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## PARTICIPATION INCREASES IN CPS EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES



Reorganizing the secondary level and the opening of Battle High School created new programs, new challenges and new opportunities for student success and growth in athletics and fine arts.

On the athletics side, the hardest part in opening Battle High School was scheduling. “That process began before I was hired,” Battle High School Athletic Director Matt Hale said. “Probably a year before we actually competed, we came into the middle of a two-year MSHSAA cycle. Schools had contracts that were right in the middle of their cycles. Football was the toughest to get scheduled, but we were able to get it done and fill a full varsity, JV and freshman schedule in our first year.”

Battle High School had its share of successes in that first year, including a girls’ basketball district championship and Ben Brooks, state champion in the 100-meter dash.

“With Battle being a new school, I think more kids believe they have a shot at participating,” said Bruce Whitesides, Columbia Public Schools’ athletic director. “They buy into the new school community at Battle. In the cases of Rock Bridge and Hickman, where some student athletes moved on to Battle, the result was more openings for students to participate at those schools as well.”

Prior to opening Battle, the district had around 28 to 29 percent participation between the populations at Hickman

and Rock Bridge high schools. For the 2013-2014 school year, that number jumped to around 35 percent participation between the three comprehensive high schools.

“We wanted to start with a full varsity program,” Hale said. “We did not want any incoming sophomores and juniors from Hickman or Rock Bridge to lose out on that year of varsity experience just because they were coming to Battle. It was a great first year for Battle High School athletics.”

Encompassing art, music and theater, the fine arts program had its own challenges and successes during the 2013-2014 school year, stemming from the secondary reorganization and the addition of Battle High School.

“The biggest challenge was the shift of ninth grade to the high school level,” said James Melton, coordinator of fine arts for the district. “We had to refine what we offered at that level.”

“Adding Battle gave the students an opportunity to make tradition - this first year will impact the school for years to come. I see Battle’s first year success as a watershed. They had a show choir, spring review and musical, a 70- to 80-student marching band and did an all-school play. It was a huge undertaking,” said Melton. “Other high schools have a history and depth of materials, so students coming into that building want to be a part of that strong culture. Battle had no tradition so there were barriers to get that program off the ground. The fact that its year went just like any other year in Columbia Public Schools was a great success.”

Now that Battle’s opening and the secondary reorganization has been successful, the fine arts department has taken on a departmental rebranding with a new logo, Twitter presence and a new vision.

“We want the community to see fine arts in the district as more than the marching band they might see in the parade,” Melton said. “We are not just music, but also theater and art. Our teachers are a group of truly talented artists who love to pass that along to the students.”



### 2013-2014 HIGH SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION STATISTICS (# of students)

#### ATHLETICS

##### BATTLE

Football 101  
Baseball 32  
Softball 28  
Cheer 27  
Dance 14  
Cross country 14  
Boys swim 3  
Girls swim 12  
Volleyball 29  
Boys golf 10  
Girls golf 2  
Boys tennis 9  
Girls tennis 21  
Boys soccer 23  
Girls soccer 28  
Boys basketball 32  
Girls basketball 27  
Wrestling 41  
Boys track 60  
Girls track 45

##### HICKMAN

Football 76  
Baseball 32  
Softball 23  
Cheer 38  
Dance 16  
Cross country 32  
Boys swim 8  
Girls swim 14  
Volleyball 28  
Boys golf 13  
Girls golf 11  
Boys tennis 14  
Girls tennis 17  
Boys soccer 48  
Girls soccer 37  
Boys basketball 38  
Girls basketball 22  
Wrestling 23  
Boys track 61  
Girls track 47

##### ROCK BRIDGE

Football 109  
Baseball 44  
Softball 22  
Cheer 35  
Dance 20  
Cross country 84  
Boys swim 18  
Girls swim 23  
Volleyball 46  
Boys golf 14  
Girls golf 12  
Boys tennis 13  
Girls tennis 16  
Boys soccer 63  
Girls soccer 39  
Boys basketball 43  
Girls basketball 31  
Wrestling 51  
Boys track 84  
Girls track 56

#### FINE ARTS

Marching band 269 (40% increase)  
Musical 190 (36% increase)  
All school play 95 (144% increase)  
Orchestra 77 (108% increase)

Student participation in athletics activities increased from 28 percent in 2012-13 to 36 percent in 2013-14.



