend as much time as possible with my daughter at this time. I appreciate how understanding everyone has been about my decision. I wish you all the best and hope to keep in touch. If there is anything else you need from me, please let me know.

Tristin Reed

Sent from my iPhone

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CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL ACTION

Acceptance of Resignation
Instructor, Information Systems Technology

BACKGROUND INFORMATION **HISTORY**

Ms. Terri Smith has been employed as a full-time faculty member since August 1998. Ms. Smith has submitted her resignation, effective May 17, 2019.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This is a full-time, nine-month, faculty position.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Accept Ms. Smith's resignation and proceed with review of the position and the appropriate replacement process.

(06/19/2019)



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May 24, 2019

Wesley A. Payne, Ph.D.
President
Three Rivers College
2080 Three Rivers Blvd.
Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

Dr. Payne,

Please accept this letter as my resignation of employment from Three Rivers College, effective with the end of the spring 2019 semester.

Sincerely,

Terri Smith

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Session, the last day to register for Summer “B” Session is June 27, with classes beginning on July 1.

Independence Day, College closed July 4-5.

27th Annual Children’s Theater Drama Camp, 9-12 p.m. July 8-12 in the Tinnin Fine Arts Center; cost: \$75. For students entering grades 2-8. Students will have a final performance at 11 a.m. on July 12. The deadline to register is June 21. Details and the entry form can be found online at trcc.edu/dramacamp.

Coach Gene Bess Basketball Camp, July 8-12 and July 15-19. The cost is \$215/player, \$60 housing, and includes 3 sessions each day (morning -- 9:30-11:30; afternoon -- 1-4; and evening -- 6-8), noon meals, limited insurance, T-shirts, participation certificates, and awards for outstanding performance. Players will learn from the TRC coaching staff and several current and former Raiders. Details and an application can be found at raidersathletics.com under Men’s or Women’s Sports. For more information or reservations, contact Brian Bess at 573-840-9612 or at bbess@trcc.edu.

Dash and Splash – Dexter 5K Run/Walk, 6 p.m. July 12 at East Park in Dexter. Proceeds benefit the Student Success Fund at Three Rivers College – Dexter. Registration begins at 5 p.m. The fee is \$20 to enter the 5K run/walk, 1-mile walk, or as a virtual runner. Strollers are welcome, children ages 10 and younger must be accompanied by an adult 18 or older. Those registered by June 19 are guaranteed a T-shirt. June 20, the fee increases to \$25 and late entries are not guaranteed a T-shirt. More information can be found at trcc.edu/development/events.

Summer Hours will end on July 26.

Convocation, the College will hold its Fall Convocation on August 12.

Fall Semester, the last day to register for the Fall semester is August 16, with classes beginning on August 19.

For the most current information on upcoming events, view the College Calendar at www.trcc.edu.



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Three Rivers College Class of 2019

- ASSOCIATE OF ARTS: Chadler B. James, Michael J. Jones, Taylor M. Langan, ... ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE: Kayla D. Adams, Kayla D. Adams, Kayla D. Adams, ... ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE: Kayla D. Adams, Kayla D. Adams, Kayla D. Adams, ... CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION: Kayla D. Adams, Kayla D. Adams, Kayla D. Adams, ...

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Ozark Border Electric Cooperative logo and website information.

AMERICAN REALTY logo and contact information for Rick Lansford.

Dental Arts Group logo and contact information.

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LARGE PHILLY CHEESE STEAK \$13.99 promotion advertisement.

Celebration of graduates advertisement for Three Rivers College.

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THREE RIVERS COLLEGE

Board awards custodial bid

By **DENISE KINDER**
Staff Writer

Three Rivers College will see a slight savings in custodial services by awarding the bid to SG360 of Caruthersville during Wednesday's Board of Trustees meeting.

According to Chief Financial Officer Charlotte Eubank, total custodial services spent by the college during fiscal year 2019 was \$299,077.20.

Custodial services were previously handled by M&R Hard Surface Restoration and McAlister Cleaning.

By partnering with SG360 for custodial services, TRC will see an approximate savings of \$464.58 the first year.

Trustees approved SG360's first year bid of \$298,612.62 with the option for two one-year extensions.

SG360 was the lowest of the six companies to submit bids.

Commencement

TRC commencement will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at the Libla Family Sports Complex for the first time.

The ceremony is not open to the public and tickets will be required to attend. Graduates were distributed tickets for family and friends to attend.

Financial Update

Year-to-date comparisons, according to Eubank, continue to be very similar to what trustees have seen in previous months.

