

TeamMates program makes its way to Louisburg



TeamMates program director DeMoine Adams speaks to students at Broadmoor Elementary last week about the new TeamMates program in Louisburg.

Aaron Bauer, like many other people throughout country, spends part of his day cycling through hundreds of emails.

Then one day, Bauer saw one that caught his eye – it came from his mentee.

You see, Bauer served as mentor to this child in rural Nebraska before making the move to Louisburg. It was part of a program called TeamMates.

Three years after moving to Louisburg, Bauer's mentee graduated high school and sent him, what Bauer called, "the coolest email I have ever received."

"Aaron, Thank you. Towards the end of the year, Ms. White showed me a picture of our first match. It reminded me of the matches and our time together. You helped a lot during TeamMates, more than you will ever know, and I'll be forever

grateful.”

Bauer really wasn't sure what kind of an impact he was having with his mentee, and if it was even making that much of a difference this child's life.

One email changed all that.

“Unfortunately, I had to move do to my career,” Bauer said. “My TeamMate graduated this last spring, three years after I moved. I remember as school was ending earlier this spring telling my wife that my TeamMate would graduate and I asked the rhetorical question, “Do you think I had any impact?” A couple of weeks later, after his graduation and during his summer break, he wrote me a 4-page email because he wanted to update me on his life and tell me how much our time meant to him.”

The TeamMates program has created several stories like that through Nebraska and surrounding states and now it is making its way to Kansas – more specifically – Broadmoor Elementary in Louisburg.

Louisburg is one of 10 school districts in Kansas that have begun using TeamMates, a mentoring program that pairs a community volunteer with a student. That mentor would spend time once a week with their mentee to do things the student enjoys.

“I think it is a great opportunity for our students,” Louisburg program coordinator Sara McIntire

said. "We are a small-town, and while we are close to the city or to Overland Park, we have a lot of kids that don't have the resources to go do some of those things. We might have kids who are good at sports like basketball, and have the opportunity to get coached by an adult, but not everyone gets opportunities like that. I also think our community is special. If a family has a need, and people became aware of it, we wrap ourselves around that and resources come out of the woodwork."

TeamMates Mentoring Program

began in 1991 with the vision of University of Nebraska Head Football Coach Tom Osborne and his wife Nancy. Coach Osborne felt that the athletes in his program could make an impact on the middle school students, and twenty-two football players began meeting with middle school students in the Lincoln Public Schools.

Of the 22 original mentees, 21 went on to graduate from high school while one left school early to pursue a successful Motocross career. Eighteen of the original mentees also obtained some form of post-secondary education.

Since that time, the program has expanded throughout Nebraska and into surrounding states to help create those connections to help in a child's life.

On Nov. 4, TeamMates program director DeMoine Adams and training and match support manager Allyson Horne made the trip to Louisburg to speak to the Broadmoor Elementary staff and students about the program.

“Our hope, as we started as an organization, is to be able to give kids more opportunities to be feel heard and to give mentors more of an opportunity to see what is happening in school districts today and make a difference,” Horne said. “I don’t think any of us could have ever predicted 10,000 matches, five states and so much ripple effect of the impact.

“My own daughter matched with her mentor when she was in fifth grade. She is now 23 and recently became a mentor herself and we have lots of stories like that where we have former mentees who are now becoming mentors. We have three former mentees who work for the central office. As a mentor, my hope was always to make a difference in my mentee’s life, but I would say they probably changed mine more than anything else.”

Later in the evening, the school provided mentor training for interested participants, and according to McIntire, had 43 possible mentors go through training. By the following Thursday, more than 40 students signed up that they were interested in the program.

“I always tell mentors that it is ok to say ‘I don’t know, or I’m not sure,’” Horne said. “I think my mentee loves doing crafts with me because she knows that I am terrible at them.

She likes to see me struggle I think. When we let our mentee's teach us, I think some phenomenal things happen with trust-building. It also takes a lot of pressure off of a mentor.