### 2013-2014 MIDDLE SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR PARTICIPATION STATISTICS (# of students)

#### ATHLETICS

##### GENTRY

Football 49  
Boys track 72  
Girls track 61  
Cheer 14  
Volleyball 22  
Boys basketball 37  
Girls basketball 40

##### JEFFERSON

Football 28  
Boys track 42  
Girls track 33  
Cheer 11  
Volleyball 18  
Boys basketball 37  
Girls basketball 32

##### LANGE

Football 50  
Boys track 33  
Girls track 30  
Cheer 11  
Volleyball 16  
Boys basketball 40  
Girls basketball 20

##### OAKLAND

Football 28  
Boys track 40  
Girls track 23  
Cheer 11  
Volleyball 14  
Boys basketball 30  
Girls basketball 27

##### SMITHTON

Football 44  
Boys track 56  
Girls track 51  
Cheer 14  
Volleyball 21  
Boys basketball 32  
Girls basketball 25

##### WEST

Football 30  
Boys track 18  
Girls track 32  
Cheer 7  
Volleyball 22  
Boys basketball 40  
Girls basketball 26

#### FINE ARTS

5th grade honors choir 127 (81% increase)  
6-8 grade honors orchestra 62 (15% increase)  
Vocal music 198 (24% increase)  
Band 937 (38% increase)



# HIGHLIGHTS

## HICKMAN STUDENT EARNS PERFECT ACT SCORE

**Wenzer Qin**, a junior at Hickman High School, has earned a perfect 36 on her ACT exam. Out of 1.8 million students tested in 2013, only 1,162 earned the top score on the exam.

## SMITHTON STUDENT NAMED GEOGRAPHIC BEE SEMIFINALIST

**Tejazaditya Ajitkumar**, an eighth grade student at Smith-ton Middle School, has been named a semifinalist in the 2014 Missouri Geographic Bee by the National Geographic Society. Ajitkumar earned his spot after competing at the school level and then taking a qualifying test, which was sub-mitted to the National Geographic Society. Students with the top 100 scores in each state were invited to compete at the state level.

## HICKMAN STUDENT WINS NATIONAL ORATORICAL COMPETITION

**Ashwath Kumar**, a senior at Hickman High School, was named The American Legion's 77th National Oratorical Contest champion. He was awarded an \$18,000 college scholarship for his winning oration titled, "This Great House." Kumar competed against 53 contestants from across the country and advanced through three rounds of intense competition to become crowned the 2014 Oratori-cal champion.

## 13 CPS STUDENTS MEDAL AT HOSA CONFERENCE

The 2014 Missouri HOSA State Leadership Conference was held on March 25 in Union, Mo. Thirteen students from the Columbia Area Career Center HOSA Chapter qualified to complete at the National HOSA Leadership Conference to be held in Orlando, Fla. To qualify, students had to place in the top three positions of their respective competition.

The following students qualified:

Gold Medal winners: **Jenny Yao**, Medical Math; **Emma Briggs**, Medical Reading; **Marilise Stamps**, Nutrition; **Jack Gabel**, Transcultural Health Care; **Alex Komes**, Forensic Medicine and **Julia Hill**, Forensic Medicine  
Silver Medal winners: **Jenna Liu**, Medical Spelling; **Danielle West**, Medical Reading; **Lisa Zhuang**, Healthy Lifestyle and **Jenny Zulovich**, Biotechnology  
Bronze Medical winners: **Izzy Harrison**, Medical Reading; **Haley Benson**, EMT and **Hayley Johnson**, EMT

## HICKMAN TEAM TAKES THIRD IN NATIONAL ETHICS COMPETITION

The Hickman High School Ethics Bowl Team made up of students **Ben Zars**, **Eli Byerly-Duke** and **Dylan Hos-mer-Quint** placed third in the National High School Ethics Bowl competition. The competition, held earlier this month on the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill campus, included a field of 18 regional winners from across the country. The National High School Ethics Bowl competition provides students with an ethical dilemma and challenges them to use critical thinking, civil discourse, collaboration and teamwork to develop a solution or ethical conclusion. Watch the video and learn more about the competition: <http://nhseb.unc.edu/>

## HICKMAN BOYS' BASKETBALL COACH NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR

David Johnson, coach of the Hickman High School boys' basketball team, has been named coach of the year by the *Columbia Daily Tribune* and the Missouri Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association. Johnson coached this year's team to the class 5 state championship game.

