

Welcome to the
ROCKWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARDS CEREMONY
March 5, 2026



ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARD

The Above and Beyond Award recognizes people or organizations that have developed an initiative to its fullest potential. Recipients have shown outstanding contribution through non-required service or volunteerism by supporting projects or programs that impact the Rockwood School District or its communities. Recipients are formally recognized at a Board of Education Awards Ceremony.

BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARD

The Board of Education Award is one of Rockwood's most prestigious awards. A Board of Education Award recognizes people or organizations that have achieved the highest standards of excellence that embody the Rockwood spirit. Recipients are formally recognized at a Board of Education Awards Ceremony.

SUPERINTENDENT'S CERTIFICATE

The Superintendent's Certificate recognizes people or organizations that have contributed to the success of education in the Rockwood School District. The Superintendent's Certificate is individually prepared and affixed with a gold seal. Certificates are presented to recipients at their Rockwood school.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CERTIFICATE

The Community Service Certificate recognizes people or organizations that support the Rockwood School District and its communities through service projects intended to benefit a worthy cause. Certificates are presented to recipients at their Rockwood school.

Learn more about our Rockwood Board of Education on the Board of Education page on our district website at rsdmo.org/boe.

The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by Lafayette High student Owen Waeckerle.

A video replay of this evening's awards will be available on the Board Awards page of our district website at rsdmo.org/boardawards.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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We do whatever it takes to ensure all students realize their potential.

MISSION

We do whatever it takes to ensure all students realize their potential.



VISION

Every student loves life and finds success.



CORE VALUES

Every Student • Caring Schools • Collective Responsibility • Optimize Resources

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Mrs. Lynne Midyett, President, Rockwood Board of Education

INTRODUCTION OF THE ROCKWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Curtis Cain, Superintendent of Schools

PRESENTATION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARDS

(STUDENTS AND STAFF LISTED IN ORDER OF PRESENTATIONS)

ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARD

Lifesaving Actions

Sam Heacox
Jacob Yallaly

BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARDS

CRESTVIEW MIDDLE

Scholastic Art Award - Gold Key

Scholastic Writing Award - Gold Key

Annabelle Zhao

ROCKWOOD SOUTH MIDDLE

Scholastic Writing Award - Gold Key

Michael Zimmer

EUREKA HIGH

Glory of Missouri

Ainsley Seitz - Charity
Flora Shipp - Education
Emi Limon - Enterprise
Zara Renner - Equality
Jace Menendez - Fraternity
Carson Rowbottom - Honor
Sam Heacox - Justice
Alex Ahsbahs - Knowledge
Luke Deutschman - Law
Emily Eldridge - Liberty
Savanna Wylie - Progress
Jaxson Joggerst - Temperance
Anna Covert - Truth
Bailey Thebeau - Virtue

Best of School Newspapers Online

Anna Steele

All-State Band

Toby Herrmann - French Horn

All-State Orchestra

Reid Huntley - Viola

MFCA Football - 1st Team

Noah McCollum

MSHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving

200 Yard Freestyle - 4th Place

Paige Samuelson

200 Yard Freestyle Relay - 2nd Place

The 200 Yard Freestyle Relay

MSHSAA Girls Wrestling - State

Champion

Mira Richardson

ROCKWOOD SUMMIT HIGH

Glory of Missouri

Will Vonderhaar - Charity
Gabriel Fielder - Education
Bailey Walker - Enterprise
Zyere Fisher - Equality
Carson Diffley - Fraternity
Nika Gilbert - Honor
Aidan Amy - Justice
Aditi Vangala - Knowledge
Sarah Hou - Law
Lydia Lasater - Liberty
Kamauri Fowler - Progress
Summer Anderson - Temperance
Adam Kovarik - Truth
Maria Domian - Virtue

National Merit Finalist

Michael Charleston

Perfect ACT

Michael Charleston

Missouri Interscholastic Journalism

Association - All Missouri

Pinnacle Yearbook staff

All-State Orchestra

Devin Jenkins - Trumpet

MFCA Football - 1st Team

Mason Casso
Evan Wade
Devin Walker

MSHSSCA Boys Soccer

1st Team

Braden Boeger
Nick Nusser

2nd Team

Wyatt Oetjen
Chase Parmer

3rd Place State

Boys Soccer Team

MSHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving

100 Yard Butterfly - 2nd Place

Breanna Wilkinson

MSHSAA Girls Wrestling - 2nd Place

Kamauri Fowler

MARQUETTE HIGH

Glory of Missouri

Abigale Morgan - Charity
Henry Chackes - Education
Charles Emmenegger - Enterprise
Connor Gleason - Equality
Caleb Creech - Fraternity
Samantha Perz - Honor
Shreyas Iyer - Justice
Sofia Chirco - Knowledge
Lilly Russo - Law
Clay Hyland - Liberty
Anthony Tocco - Progress
Micah Rodgers - Temperance
Grace Dai - Truth
Lauren Steidtmann - Virtue

