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MAHEC Tamra Lisy Scholarship Awards

The MAHEC Tamra Lisy Memorial Scholarship is dedicated to the memory of Tamra Lisy, the first Center Director for the East Central Missouri AHEC in St. Louis, to commemorate her spirit of leadership and commitment to health care for underserved populations in Missouri. We are pleased to announce this year's scholarship recipients:

East Central- Brittany Daniels started with ECMO AHEC in high school and has maintained a relationship with us throughout her undergraduate years at the University of Missouri in Columbia and her graduate school at Washington University. Brittany has mentored our students, assisted in hands-on activities in both our Healthcare Career Clubs and helped to facilitate our Camp Scrubs, Summer Enrichment Program. In the last few years, she has assisted in the Oral Health program, which relates to her desire to pursue a career as a dentist. She has been accepted to the dental program in Kansas City and will begin in the fall of 2016.

Northeast- Curtiss Bunch, La Plata, is currently enrolled in the accelerated Bachelor in Nursing program at Truman State University. Curtiss became involved in the ACES program in high school. During college he pursued one of his goals of playing baseball and is now pursuing his health care goal. His intent is to stay in Kirksville, continuing his education to become a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

Northwest- Shanon Luke, Stanberry, has been an active member of the ACES program since attending MU's Mini Med School following her junior year in high school. As a college student, she was selected to the Bryant Scholars program at MU School of Medicine. She will be serving as a student leader at the MU Health Professions Summit in July, just before she begins MU School of Medicine.

Southwest – Jimmy He has been a great asset to the SWMO AHEC program. He has taken on a leadership role, promoting the ACES program, volunteering at AHEC summer camps, Muscular Dystrophy Camp, and serving as president of the Medical Explorers Chapter. Jimmy's ability to welcome and engage other students will be missed as he begins the MD/BA program at the University of Missouri Kansas City School of Medicine.

West Central - Michelle Atkinson has participated in AHEC programming since 2010 when she joined as a sophomore in high school. Her interest has never wavered from being a nurse, and she is currently a pre-nursing student at Avila University. She was a strong participant in workshops and earned an internship with the First Hand Foundation in June 2015. She continues to assist AHEC staff in facilitating ACES workshops where her younger sister is now a participant in the program.



Heather Phillips SWMO AHEC (left), presents Jimmy He with the MAHEC Tamra Lisy Scholarship

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