# ROCK BRIDGE STUDENT NAMED 2014 PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

In what has become nearly an annual occurrence, Columbia Public Schools is once again home to a Presidential Scholar as Rujie (Jenny) Yao earned the 2014 award for the work she did at Rock Bridge High School.



Yao's CPS journey began when she entered second grade at Paxton Keeley Elementary School. She then moved on to Smithton Middle School, followed by West Junior High and is now an accomplished graduate of Rock Bridge High School.

Rock Bridge High School had two of the eight state finalists for the Presidential Scholar program, which selects one male and one female from each state along with some at-large winners - up to 141 nationally. Yao found out in May that she had been selected for the honor. "I did not expect to win," Yao said. "It was awe-some and I was super excited."

Yao will attend MIT in the fall and intends to major in biological engineering while keeping her eye on med-ical school and a possible career in geriatric medicine.

Accompanying Yao on her trip to Washington, D.C., which is a part of the award, is Kathryn Fishman-Weaver, her gifted education teacher. Yao said that Fishman-Weaver is "the teacher who has helped me out the most, starting in 10th grade advisory. I have known her the longest. It was an easy choice to pick her to come with me."

Fishman-Weaver calls Yao "Brilliant. Compassionate. I am so proud of her. I get to work with bright students and she is so humble about her accolades that I usually have to drag them out of her. I will miss her as I have seen her almost every day for the last three years."



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# HIGHLIGHTS



Rock Bridge High School girls basketball team rounded out its 2013-2014 season with another state championship. The team finished the season with 27 wins and 3 losses.



Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin made a surprise visit to Parkade Elementary School, serving as a guest reader for Chad Bass' fifth grade class.



**Left to right:** John Chormaic Sullivan (RBHS Senior), Jacob Ventrillo (RBHS Junior), Austin Scoles (RBHS Senior), and Bailey Lawson (RBHS Junior). All four CACC Culinary competitors did an extraordinary job in the SkillsUSA Culinary Arts competition. **Sullivan** – 1st place Culinary Arts, **Scoles** – 1st place Commercial Baking, **Lawson** – 2nd place Commercial Baking, **Ventrillo** – 5th place Culinary Arts. The students have spent countless hours practicing throughout their time in the program. Chormaic and Austin continued to the national level and represent Missouri in their respective contests. Chormaic went on to place first in the 50th Annual SkillsUSA Culinary Arts national competition, held at the end of June at Kemper Arena in Kansas City, Missouri, and Scoles placed second in the Commercial Baking national competition.

## TWO STUDENTS STATE FINALISTS AT NATIONAL HISTORY DAY

On Saturday, April 26, two Columbia Public Schools students were finalists in the statewide National History Day in Missouri contest at the University of Missouri. Over 600 students from around the state participated in this day-long educational experience.

The second place award for Junior Historical Paper category (grades 6-8) went to **Sonya Hu** for her paper, *Right to Die: Euthanasia*. **Miss Hu**, a student in the Gifted Education program at Gentry Middle School was sponsored by her teacher **Mary Hooley**. The third place finisher in the Senior Historical Paper category (grades 9-12) was awarded to **Ji-Ho Lee**, a student at Rock Bridge High School, for his paper, *Rhetoric, Religion, and Refusal: The Case of Muhammad Ali*. Mr. Lee, an alternate delegate to the national contest, was sponsored by **Jake Giessman**, co-director of the Columbia Public Schools' Center for Gifted Education.