National Merit Finalist

Dhruv Bhoesekar
Grace Dai
Rohan Deshpande
Sowmya Erukulapati
Connor Gleason
Anjali Gottumukkala
Shreyas Iyer
Rahul Modugu
Satvik Seetharaman
Ivy Wang

US Presidential Scholars Program

Eric Chen
Jamie Park
Teju Venkatesan
Ivy Wang

Missouri Thespians Awards

Maddie Bailey
Payton Bonczek
Sofia Chirco
Evie Dean
Lillian Harbaugh
Emily Squires

Scholastic Arts Award - Gold Key

Sabrina Larue
Katelyn Skiles

Scholastic Writing Award - Gold Key

Wangshu Liu

Best of School Newspapers Online

Siddharth Sawant
Annanya Sethi
Zoey Srote
Anushka Suratia

All-State Band

Kaiden Grogran - Tuba
Ivy Wang - English Horn

All-State Orchestra

Nathaniel Bian - Violin
Eric Chen - Violin
Taryn Greeno - Piccolo
Jean Park - Violin
Ivy Wang - Oboe
Claire Zhou - Violin

All-State The Collective

Lamontay Rucker
Aryan Singh

AFA CyberPatriot National Youth Cyber Defense Competition - 2nd Place

MHS CyberPatriot Team 1
Carter Russell
Jonathan Li
Adam Basa
Cooper Blake
Keerthi Thota
Charlie Wang

MCCA All-State

Trista Morgan
Avery Wilson

MCCA Game Day Competition - 2nd Place

Varsity Cheer Team

MSHSAA Girls Swimming & Diving 100 Yard Butterfly - 3rd Place

Paige Blom

50 Yard Freestyle - 1st Place

Paige Blom

200 Yard Freestyle Relay - 3rd Place

The 200 Yard Freestyle Relay

LAFAYETTE HIGH**Glory of Missouri**

Nolan Savoie - Charity
Olivia Dresser - Education
Luke Hinton - Enterprise
Mahi Chechani - Equality
Emily Warner - Fraternity
Timothy Washington - Honor
Ella Nolan - Justice
Vedanth Chimakurthy - Knowledge
Chase Roeder - Law
Owen Waeckerle - Liberty
Aayushi Bore - Progress
Julia Teves - Temperance
Michelle Chen - Truth
Cooper Myers - Virtue

National Merit Finalist

Oliver Arett
Shreeya Basappa
Abhi Boga
Michelle Chen
Vedanth Chimakurthy
Madhav Devapal
Mark Domsalla
Giancarlo Fernandez
Alastair Hanna
Hannah Holder

US Presidential Scholars Program

Michelle Chen

Scholastic Art Award - Gold Key

Michelle Chen
Luke Hinton

National K-12 Ceramics Exhibition

Luke Hinton

Missouri Thespians Awards

Lilly Colombo
Audrey Ren

Best of School Newspapers Online

Vedha Inampudi
Darby Morel
Rishit Sohaney
Audrey Thomas

Bands of America Honor Band Member

Jace Long

All-State Band

Claire Eltoft - Flute
Alastair Hanna - Horn
Grayson Smith - Trumpet
Amanda Vache - Oboe

All-State Jazz Band

Andres Moeller - Trombone
Grayson Smith - Trumpet

All-State Orchestra

Giancarlo Fernandez - Trombone

All-State The Collective

Grayson Smith

Missouri Music Educators Association (MMEA) Conference Selection

Wind Ensemble

MOSEF State Competition - 2nd Place

Valorant Esports Team

MSHSSCA Boys Soccer - 2nd Team

Kanin Roseman

MSHSAA Boys Wrestling**3rd Place**

Max Rowe

2nd Place

Carter Welsh

State Champion

Carter Brown

MSHSAA Girls Wrestling - 3rd Place

Ella Kimbrough

Gatorade Volleyball Player of the Year

Shaye Witherspoon

SCHOOL AND STAFF AWARDS**SCHOOL****Babler Elementary**

National School of Character

STAFF**National Board Certification**

Ryan Alcamo - Chesterfield Elementary
Gregory Baum - Rockwood Summit High
Kim Kearbey - Wild Horse Elementary
Rebecca Lawrence - Lafayette High

SSD Teacher of the Year

Jennifer Kovarik - Ballwin Elementary

MOSHAPE State Teacher of the Year

Joe Jackson - Rockwood South Middle

MMEA Outstanding Music Educator

Brad Balog - Lafayette High

Download photos
of this evening's awards at
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