Tuition and fees are tracking slightly behind due to lower enrollment compared to last year.

Eubank added that student aid and other categories driven by enrollment are also slightly behind.

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“Expenses are also lower than the previous fiscal year,” Eubank said. “We did budget for lower enrollment so that follows suit.”

Revenues minus expenses are also a bit behind from last year, but a large component of that is the Endowment Trust gift that is in the previous year, Eubank said.

At 83% into the fiscal year, Eubank said a little ground is left to make up the budget to actual revenues in the tuition and fees category, but summer registration is still underway.

“We exceeded our budgeted revenue in the non-operating revenue category primarily due to property taxes that exceeded our expectations,” she said.

When using the 83% as a guide, Eubank said most expense categories are right on target.

“Auxiliary enterprises have been tracking ahead pretty much all year, but also tracking ahead on the revenues side, so that more than supports that,” she added

This brings the year-to-date preliminary revenues minus expenses to just over \$3.8 million.

“That is pretty good for this time of year,” Eubank said. “We also did a good job budgeting for the decrease in enrollment and holding back expenses.”

Other events

As the college is barreling toward the end of another semester, TRC President Dr. Wesley Payne updated the board with a few upcoming events.

The nursing students pinning ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center.

The college will be closed Memorial Day, May 27, and begin its summer hours June 7.

Summer hours will be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and closed on Fridays.

The Three Rivers Endowment Trust Golf Tournament will be held June 14 as the biggest fundraiser of the year for the Endowment Trust. Check-in and lunch will begin at noon at the Westwood Hills Country Club followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

A reception and shrimp boil will wrap up the event from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For more information visit www.trcc.edu/development/events.

Next Meeting

The next TRC Board of Trustees meeting will be at noon June 19 in the board room at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center.

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CHEERLEADING

Van Buren's Cantrell signs with Three Rivers

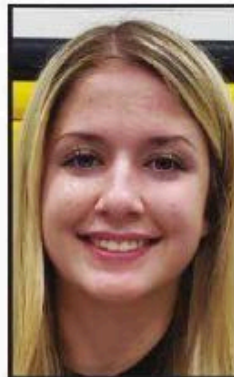
By **NATE FIELDS**
Sports Writer

VAN BUREN — Three Rivers signed its newest flyer to the cheer squad on Thursday.

Chloe Cantrell signed her letter of intent to cheer for the Lady Raiders.

"I'm really excited," Cantrell said. "I'm kind of nervous, but I feel like being on this squad and knowing people at the college is really going to help me, and they've all been really welcoming."

At first, Cantrell didn't know if Three Rivers was



Cantrell

going to be the right fit for her. She was initially nervous and thought it would be too stressful, so she decided not

to try out.

After talking with Van Buren coach Sherry Snider, they talked to Three Rivers coach Kayla Sparkman and Cantrell was given another chance to try out.

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CANTRELL

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When she first got to the March clinic, Cantrell was intimidated by all of the people she saw, but her love for cheering kept her going.

“She gave me a second chance, and I’m really thankful for that because I feel like it’s going to be a really good opportunity,” Cantrell said. “... I guess I thought that this is something I love to do and I want to keep doing it as long as I can.”

When she’s not cheering, Cantrell stuck out to Sparkman as a great problem solver. She doesn’t let issues arise on the team and she tries to hold every-

thing together.

“It shows that she’s going to be a good team player and put others first besides herself, and that’s always a very, very good thing,” Sparkman said. “She’s a really great athlete and she’s also academically strong. She’s going to be a very strong flyer for us next year.”

Cantrell was a captain on Van Buren’s cheer squad for two years.

“She’s been a real big part of Bulldog basketball cheer,” Snider said. “She’s been a captain for me her junior and senior years. She holds herself to high standards, and those around her, but she’s not afraid to be a team player either. That’s a big deal for her.

“Anything she asked her teammates to do, she led by example. She’s great.”

Sometimes, Cantrell is afraid of failing when she tries something new. That doesn’t stop her from going through with it, though. All throughout high school, she said she could never complete a liberty. During the March clinics, she finally pulled it off after continuing to work on it.

“It’s very hard for me to try anything new at first because I’m afraid of failing,” Cantrell said. “But when I do try it and get it, it really, really boosts my confidence and makes me feel like I can do more than I thought I could before.”

Academically, Cantrell plans to study psychology.

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(ABOVE) The 2019 Three Rivers College Commencement was the first to be held in the new Libla Family Sports Complex.

(RIGHT) Three Rivers College graduate candidates listen intently during Friday's graduation ceremony inside the Libla Family Sports Complex.