## ROCK BRIDGE STUDENT FIFTH AT US GEOGRAPHY OLYMPIAD

Rock Bridge High School Senior **Daniel Shapiro** earned fifth place at the US Geography Olympiad National competition this weekend in Washington, D.C., after earning the highest score in the state of Missouri on the National qualification test in March. Shapiro will be the first alternate on Team USA, which will compete in an international Geography Olympiad in Krakow, Poland, in August.

## CPS SCHOOL BOARD RECEIVES GOVERNANCE TEAM HONOR

Columbia Public Schools' school board was one of 22 Missouri school boards to receive the Missouri School Boards' Association's 2014 Governance Team Award. This prestigious award is based on those school boards' outstanding commitment to ongoing professional development in areas such as student achievement, school law, finance, board operations, and contemporary issues in education. The award also recognizes commitment to regional and statewide leadership, to active participation in legislative advocacy for public schools, and to the successful implementation of education policy.



## CAREER CENTER STUDENT NAMED STUDENT OF THE YEAR

**Jacob Toler**, a second-year Columbia Area Career Center (CACC) Construction Technology student and Hickman High School senior, was recently named Northeast/Central Missouri Region Career and Technical (CTE) Student of the Year. He was selected Regional Student of the Year from among all candidates nominated by public Missouri Career and Technology Centers throughout Northeast and Central Missouri.

## TWO CPS STUDENTS NAMED EXCEPTIONAL CTE STUDENTS

Senior CACC and Rock Bridge High School Digital Media student **Kristen Buster** and senior CACC and Hickman High School Marketing student **Kalei Wilson** were recognized as regional Exceptional CTE Students.

## STUDENT FACTS

### Enrollment

Preschool.....	668
Elementary.....	8,331
Middle School.....	3,849
Senior High.....	5,057

Total.....17,905



### Special program enrollment

Adult education.....	5,286
English Language Learners.....	1,138
Gifted education.....	1,579
Parents As Teachers children served.....	1,840
Special education.....	1,868
Career education.....	2,060

### Demographics

White.....	61.6%
Black.....	20.4%
Asian.....	5.3%
Hispanic.....	6.1%
Multi.....	5.9%
Other.....	0.7%
Students eligible for free and reduced-price lunch.....	42.93%

## STAFF FACTS

### Staffing ratios

Students to all teachers.....	13 to 1
Students to administrators.....	224 to 1
Students to classroom teachers.....	19 to 1

### Teachers

Full-time equivalent (FTE).....1,299

*Average salary (includes extended contract, career ladder and extra duty pay)*

Columbia.....	\$48,517
Missouri estimate.....	\$47,243

*Average years of experience*

CPS.....	12.4
Missouri.....	12.4

*Teachers with a Master's degree or higher*

CPS.....	74.8%
Missouri.....	59.1%

### Administration

Principals, assistant principals, directors, supervisors, coordinators, central office staff (FTE).....116

### Average Salary

Columbia.....	\$86,030
Missouri estimate.....	\$86,015

## STUDENT SUPPORT

Secretaries, aides, food service, guidance, transportation, security, PAT, nurses, mental health, custodians, technology staff (FTE).....875

## FINANCIAL FACTS

\*Figures are projected pending closing of the 2013 – 2014 fiscal year.

**Total revenue (projected).....\$272.6 million**

### Sources of revenue

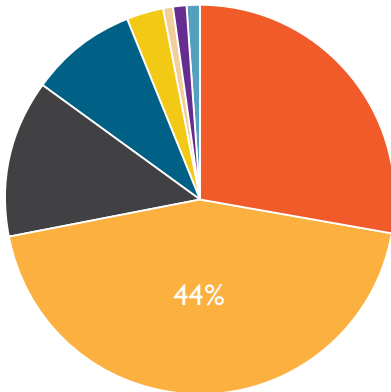
Local.....	52%
Intermediate.....	1%
State.....	21%
Federal.....	5%
Bonds.....	19%
Other revenue sources.....	2%

**Total expenditures.....\$246.67 million**

Average expenditure per pupil.....	\$10,100
Student attendance rate (K-12).....	94.3%
Volunteers.....	17,845
Volunteer hours.....	419,828
Dollar value of service.....	\$9,467,121