"It has been a unique experience to be here already. To come in and already see the space created for mentors and mentees to meet has just been amazing. The school staff has a lot of energy for it and Sara's dedication...43 mentors who are going to be trained is not typical right at the start. For us to come in and feel totally welcomed, but also this excitement and energy, is unique for us. My role for DeMoine and myself, we travel program-wide, so we are in South Dakota, Wyoming, we are in Kansas this month and a lot of communities in Nebraska. When there is already a culture of belonging and welcoming in a community, we know this is a great fit and I can already see that.

As good of a first step as that is, McIntire said they will always be looking for new mentors as they hope to one day build the program into the middle and high school levels.

"We would love for the community to embrace this on an even bigger level," McIntire said. "We have some businesses already, like First Option Bank and Louisburg Family Dental, who are having all their employees sign up to be mentors. It is awesome that businesses are supporting their staff and the giving of their time. We would love to see

that spread. I think the possibilities are endless. I think the legacy of the program speaks for itself.”

Bauer, who has seen what the program has done for students first-hand, is taking on a big role in the Louisburg program as the advisory board president.

Other community members, Becky Bowes (vice-president), T.J. Williams (treasurer), Jennifer Heston (secretary), Connie Barbour, Nick White, Dave Tappan, Dave Alexander, Kristine Lowry, Tim Johnson and Jim Real are all serving on the advisory board, and along with building coordinator Amy Buffington, all hope to see the program take off.

“I am not the type of person that typically gets excited about a whole lot, but I am super excited about TeamMates coming to Louisburg,” Bauer said. “All my colleagues that mentored though TeamMates had similar positive, unique stories. The special part of being a TeamMates mentor is that you are matched with a student based on common interests and you remain TeamMates until the mentee graduates. TeamMates is also unique in today’s world in that it is designed to focus on the student’s strengths, and the meetings must be face to face in a safe environment. There are no phone calls, texts, social media, etc. interactions allowed with your mentee.

“Initially, I would anticipate the impact of mentoring will not be as evident until trust is built between the students and the mentors. In a few years,

and from then on, I expect the impact to be very noticeable and it will only continue to grow. TeamMates has quite a bit of research though Gallup and the resulting data shows the positive impact on students that have had a mentor. Often, it reaches far beyond school academics and truly has a long-lasting and profound impact in the lives of the kids.”

For those that are interested in becoming a mentor, or want to learn more about the program, contact McIntire at mcintires@usd416.org or 913-837-1973.

You can also visit www.teammates.org to learn more about the program and view testimonials from those mentors and mentees that have been impacted.

**New LHS Hall of Fame class
happy to be included among
Wildcat greats**



(From left) Dennis Stiles, John Lohse, Jason Burk and Krystal Bowes-Grojean were inducted into the Louisburg High School Athletic Hall of Fame last week.

When Dennis Stiles, John Lohse, Jason Burk and Krystal Bowes-Grojean returned to Louisburg High School and Wildcat Stadium last Friday night, memories came rushing back.

It was hard for them not think back to what was all like. The four former Wildcat athletes created plenty of memories for themselves and left a lasting impression on LHS athletics.

They were each officially inducted into the Louisburg High School Athletic Hall of Fame and were recognized at halftime of last week's football game against Piper. They became the first class since 2008 to be inducted into the hall.

The USD 416 Endowment Association, which oversees the LHS Athletic Hall of Fame, announced the class last summer and they were the top four vote getters in this year's voting.

"Louisburg has a history of great athletes," said Damon Dennis, a USD 416 Endowment Association board member. "We had a good cross-section of both young and older

voters this year that really took their job seriously. The four athletes chosen represent several generations of former Wildcats and each one were dominant in their particular era and sports. The Endowment Association is excited to get the Hall of Fame going again and plan on some big things in the future.”



Dennis Stiles

Stiles, who is a member of the Class of 1969, lettered 4 years in football and track and 3 years in basketball. His senior year he was named all-league and all-state in football and was co-captain on the Wildcat team that finished the year 4-4.