(BELOW) Todd Richardson, former Three Rivers graduate, Speaker of the House and current Director of MO HealthNet, speaks during the graduation ceremony.



(RIGHT) Katelynn Hall (from left), Cara Bubnovich and Libby Burdin are recognized as dual-credit graduates during Friday's Three Rivers College commencement ceremony.



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TRC HOLDS FIRST COMMENCEMENT IN LIBLA FAMILY SPORTS COMPLEX

'LIKE A FAMILY'

By DENISE KINDER
Staff Writer

"This is a stepping stone to future events," Three Rivers College graduate Keiarra Lee said during Friday evening's commencement ceremony.

Lee along with cheer squad teammate McKenzie Dazey stood with their

fellow TRC graduates in the hall of the Libla Family Sports Complex ahead of being the first class to graduate in the new facility.

"I will remember how Three Rivers was like a family," Dazey said.

Now that the girls are among the newest group of TRC graduates, they will be parting ways.

"We are part of a team so we cheer each other on," Lee said.

Dazey added while they only cheered together for a short time, the two girls spent many hours together, so the day held some sadness.

"I'm also nervous and excited," she said. "We have worked hard for this."

Also sharing their journey through TRC, nursing students Mallory McDaniel, Zane Foust, Bailey Roach and Mary Kate Miller sat together for a final time before heading in different directions.

"I'm so excited and relieved," McDaniel said

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about graduation day finally arriving. "We have been working our butts off for two years and it feels phenomenal to be here. It's really indescribable."

As TRC celebrated the college's 53rd year of service to the citizens of Southeast Missouri, over 1,000 degrees and certificates were awarded to nearly 600 students.

Among those graduates was Jasmine Sales.

Her family waited in the lobby of the Libla Family Sports Complex with flowers, gifts and hugs for their newest graduate following the ceremony.

"This was emotional for me because I know it has been a long journey for her," sister Justice Ware-Burrow said. "She inspires me and I'm glad she made it."

Sales two children were also in attendance to see their mother cross the stage to accept her diploma.

Ivy, 3, and Austin, 7, said they clapped loudly for their mother.

"It's inspirational and I want to make sure my kids do the same," husband Andrew Sales said. "The hard work paid off."

Sales' achievement was something her whole family

was involved in. Her husband said he helped with her experiments, projects, would read out loud and keep his wife motivated.

"Press on through, you got this," Sales told his wife often.

TRC 2019 Distinguished Alumni and Commencement Speaker Todd Richardson encouraged graduates to thank those who helped them achieve their goals.

In a society that values the notion of rugged individuals and the idea that success and progress is born from sheer power and drive to succeed,

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Richardson reminded the graduates all had reached this point because other people have helped make it possible.

“None of us would be here without the love of parents, grandparents, teachers or mentors,” he said. “There is power in being thankful and recognizing people who helped get us to where we are.”

Richardson shared his journey to graduating law school and the path he took to get there.

It took him almost nine years from the time he left TRC to obtain his undergraduate degree.

“To put that in perspective, I started college with Windows 95 and when I graduated they were about ready to have iPhones,” he said.

He enrolled in five different higher educational institutions and at one point had a GPA “lower than Death Valley,” he said.

While sharing with an advisor his plan to attend law school, the man quickly told Richardson they needed to find a new plan for him.

“I would like to tell you that is where I had this grand moment and got mad and de-

cidated to prove him wrong, but it wasn’t,” he said. “It took another few years, but I got into law school by the skin of my teeth.”

Richardson shared he graduated with one of the lowest grade point averages in his undergraduate law school class, but he was determined to not allow how he got there determine his success.

“I worked hard and graduated No. 2 in my law school class,” he said. “Where I was mattered more than how I got there.”

Imagining some of the new graduates could relate with his story, Richardson reminded the struggles are a part of what makes a person who they are.

“Remember how you got here matters, but the fact you are here matters a lot more and where you are going matters the most,” he said.

Board of Trustees Chair Dr. Tim Hager expressed how gratifying it was for him to see so many graduates heading off to a brand new life with a degree from TRC.

“Education is the key to a

better quality of life for our area,” he said. “Education is the key to a better life for students, their families and for the communities they call home.”

Hager, a TRC alum, shared his story of making the transition from public school and how he struggled in the beginning.

Three Rivers is where he figured “it” out.

Admitting he “forgot” to study during his first semester at TRC, with the help of staff, Hager was able to eventually make his way to achieving his doctorate after getting a start in Poplar Bluff.

“This college made me as a student and in turn it made me as an adult,” he said.