## HOW FUNDS WERE USED

Incidental fund.....	28%
Teachers fund.....	44%
Capital projects.....	13%
Debt service.....	9%
Nutrition services.....	3%
Student extracurricular fund.....	1%
Grants & donations.....	1%
Adult education.....	1%



Property tax rate.....	5.4239
(per \$100 assessed valuation)	
Tax levy uses.....	\$1.6413 operating fund
	\$2.7500 teachers fund
	\$.9213 debt service fund
	\$0.1007 capital fund

## WHERE DO GRADUATES GO?

College.....	76.2%
Employment.....	13%
Post-secondary.....	0.8%
Military.....	1.5%
Other.....	8.4%

### College Enrollment

76.2% of the district's students attend college compared to 67.2% statewide.

## MEASURES OF ACHIEVEMENT

Columbia's students continue to perform well on formal standardized tests and the school district is fully accredited by the state of Missouri.

### MAP/EOC Performance

Columbia Public Schools' 2013 MAP results remained consistent with prior years, however of note is the persistent gap in achievement among the demographic subgroups. This year the targets were unique because the MAP assessment process is also in transition as school districts move to the new assessment model associated with the adoption of the Common Core Standards. Common Core Standards are a state-led effort coordinated by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers to increase the rigor and relevance of curriculum standards in mathematics, language arts, social studies, and science. Common Core Standards have been adopted by 45 of 50 states, including Missouri. All state assessments must be aligned by the 2014-15 school year. Missouri will use SMARTER Balanced assessments to replace the MAP in grades 3-8 as well as adding new end of high school exams in mathematics and literacy.

### EXPLORE Achievement Test

Columbia students' average scores exceeded national averages on all assessed areas.

### PLAN Achievement Test

Columbia students' average scores exceed state and national averages on all assessed areas.

### American College Test (ACT)

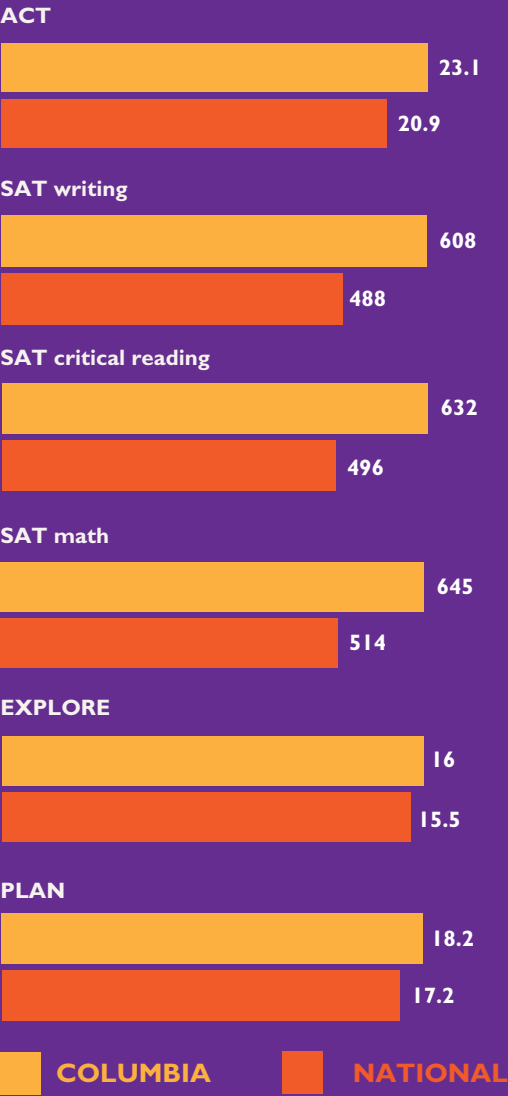
Columbia students' average ACT scores exceeded state and national averages on all assessed areas. Approximately 73 percent of the district's students take this college-admissions test each year.

### Advanced Placement Exams (AP)

The number of Columbia high school students taking AP exams continues to grow. Each year, district students take approximately 1,000 course exams with 82 percent earning AP credit.



