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Jennings High School Students Honored by the National Association of Student Councils

(JENNINGS, MO, April 14, 2026) – The Jennings Senior High School Student Council has been recognized as a 2025 National Council of Excellence by the National Association of Student Councils (NASC). The Council was honored for exemplary service within the school and the greater community. English teacher and Student Council Advisor Andrea Hayes says, “This recognition acknowledges the work our students have put in to inspire, motivate, and contribute to leading projects in school and in the community.”

She added, “This year, JHS had the privilege of hosting the Special Olympics for the first time. Working closely with Athletic Director Marlo Reynolds, we paired each student health athlete with one of our student council leaders who stayed with them through the day.”

Hayes said the Jennings student council attends regional, state, and national conferences and is particularly involved at the national level.

Some of their signature programs include honoring teachers, encouraging student voting, supporting administrators, and community service. The Council raised \$200 for the American Cancer Society. Hayes says that this fall, students will coordinate the district’s annual day of service, which involves going out into the community and helping others.”

She has built a reputation for being among the best at building community in the classroom. Her students focused and consistently perform well. Teachers are often invited to come observe her classes but, now, she will be able to go to them. She added, “I’m excited about the opportunity to coach and train new teachers. I will be employing many of the strategies that were successful at Fairview.”

Overbey says seeing teachers interact with students in their own space will be helpful in her coaching. “I don’t do a lot of standing up front and teaching. I like to see my students standing up front, sharing what they learned,” she explained. “My students feel safe to talk, to feel and to make mistakes because they know I care. When I ask them to ‘push’ farther, they listen. They understand that I am tough because I have high expectations for each one of them.”

Overbey holds a bachelor’s in Elementary Education (grades 1-6) and a master’s in Elementary Administration from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

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About the Jennings School District: The Jennings School District serves 2,320 students PreK-12 across four elementary schools: Hanrahan, Woodland, Northview and Fairview (Primary and Intermediate), Rose Mary Johnson Jennings Middle School and Jennings Senior High School. JSD spans three communities, Jennings, Country Club Hills and Flordell Hills. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Links are available at <https://linktr.ee/JenningsK12>.