Hager also reminded faculty there is always a kid in the back row who is also trying to “figure it out” and to be nice and kind to them because they could grow up and become chairman of the board of trustees.

“Class of 2019, welcome to the Raider Nation,” he said.

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(LEFT) Abiodun Ayetimi, a native of Lagos, Nigeria, is recognized as the first person in his family to go to college during Friday's ceremony. **(RIGHT)** E'Kira Marshall watches for family to arrive before Friday's graduation ceremony begins. **(BELOW)** Graduate candidates listen as Todd Richardson offers words of advice during Friday's ceremony.



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Kalyn Mitchell pauses for a photograph with her grandparents, Jeanne and Jim Trammell, after Friday's ceremony.



Graduate candidates enter the Libla Family Sports Complex during Friday's ceremony pro-

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Members of the Three Rivers College Combined Choirs sing "I've Got a Golden Ticket" to open Friday's commencement ceremony.



Guadalupe Ruiz accepts her diploma from Three Rivers College President Dr. Wes Payne.

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COLLEGE RODEO

2 Raiders qualify for National Finals

Three Rivers Media Services

Three Rivers' Jake Sellers and Madison Steele are making the long drive to Casper, Wyoming.

The two Three Rivers rodeo team members have qualified to compete in the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) on June 9-15 in Casper, Wyoming.

Sellers ended the 2018-2019 rodeo year in fourth place in the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) Ozark Region for bull riding, despite missing much of the season due to serious injuries from an accident with a bull in the practice pen.

"Jake has overcome a lot of adversity since last October when he was injured. He was disappointed about not finishing in the top three, but with this call, he is as excited as he has ever been for an

opportunity in rodeo," Three Rivers coach Chad Phipps said. "He worked hard this Spring, and he was already working hard at home this summer preparing for next year. Now he doesn't have to wait until next year to compete again."

Steele won breakaway roping in the Ozark Region to qualify.

"Madison has all of the talent in the world, she could definitely win the National title," Phipps said. "She has had a great year with a lot of learning experiences. I expect her talent and experience will help her do well in Wyoming."

The top three finishers in each event in the Ozark Region automatically qualify for the National Finals, but when the bull-riding competitor in third place was unable to attend the CNFR, Sellers got the call to take his place.

Sellers, just completed his freshman year studying Forestry at Three Rivers. Steele is an Agriculture major from Albertville, Alabama. Both she and Sellers will return to Three Rivers in the Fall to continue their education and compete with the rodeo team.

"I am looking forward to coaching Jake and Madison at their first CNFRs. There is no better feeling than to get to compete on the biggest stage in the world for college rodeo. I know the work they have both put in, and I look forward to seeing it pay off for them at the Finals," Phipps said.

Three Rivers is the only community college in Missouri with a rodeo team, and only one of two college rodeo teams in the entire state, until this Fall when they are joined by a third — Central Methodist University.

Recently, Three Rivers and CMU expanded their existing partnership to include a four-year agribusiness degree and a four-year rodeo team, available to students beginning fall 2019.

For the new agribusiness program, students will complete coursework through Three Rivers for three years, earning an Associate of Applied Science in agribusiness

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and an Associate of Arts in agriculture before beginning their fourth year with CMU. All courses will be available at the Three Rivers campus in Poplar Bluff and will have components utilizing the Three Rivers farm.

In addition, Three Rivers rodeo team member will now have the opportunity to compete with the newly formed CMU rodeo team should they transfer from TRC to CMU.

The CMU rodeo team will be based in Poplar Bluff and share the arena at the Three Rivers farm for practices and training.

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The Grassham family recently made a donation to their scholarship fund with the Three Rivers Endowment Trust. The contribution represents proceeds from a Trivia Night held in Van Buren. Pictured are, from left, Michelle Reynolds, Director of Development at Three Rivers College; Hadley Grassham; Holly Grassham Holt; and Dr. Wesley Payne, President of Three Rivers College. The Grassham family aims to endow the scholarship, which will provide a perpetual scholarship for Three Rivers College students. The fund was established in honor of Randy Grassham and his father, James Grassham, both from Van Buren, who served on the Three Rivers College Board of Trustees for 36 years combined. For more information about contributing to or establishing scholarships at Three Rivers College, contact Michelle Reynolds at 573-840-9077 or michellereynolds@trcc.edu.

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Drama camp for children at TRC

Registration is open now for a children's drama camp that will be hosted this summer by Three Rivers College.

The camp is open to children entering grades second through eighth. It is the 27th annual camp.

