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
Fiora 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 rsdmo.org/boardawards.