# STUDENTS SURPASS NATIONAL AVERAGES



# CONGRATULATIONS GED GRADUATES

For the eighth year in a row the Adult Education and Literacy program held a graduation ceremony, with 35 graduates attending the event, to honor all who passed the high school equivalency test throughout the 2013-2014 school year. Jesse Auditorium graciously offered its space for the ceremony this year.

“Students can take the test at any time over the course of the year,” said Barbie Banks, coordinator of the adult education and literacy program. “During this school year we had 88 students take the test and pass. Thirty-five took part in the graduation, some of which passed the test last summer and already have a year of community college under their belts when they come back for graduation.”

Graduates of the program looking to obtain a job after graduating do so 67 percent of the time, while those seeking post-secondary training accomplish that goal 80 percent of the time.

The program covers a diverse age group, as exemplified by a current student who is 72 years old

and studying for a diploma. The oldest graduate this year was 57 and the youngest was 18.

The program will be moving out of its current home at Douglass High School this summer and expanding class opportunities even beyond the current locations of Mexico and Fayette, which are in addition to Douglass.

“We are actually a program of the Columbia Career Center,” Banks said. “We will be holding classes all over the community and be based out of the Career Center. We hope this will expand the program. We want students and graduates to see that a high school diploma is great, but post-secondary training and education can get you even further.”

DURING THIS SCHOOL YEAR WE HAD 88 STUDENTS TAKE THE TEST AND PASS. – BARBIE BANKS



## ACHIEVEMENT, ENRICHMENT, OPPORTUNITY

### VISION

Our desired future state  
To be the **best school district** in the state.

### MISSION

Why we exist  
To provide an **excellent education** for all students  
by adhering to our organizational goals.

### PURPOSE

What we do  
To be a **valuable asset** for our community by  
preparing children so that they will be competitive in  
an ever-changing, unpredictable world.

### VALUES

- The non-negotiable principles that guide us
- Honesty
  - Focus on what works
  - Transparency
  - Teamwork
  - Mutual respect
  - Persistence
  - Adaptability
  - Positive approach
  - Commitment

# CLASS OF 2014 LEADERS SPEAK

It has been really nice getting to know all these different kinds of people and learning in an open-minded, liberal way. – **DYLAN HOSMER-QUINT**

The district’s fine arts and theater programs have really impressed me and forever changed my life.  
– **MATTHEW PETERSON**

While being a valedictorian is a one-time recognition, it represents all of the hours studying for AP exams, spending time with my friends and in doing that I have become prepared for college and prepared to work with others and succeed.  
– **JOANNA ZOU**

I really enjoyed all of the teachers I had throughout my school career. I learned a lot from them and appreciate all they taught me.  
– **DIANA HARMAT**

Valedictorian or not, one thing that separates Columbia Public Schools from everyone else is that you are prepared for life.  
– **CALLIE BASSETT**

I would like to thank the district for giving me so many different opportunities to do basically whatever I want through all the clubs and extracurricular activities. I met so many friends I will keep for life. – **MINGU KIM**

Columbia Public Schools has prepared me for college and taught me useful skills, both educational and life skills. – **RUJIE YAO**



## HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIANS



**Front row**, from left: Diana Maria Harmata, Mingu Kim and Callie Nicole Bassett // **Back row**, from left: Andy Zixin Sun, Matthew Austin Peterson, Ashwath Senthil Kumar, Dylan Kramer Hosmer-Quint and Joanna Jiaqi Zou

## ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL VALEDICTORIANS



**Front row, from left:** Samantha Ding, Sophi Isabella Farid, Joanna Zhou Zhang, Breta Lorraine Phillips, and Katy Hang Shi // **Back row, from left:** Salah Asaad Daghlis, Karina Suzanne Kitchen, Daniel Frederick Shapiro, Manal Hani Salim, Rujie Yao and David Ryan Mellitt

## BATTLE HIGH SCHOOL’S FIRST GRADUATES



Ashley Sawyer Popham & Jason William McCloud

## DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2014





# CPS STUDENT COMPETES INTERNATIONALLY

Over 1,700 students from the United States and more than 70 other countries participated in the Intel Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles. Among them was Ashwath Kumar, a member of Hickman High School's class of 2014. Beyond the valuable experience of the research and participation in the international competition, Kumar earned a fourth place award in the Medicine and Health Sciences category.