As a sophomore, he played on the varsity basketball team, which went 12-0 in league play, finished the year 20-3 and were district champions. He earned honorable mention all-state honors his sophomore and junior seasons and was second-team all-state his senior year. Stiles was at one time the school's career scoring leader.

Stiles competed at the state track meet as a junior and senior where he placed fourth in the discus his senior year. He previously held school records in the discus and triple jump. He also received a football scholarship to Kansas State University.

"Just to be considered is an honor," Stiles said. "But, to be selected, I am thankful to the people who were part of the selection process. I was totally shocked when Damon gave me the news.

"As far as proud moments, it was just being part of teams that were just trying to compete. We didn't always win, but I enjoyed the friendships that were built. As a sophomore, I played on a basketball team made up of mostly seniors, but we went undefeated in league and finished with a 20-3 record. It was just a great group of guys."



John Lohse

Lohse, a member of the Class of 1995, lettered all four years in baseball and was selected to represent Kansas in the all-star baseball classic his senior year. He was an all-league pitcher and centerfielder for the Wildcats his sophomore through senior years. He had a .510 average his junior and senior seasons, with 10 home runs his junior year and 12 more his senior season.

In football, Lohse was a 3-year letterwinner. He was an all-league wide receiver his junior and senior seasons. In his senior year, he had 850 yards receiving and 11 touchdowns and was later selected to represent Kansas in the Metro Classic All-Star Game.

Lohse was also a 3-year letterwinner in basketball and was an all-league selection his junior and senior seasons. He averaged a double-double his junior and senior years.

Post-graduation,

Lohse attended Pittsburg State on a baseball scholarship and played on the Gorilla team for four years. He was selected to the all-MIAA team his sophomore and junior seasons before injuring his shoulder his senior year.

He had a .315

average his junior and senior seasons. In his first collegiate at-bat his freshman year, Lohse hit a game-winning grand slam to give Pitt State its first win over Missouri Southern in five years.

“Being inducted into the Louisburg

Hall of Fame was a honor,” Lohse said. “All the sweat, tears and practices just

to get to this point is all worth it. That’s not counting the relentless hours

my dad Rich worked with me at home as well. We spent many hours in the backyard

playing catch and working on stuff. My parents never missed a game and I was

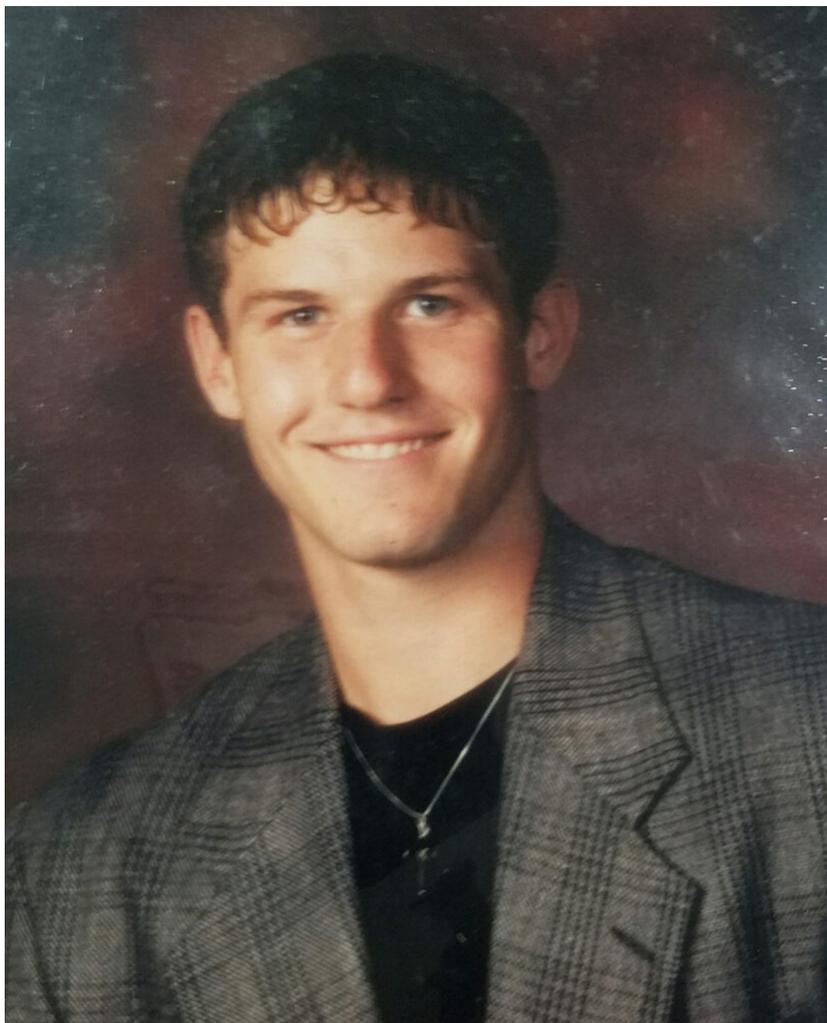
glad my parents, wife and my three kids were present for the induction.