It will be held from 9 a.m. to noon July 8-12 at the Tinnin Fine Arts Center on the Three Rivers College campus in Poplar Bluff. The deadline to register is June 21.

The students will have a final performance at 11 a.m. July 12 at the Tinnin Center.

The camp will cover theater essentials including acting, theater technology, improvisation, costume/prop building, monologues, script writing, stage makeup, readers theater/one acts and musical theater, according to a press release.

Subrina Berger and Suzanne Cowan are the camp's instructors.

Berger has been participating in theater for more than 35 years. She has been part of productions such as

TRC's "Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," "Steel Magnolias," "The Little Mermaid" and many others. She teaches preschool at Sacred Heart. This will be her third year as an instructor.

"Students of the TRC Drama Camp are introduced to a broad spectrum of theatrical areas including musical, acting, writing and improvising," said Berger. "All students learn and rehearse a musical number with choreography and singing. The early grades are given a reader's theater script which they rehearse for four days and then perform. Older students are guided through the playwright process and create an original one-act play."

"Students divide up costume, prop, lighting, sound, acting roles and makeup. Costumes and props are created, not purchased," continued Berger. "By the end of the

week, we have an hour (long) show ready to put on stage."

Cowan has been involved in theater for more than eight years. Her productions include TRC's "Nunsense," "Once Upon a Mattress," "Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" and "The Little Mermaid." Cowan is a K-12 music teacher at Naylor schools. This will be her second year as an instructor.

"Subrina and I are excited about this year's Drama Camp, 'It's About Time!,'" said Cowan. "This year, kids will Rock Around the Clock with Miss Suzy and explore time travel with Miss Subrina. We are looking forward to working with the kids and having fun in the process!"

The cost of the camp is \$75, which includes a T-shirt, scripts, notebook, daily snack and drink. The entry form can be found online at trcc.edu/dramacamp. Turn in the form and pay by check at TRC Student Accounts, in the Tinnin Gallery, or register and pay at tinnin.ticketleap.com (\$4.75 online fee).

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TRC announces spring Dean's List

Three Rivers College has released its Dean's List for the Spring 2019 semester. The honor is awarded to students taking 12 or more credit hours in a semester, who achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above. Dean's List honors are also used at graduation to help determine eligibility for honors or highest honors. They include:

ADVANCE Jordan Clark, Brendan Crader, Danielle Ford, Leighton Moore, Morgan Roper, Joseph Sadler;

ARBYRD Karee Evans, Crystal Garcia;

BELL CITY Barbara Willendorf;

BERNIE Kayla Anderson, Dena Costin, Taylor Lovelady;

BLOOMFIELD Katie Coleman, Evan Dowell, Zachary Hadley, Jaime Jarrell, Brandon Martinez, Jessica McMillan, Ashley Miller, Kalyn Mitchell, Christy Williams;

BROSELEY Brittney Bennett, Bailey Knight, Jarrica Williams;

CAMPBELL Jocelyn Frederick, Victoria Hardin, Robert Hirtz, Reva Meadows;

CLARKTON Katelyn Riley;

DEXTER McKenzie Anthony, Caleb Bess, Tashan Bittaye, Layla Brown, Kirsten Corse, Taylor Cullum, Phillip Dobbs, Jessy Eads, Christina Fichtel, Angela Freeman, Sarah Grummert, Brittany Haddock, Kimberly Haws, Britney Hubbard, Bruce Jones, Garrett Keathley, Garrett Laramore, Nichole Lathem, Abigail Mangum, Shanna Martin, Kelly McCoy, Reilly McMillion, Hanna Moore, William Morgan, Jenifer Ritchie, Alisha Skiles, Kaci Tatum, Hannah Thurmon, Brandi Torres, Lainey Walker, Bailee Williams, Samantha Williams;

DONIPHAN Mickel Boone, Joseph Bridges,

Kimberly Collins, Ashley Ehrenberg, Jennifer Gentry, Amanda Hawkins, Gail Keck, Danny Kelly, Malinda Lee, Hunter Leroux, Brennan Trotter, Betty Tucker;

DUDLEY Paige Moore, Lexi Renken, Kayleigh Wilkerson;

ELLSINORE Drew Asher, Alpine Brooks, Shelby Cyr, Courtney Duckett, Heather Newton, Tyler Owen, Sarah Parker;

ESSEX Matthew Miller;
FAIRDEALING Justin Knapp, Jerry Wood;

FREMONT Courtney Hogan, Melanie Kerr;

FISK Tabitha Caudel, Dylan Davis, James Fuller, Rosanna Giles, Amy Gimbel-Ramback, Mathew Pickard, Kayla Rizzuto, Casey Wayne;

