

District Highlights

■ EHS students named Governor's Scholars

EHS seniors Jarin Koehler and Siubhan Mora-Bruce were named 2019 KS Governor's Scholars during the Governors Scholars Award Program on May 5.

This is the thirty-sixth year of the Kansas Governor's Scholars program. The program recognizes outstanding high school seniors who finished in the top one percent of their graduating class.

Koehler and Mora-Bruce are among only 545 students across the state to receive this honor for the graduating class of 2019.

■ EHS students named KS State Scholars

Four El Dorado High School seniors were designated 2019 Kansas State Scholars by the Kansas Board of Regents.

Ricki Burks, Marissa Eaton, Delaney Jones, and Siubhan Mora-Bruce received the designation for completing the Kansas State Scholars curriculum, maintaining an average GPA of 3.91 or higher, and earning an ACT score of 31 or higher.

Siubhan Mora-Bruce was also named a Kansas ACT scholar for her ACT score of 32.

Twenty-two other EHS seniors completed the scholar's curriculum, but did not meet the other qualifications to be named State Scholars. There were 2,123 students who were designated Kansas State Scholars out of the 6,386 who completed the required curriculum statewide.

Online Enrollment

Online enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year will open July 1.

If you have not already done so, be sure to set up your PowerSchool parent account! You will need it to enroll your students for the upcoming school year.

Contact your child's school office if you need assistance.

Camp Pride begins June 3

FREE MEALS—All students enrolled in USD 490 Camp Pride (formerly Summer Academy) at Blackmore Elementary will receive free breakfast and lunch as part of the summer school program.

Meal service will be built into class schedules and is provided through the district Food Service Department.

Students must currently attend grades K-11 in USD 490 and be enrolled in Camp Pride, however, there are no other requirements or qualifications.

FREE TRANSPORTATION—USD 490 will provide a free in-town shuttle bus for all USD 490 students participating in El Dorado summer youth programs, including those at USD 490, Butler Community College, Butler County History Center, YMCA, El Dorado Rec and Bradford Memorial Library.

Shuttle stops will be at each district attendance center and coordinated by the program directors and USD 490 Transportation. Providing transportation between programs will

make it easier for parents to get students to and from these activities.

“Our staff works to coordinate schedules to allow parents the advantage of having a ‘one stop shop’ to plan summer activities for their children,” said Superintendent Sue Givens.

“Moreover, the summer opportunities for young people in El Dorado are extensive. Students who are actively engaged in structured activities over the summer develop new interests and experience less ‘summer slide’ in academic skills.”

A schedule for students will be provided prior to the first day of



summer programs.

Transportation does not include Vacation Bible Schools, rural routes, or activities in other communities. Parents may call the transportation office at 322-4804 to find out if programs qualify for participation.

2019 Myrrl Houck scholarship recipients announced

Ten El Dorado High School seniors, all Summa Cum Laude graduates, were presented Myrrl Houck Memorial Scholarships at a reception Wednesday, May 8, at EHS. The honorees were: Ricki Burks, Nicholas Heilman, Kaylah Jackson, Delaney Jones, Seth Klayson, Chloe Mahan, Siubhan Mora-Bruce, Mara Stewart, Luke Walker, and Hallie Yeubanks.

Students received awards amounting to \$500 each, producing a total of \$177,090 in scholarships which have been granted to 605 students since the Houck scholarship program started in 1960.

EHS Counselor Gail McKenzie opened with a tribute to the students, noting they had each earned at least a 3.8 GPA in academically-challenging classes including four units of Honors English, Geometry, Advanced Algebra II, Trigonometry/Math Analysis, Science (3 credits that included Chemistry and Physics), and two years of the same foreign language.

EHS Principal Kevin House congratulated the students and their parents, mentioning that they had taken “the road less traveled” in their educational pursuits, and wished them good luck in their future endeavors.

On behalf of the Houck Scholarship Committee, Linda Call added her praise and presented highlights from Houck's life, explained how the scholarships came about and how they are maintained, and introduced other members of the Myrrl Houck Committee who were in attendance:



2019 Myrrl Houck Scholarship Winners pose with the popular EHS librarian's portrait. From left: Nicholas Heilman, Kaylah Jackson, Delaney Jones, Seth Klayson, Chloe Mahan, Siubhan Mora-Bruce, Mara Stewart, Luke Walker, and Hallie Yeubanks. Ricki Burks was unable to attend.