I have always taught my kids to give 110 percent at everything you do. Practice

makes perfect.

“I had a lot of favorite memories. Whether it was winning sub-state my junior year in basketball and going to state, or being selected to play in the Metro Classic football game and being selected as the Kansas MVP or scoring four touchdowns my

senior year against Wellsville on homecoming. I have so many great memories that I could go on and on, but I couldn't have done it without the great coaching and teammates I had."



Jason Burk

Burk, who graduated in the Class of 1999, was a 4-year letterwinner for the Louisburg track and field team and qualified for state in all four years in four events. He accumulated 12 state medals, 16 regional track medals and 14 Frontier League medals. Burk was selected to the Kansas City All-Metro track team in 1998 and 1999.

During his senior season, Burk was a state champion in both the triple and long jump. He won the triple jump with a leap 48 feet and

the long jump with a mark of 22-5. He also finished fifth in the 100-meter dash and sixth in the high jump.

As a junior, Burk won a state championship in the triple jump with mark of 46 feet and won three more state medals. He took second long jump, fourth in the 100 dash and sixth in the 200 dash. As a sophomore, Burk won state medals in the triple jump (second), long jump (fourth) and 4×100 relay (third). He was a member of the 4×100 team that took second at state as a freshman in 1996.

At one time, Burk held seven school records. He currently holds school records in the triple jump, high jump and long jump. Burk holds the school record for most points in a season with 326.

Burk also played football, where he was a part of bi-district, district and regional championship teams.

“It was a great honor and a proud moment for me and my family when we found out,” Burk said. “It gave me a great feeling of accomplishment. I would like to thank Doc D and everyone who was involved in the ceremony. It turned out amazing.

“My favorite memory was my freshman year at regionals when I missed the school record in triple jump by a half-inch. I had a personal record that day and the reaction I got from coach (Aaron) Webb was priceless. That was the moment Webb and I knew the rest of my high school career was going to be great. My proudest moment was going to state my junior year by myself and taking seventh in the team

standings.”



Krystal Bowes-Grojean

Bowes-Grojean, who graduated in 2001, was a 4-year letterwinner in track before she was offered a scholarship on the Wichita State track and field team.

In her senior season at Louisburg, Bowes earned three state medals, including a second-place finish in the javelin with a throw of 145-10. She was also third in the discus with a toss of 126-9 and fifth in the shot put at 37-5. As a sophomore and junior, she finished sixth in the discus at state. In all, Bowes racked up five state medals in her high school career

before moving on to Wichita State. She is the current Louisburg record holder in the javelin (146-10) and discus (137-11).

At Wichita State, she earned academic All-American honors and was a team captain all four years. Bowes was a two-time NCAA national qualifier and finished fifth in the javelin and was second in the Missouri Valley Conference in 2006.