GREENVILLE Brianna Brogdon, Melissa Fox, Autumn Scott, Jenna Van;

HARVIELL Rebekah Hill, Ashley Sheppard;

HORNERSVILLE Dawn Shown;

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Gimbel, Sydney Greenwall, Anthony Grubbs, Kenneth Hadley, Shelby Hammond, Jessica Harris, Walter Hickey, Debra Hillis, Sara Holland, Daniel Hulan, Brittany Humphrey, Lindsay Hutcheson, Holden Jennings, Crystal Johnson, Travante Johnson, Samara Kilgore, Grace King, Taylor King, Sydney Knapp, Collin Laird, Serena Leahy, Jada Lewis, Jeffrey Lewis, Katilyn Lloyd, Xizhi Ma, Caske Matson, Cherish Maxwell, Steven Mayo, Kaitlyn McKee, Josh McNece, Roberto Mejia, Jade Moore, Kaitlin Morgeson, Brittany Morrison-Jones, Jared Moses, Ryesia Murrell, John Myers, Alexis Nippe, Alexis Overfield, Amy Pierce, Taylor Rice, Jenna Robbins, Alexis Robertson, Michael Russell, Kayla Sanderson, Darby Scott, Stephanie Smith, Elijah Stinson, Autumn Strickland, Natalie Szepelak, Riley Tilley, Selena Torres, Michael Wall, Lainey Warfield, Joshua Webb, Savannah Weitzel, Jessica White, Brant Williams, Justin Williams, Adam Woodard, Emily Young;

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SENATH Audra Davis;

VAN BUREN Lauren Dohage, Donnie Eden, Zachary Flowers, Samantha Shelton;

WAPPAPELLO

Joshua Bishop, Jackie Griffith, Robert Ice, Keiarra Lee, Alyssa Nepean, Jillian Noles;

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3R annual golf outing scheduled for June 14

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The Three Rivers Endowment Trust will host its seventh annual Golf Tournament on Friday, June 14, at Westwood Hills Country Club in Poplar Bluff.

The four-person scramble tournament will begin with check in and lunch at noon, followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Following the tournament will be a cocktail reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., which will include a shrimp boil. The evening reception is open to the public.

"We're excited to gear up again for another great day of fun, good golf and helping to support Three Rivers and its students," said Michelle Reynolds, Director of Development for Three Rivers College. "Thanks to the support of our community,

this has become one of our longest-running events and we've raised thousands of dollars to help Three Rivers build futures in our region."

All proceeds will go to benefit the Three Rivers Annual Fund, which funds special projects and helps make a difference in the lives of TRC students.

The Fund allows Three Rivers to continue in its mission while allowing the college the financial flexibility to pursue important projects and new initiatives as they arise.

Registration is open for both participants and sponsors.

Player registration is \$135 for individuals and \$550 for teams and includes contest packages.

Individuals and organizations are invited to sponsor the event at one of four participation levels.

Sponsoring a single hole is \$100, silver-level event sponsorship is \$250, gold sponsorships are \$500 and platinum sponsorship is \$1,000.

Those interested should contact Reynolds at 573-840-9077 or michellereynolds@trcc.edu to sign up.

The Three Rivers Endowment Trust is a 501(c)(3) organization that receives and manages donations on behalf of Three Rivers College.

The Endowment Trust provides a mutually beneficial means for individuals and businesses to partner with the college.

For information on investing in scholarships, building projects, or other college needs, contact Director of Development Michelle Reynolds at 573-840-9077.

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Splash and Dash set for July 12

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Three Rivers College is holding its Dash and Splash 5K Run/Walk on July 12 at Grille It Up in East Park in Dexter to support the Student Success Fund at Three Rivers College – Dexter.

Registration will begin at 5 p.m. and the race will start at 6 p.m.

For the “splash” portion of the event, the Dexter Parks and Recreation Department will open the Dexter Aquatic Center, free of charge, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for race participants and their families. General pool rules will still apply at the Aquatic Center and children 7 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

The registration fee is \$20 through June 19, and participants can choose the 5K Run/Walk, 1-mile walk, or show support as a “virtual runner.”

Those registering by Dexter Parks & Recreation Department.

June 19 are guaranteed a T-shirt. Beginning June 20, the fee increases to \$25 and you are not guaranteed a T-shirt.

Registration forms can be found at trcc.edu/development/events.

Strollers are welcome; children ages 10 and younger must be accompanied by an adult 18 or older.