Katie Banks-Todd, Rod Blackburn, Richard King, and Janice Shaffer.

Call also presented certificates and letters of congratulations/instruction from Partners in Education.

One aspect of the event's agenda was the opportunity to hear students' future plans. Burks, daughter of Dustin and Angela Burks—will attend the Nursing Program at Butler Community College (BCC), where she has already completed her Associate's degree and where she will participate in the Two Plus Two Nursing Program at Butler (in conjunction with the University of Kansas); Heilman, son of Anthony and Danielle Heilman—Kansas State University (KSU), Chemical Engineering; Jackson, daughter of Charles and Rebekah Jackson—BCC, Pre-Pharmacy; Jones, daughter of Ron and Mindy Jones—Wichita State University (WSU),

Aerospace Engineering; Klayson, son of Steven and Samantha Klayson—University of Kansas (KU), Psychology; Mahan, daughter Eric McHatton and Leslie Mahan—Eric Fisher Academy, Esthetics; Mora-Bruce, daughter of Daniel Wilson and Heather Bruce—WSU, major is undecided; Mara Stewart, daughter of David and Darla Stewart, BCC, Marketing; Walker, son of John and Sue Ellen Walker, WSU, Computer Science; Yeubanks, daughter of Keith and Cathy Yeubanks, BCC, Nursing.

The Myrrl Houck Memorial Scholarship fund is a 501(c)3 organization. Managed by Partners in Education (PIE), all contributions are welcome and will help guarantee the future support of the Houck scholarship. For more information, contact PIE (through El Dorado USD 490) at 322-4800.

EHS students inducted into National Honors Society



New members of El Dorado High School's National Honor Society were inducted during a ceremony on May 7.

NHS members must exhibit qualities that uphold the society's pillars of scholarship, leadership, character, and service.

The 2019 inductees were Carly Clennan, KcKenna Garman, Kaitlyn Hutchins, Emma King, Daisee Kohman, Kaylee Manning, Madison Michaelis, Ellie Tharp, Cooper Crawford, Raygon Gomez, Teagan Jellison, Selah Klayson, Trinity Lawrence, Jamison McCaig, Brooklyn Motter, Nathaniel Walker, and Kai Wernli.

EHS students excel at state SkillsUSA competition

Several EHS students placed at the state SkillsUSA Kansas competition April 24-26.

- Daisee Kohman- 2nd place in Prepared Speech
- Morgan Johnson- 2nd place in Job Skills Demo
- Nayrelid Jimenez- 5th place in State Pin Design
- Madison Young- 6th place in Photography
- Gabe Krug & Daisee Kohman- competed in Robotic Animation
- Victoria George- competed in First Aid and CPR

SkillsUSA is currently the second largest student organization in the world with 300,000 members nationally. The organization began in 1965 when Future Farmers of America (FFA) gave them money to form the organization.

SkillsUSA is a career and technical education organization whose mission is to empower its student membership to become world-class workers, leaders, and responsible American citizens. They accomplish this mission by providing students with opportunities to develop technical, personal, and workplace skills through projects and competitions.

The Kansas chapter was formed in 1966. It serves 74 chapters and 4,000 student members. For more information, please visit their website: <https://www.skillsuskansas.org/>

USD 490 receives state IDEA endorsement

USD 490 has received a 2019 IDEA highest level of achievement endorsement from the Kansas Department of Education for the services they provide to youth with disabilities in our district. This is the second year in a row the district has received this recognition.

USD 490 partners with the Butler County Special Education Interlocal to provide these services.



FREE SUMMER LUNCHES
For all kids ages 1 - 18

<p style="text-align: center;">Wildcat Cafe June 3 - August 2 Monday - Friday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Blackmore Elem. School 530 N. Orchard noon - 1:00 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kidz GLOW Bus July 8 - August 9 Monday - Friday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11 - 11:45 am Silverwood Apts 12 - 12:45 pm Performing Arts Center 1 - 1:45 pm Quail Ridge Apts 2 - 2:45 pm Forest Park / Swim Pool</p>
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