For the competition, Kumar performed research and then wrote and presented his results on the topic of his choice: The Effect of the Bacterial Quorum Sensing Molecule N-acetyl Homoserine Lactone on Human Pancreatic Carcinoma Cells.



HE IS VERY AMBITIOUS. HE SETS HIGH GOALS FOR HIMSELF AND IS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC. — PAM CLOSE



"The student selects the research question," said Pam Close, science teacher at Hickman, who worked as an advisor for Kumar after teaching him as a sophomore in AP biology. "Then they do the experimental work, which for Ashwath began last summer (2013). For the competition there is paperwork to complete and the student has to create a poster that summarizes his or her research. The international ISEF judges, who are highly respected and tops in their field, talk to the student about

that research. It is quite an undertaking and Ashwath had a very innovative approach in his research."

Close speaks highly of the ISEF competition, saying that it "gives students an excellent opportunity to practice explaining their results and defending their conclusions; a real life experience in the scientific process, and that is as important to science as what happens at the lab bench."



Kumar has been involved with research at the University of Missouri for a few years, volunteering his time as an intern in research labs, working with scientists and post-doctorate students. At the University of Missouri, he worked closely with Dr. Jeffrey Bryan, Director of MU's College of Veterinary Medicine Comparative Oncology and Epigenetics Laboratory.

"He is very ambitious," Close said of Kumar. "He sets high goals for himself and is very enthusiastic."

Those high goals and ambition have earned Kumar early admission into the six-year medical school program at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

# SUMMER BOND WORK

Improvements continue across the Columbia Public School District stemming from the voter-approved \$120 million bond issue from April 2010, as well as the 2012 voter-approved \$50 million bond issue.

Battle Elementary School, the biggest project under construction, is located adjacent to Battle High School and on schedule to open for summer school in 2015. Visible signs of construction began popping up this spring and will continue throughout the summer. Nick Boren, the district's recently retired deputy superintendent, says the project was approximately 35 percent complete as of the start of the summer and progress is going very well.

Rock Bridge Elementary School is receiving a new ground source HVAC system and new windows, costing \$1.5 million and \$127,000 respectively. The school will also have significant renovations throughout the building.

New building additions have started at Shepard and West Boulevard elementary schools. Shepard's two-story, 25,000 square foot addition began on July 1 and includes a new parking lot and fire suppression system. The \$5.1 million project is due for completion in December 2015 and will eliminate 13 trailers from the school.

West Boulevard's \$4.8 million addition will be two stories and 20,000 square feet and will also include a new parking lot. Work starts this fall and will eliminate six trailers. It will be complete in December 2015.

At the end of June, the district closed on the property for a new elementary school located in southwest Columbia for \$2.8 million. Bids will be solicited in August for the construction of the school, set to open for summer school in 2016.

Hickman High School's athletic facility improvements wrapped up in June with a project cost of \$3.4 million. New tennis courts for the school cost \$491,000 and the new baseball/softball field cost \$250,000, while parking lot work cost \$762,000.

The district's transportation facility site renovation is nearing its August completion. Work is being facilitated on a new parking lot, drainage, fencing and renovation of the existing garage and office space, as well as an addition to that space. Total cost will be \$2.7 million.



CONSTRUCTION: ELIOT BATTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPENS IN 2015

- New Haven Elementary School - Ground source HVAC and new windows, \$1.7 million
- Ridgeway Elementary School - Minor interior improvements, ceiling tile and flooring following HVAC work last summer, \$449,000
- Jefferson Middle School - Large HVAC project, \$3.1 million
- Lange Middle School - 6,000 square foot kitchen addition, \$2 million, completed August 2015
- Early childhood learning center on Lange Middle School property - Design work underway for 40,000 square foot facility, \$10 million, opens August 2017