“Three Rivers isn’t just Poplar Bluff. Three Rivers is all of our 15-county service area, and it’s important for us to hold events in all of our communities, to benefit those communities,” said Michelle Reynolds, Director of Development at Three Rivers College. “With the Dash and Splash 5K Run/Walk, you can not only have a great evening with your family, but you can also help students right there in your town.”

Sponsors for the event are the Bank of Advance, BA Promotions & Marketing LLC and the City of

Additional sponsors are welcome. To learn how your business can show its support of Three Rivers students in Dexter by sponsoring the 2019 Dash and Splash, visit the Three Rivers Endowment Trust Development Events page at trcc.edu/development/events, or contact Michelle Reynolds at 573-840-9077 or michellereynolds@trcc.edu.

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Khalil Johnson (3) shoots against Mineral Area's Gabe O'Neal during a Region XVI game Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, at Mineral Area.

3R alum Khalil Johnson finds comfort in hoops

Khalil Johnson has been on the move for most of his life. He calls New York, home, but he had many. His slew of moves began in the second grade when he moved from Long Island to Lynchburg, Virginia. After a year, he moved back to Long Island. In the seventh grade, he moved to Hackensack, New Jersey for a year. Then, another move brought him to Richmond, Virginia. The next stop was a prep school in Connecticut before moving to Missouri

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and attending Three Rivers College.

His mother, Summer Holloway, wanted to give Johnson and his sister a secure life, so she worked various jobs to provide for them. At the same time, she was battling Lupus, so she wasn't able to maintain her jobs the way she intended. The family did a lot of moving as a result.

"My mother wanted us to live the life she didn't get a chance to have," Johnson said. "That was her unselfish goal."

Throughout every move, the constant Johnson had was basketball. His dad, Rodney Johnson, played Division I basketball at the University of New Hampshire. His uncle, Omar Johnson, played at Wagner College and his cousin, Marcus Damas, played at Towson University.

His family was always involved in basketball, so he started playing as soon as he could walk.

"(Rodney) had his own basketball program. He got a lot of kids to play Division I, pros, everything, so

I was always around the game," Khalil said. "I fell in love with it on my own, you know, my dad didn't even force me. Just being around it all the time, it was hard not to fall in love with it."

After so many moves, basketball became Khalil's way of making friends. He took his basketball everywhere with him.

"I can go to the park with my basketball and make new friends in a new city just because I had a basketball in my hand and I played pickup with these guys," Khalil said. "It helped me adapt to every situation because basketball was just there for me. ... It's really been a focal point of my whole life."

Basketball was the reason behind Khalil's move to Three Rivers, the one he said was the hardest because it took him so far away from his family.

He didn't see himself going to an NJCAA school initially. His dad played DI, so he intended to take that route as soon as possible. Instead, he found himself having to adapt in another state again,

this time without his family, just his basketball.

Khalil redshirted his first year at Three Rivers for personal reasons. In his second season, he averaged 4.3 points in a little under 21 minutes per game. Khalil's season-high was 16 points in a Jan. 5 win over Mineral Area College.

Once Three Rivers' season ended, Khalil was trying to get back to being the player he knew he could be.

He knew the season he produced wasn't his best, so he started hitting the gym three times a day on most days to get comfortable again.

Khalil's role with the Raiders had him primarily playing as a spot-up shooter until late in the season. It was an unfamiliar role for him, as he was primarily a ball handler and facilitator in high school.

"My roles changed a lot throughout the season, so it was kind of like I never hit a

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point where I was comfortable the whole way through, honestly,” Khalil said. “There were times where I had to adjust to being a corner, spot-up shooter, which I’ve never done in my life. I’m used to having the ball in my hands.”

Khalil said the change in roles helped his ability to adapt to every situation going forward.

In May, decided to join the All-American JUCO Showcase in Atlanta. They didn’t keep that at the showcase, but Johnson’s performance was good enough to turn some heads. Several DI scouts spoke with him, and he landed a scholarship to play Division I basketball with the University of Denver in the Summit League, adding one more move to his list.

“I really just felt like I was comfortable on the court, even before going into the showcase, so it’s kind of like no pressure. No pressure, just playing

basketball and having fun,” Johnson said. “I felt like I’ve always had the talent to play with anybody, so it’s just a matter of me being confident in my abilities. My confidence was fine, so it was no pressure.”

Khalil graduated from Three Rivers with an associate’s degree in biology. He had a 3.4 GPA in the spring semester, the same as what he graduated high school with to go along with a 1240 SAT score. He plans to continue pursuing biology as his major and to keep setting an example for his teammates on how to approach his work in the classroom.

“He did what he had to do and was kind of a quiet leader behind the scenes,” Three Rivers coach Gene Bess said. “You knew he was going to do well academically and go to class, so you were confident he was going to be a leader in the right direction. He just did what he had to do to help the team.”

With Denver coming off an 8-22 season, he hopes he can help a young group go through a turnaround and have fun playing a game he’s

always loved in the process.

“Just trying to get that youthful feeling back,” Khalil said. “As you get older, the adult world, it can take its toll on you, but it’s always trying to find that joy, just your reason why again.”

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Three Rivers camper hails from Maui

The Gene Bess Basketball Camp is back for its first of three week-long summer sessions. NBA talents such as Otto Porter and Ben and Tyler Hansbrough have attended camps in the past. This year, it has a member from as far away as coaches Gene and Brian Bess can remember.

Cobin Harris, a 17-year-old soon-to-be senior in high school came from Maui, Hawaii, 4,061 miles as the crow flies, to attend the first session of the camp.

"It's unique," Three Rivers coach Gene Bess said. "He's about (6-feet, 7-inches), and he's a good edition to the camp."

Harris heard about the camp from his stepdad, Justin Rowland, who attended the camp when he was a kid.

"My step-dad told me Gene Bess is one of the best coaches in JUCO history, so I just thought, I've got to pick his brain, you know," Harris said.

Harris is originally from St. Louis. His dad Chad Harris currently lives in Robertsville, Missouri, about 140 miles north of Poplar Bluff, but Harris lives with his mom and stepdad. Harris moved from St. Louis to Atlanta in 2014 and then to Maui last July when his stepdad got a job as the food and beverage director at a hotel.

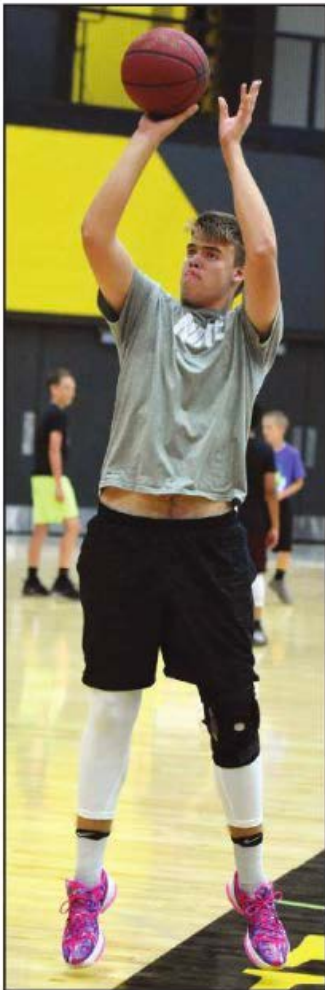
Harris had some spare time before his Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) team plays in Las Vegas in July, so he's focused on attending various basketball camps and working on his fundamentals for the time being.

"I had about a month, so I was like, I can squeeze in a couple of camps and fly straight out to Vegas from here," Harris said.

After Harris leaves the Gene Bess Camp, he'll attend another camp in Oklahoma next week.

So far, the Gene Bess Camp's focus on fundamentals has been one of his favorite parts.

"Everyone's really intelligent," Harris said.



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Cobin Harris shoots a jumper during warm-ups at the Gene Bess Basketball Camp on Monday in the Libla Family Sports Complex.

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I like the coaching style. I like how it's really fundamental based. You don't see that a lot these days, so that's just good to see that it's still happening. It's building blocks on top of building blocks," Harris said.

On top of coming from the farthest distance of anyone at the camp, Harris is also the only attendee who is in high school.

"It's interesting. We used to appeal to a lot of high school kids. Now, most of them are out playing travel ball," Bess said.

Scrimmaging against campers who are so much younger than him allows Harris, who is also the tallest camper at 6-7, to work on his ball handling and passing.

It also allows him to not put too much extra stress on his knee, as he's dealing with a bit of tendinitis right now, which causes a little bit of soreness in his knee. Still, he said it's nothing he can't play through, and he's been working out with

players his age since he's had it.

"I'm just trying to pass and distribute and get everybody involved as much as much as possible," Harris said. "Obviously, they're a lot younger than me and I'm a lot older and taller and bigger and stronger, so I'm just trying to get everyone involved and make everyone better. It'll help me with my passing and stuff like that, too," Harris said.

Harris is still trying to pick up a scholarship entering his last year of high school.

"I'm just trying to make my last trip around and see if I can pick up a scholarship before I graduate high school," Harris said.