In 2004, Bowes took first in the MVC in the javelin and fourth in the discus. In 2003, she won the Missouri Valley Conference discus title, was second in the javelin and fourth in the hammer throw. Bowes was also a member two Shocker teams that won conference titles.

In volleyball and basketball at LHS, Bowes was a 3-year letterwinner in each sport and earned first-team all-Frontier League honors each season.

"It's a pretty amazing honor to be selected for the Hall of Fame, knowing that there have been some awesome athletes to come out of Louisburg and now to be recognized as one of them, truly is humbling," Krystal said. "You know, when you're in high school and just doing the work you need to do to get the job done on the field/court, you don't think about the level of competition you can set for the next generations. At least I didn't until my name got put on the wall for those school records and having them still there is pretty sweet. I just have high expectations of myself and where I wanted to go with it all and a lot of support from my family helped.

"You know having to write down everything I accomplished over my four years at LHS, and then to go on to WSU and add them

all up was pretty fun to think back on. All the road trips to sub-state and state, no matter what the outcome, the memories that I have and the coaches to help me get there I will never forget. It may have even brought some tears to my eyes thinking about all the fun we use to have.

“But I think most of all my favorite thing looking back at it all was knowing that I had two parents in the stands at all of my games, sitting on those hard bleachers cheering us on through it all. So for that I’m thankful and will always remember I’m one BAC.”

Meet your 2019 LHS Fall Homecoming Candidates



The 2019 Louisburg High School fall homecoming candidates are (front row, from left) Kami Geiman, Riley Kallevig, Kody Lowry, Reilly Ratliff-Becher; (back row) Brayden White, Ian McGuire, Madden Rutherford and Calvin Dillon.

Homecoming week at Louisburg High School kicked off Monday and events are in full swing. With something going on every day this week, it will be a busy time for students. All of it is, of course, centered around the crowning of the 2019 fall king

Kody Lowry

Kody is the daughter of Kristine and Shawn Lowry. Kody has participated in the musical for four years, STUCO for three years and girls basketball, track and field, select choir and football manager for two years. Kody plans to graduate in December and attend Kansas State University, majoring in Human Development and Family Science.

Madden Rutherford

Madden is the son of Breck and Shane Rutherford. Madden has participated in football, baseball and choir for four years and basketball for three years. He has been a part of National Honor Society and the musical for two years and Future Business Leaders of America for one year. Madden is undecided on his college destination, but hopes to play football or baseball in college. He plans to major biology and sports medicine.



Riley Kallevig and Ian McGuire

Riley Kallevig

Riley is the daughter of Kara and Eric Kallevig. Riley has participated in volleyball for four years, FFA for four years, basketball for one year and STUCO for one year. Following graduation, Riley plans to attend college but is undecided on the destination at this time.

Ian McGuire

Ian is the son of Lacey and Sean McGuire. Ian has participated in football for four years, band for four years and track and field for one year. Following graduation, Ian plans to attend college and major in accounting.



Kami Geiman and Brayden White

Kami Geiman

Kami is the daughter of Shelly and Tad Geiman. Kami has participated in choir for four years, STUCO for three years, band for two years and cheer for one year. Following graduation, Kami plans to attend Missouri State University and major in nursing.

Brayden White

Brayden is the son of Melissa and Nick White. Brayden has participated in football for four years, FFA for four years, track for three years and basketball for two. Following graduation, Brayden plans to play football in college and major in Ag Business.



Reilly Ratliff-Becher and Calvin Dillon

Reilly Ratliff-Becher

Reilly is the daughter of Trish Becher and Kelly Ratliff. Reilly has participated in volleyball, softball and band for four years. She has been a part of the powerlifting program for three years, basketball and FFA for two years and is a member of National Honor Society. Following graduation, Reilly plans to attend Pittsburg State and major in psychology.

Calvin Dillon

Calvin is the son of Karen and Jim Dillon. Calvin has participated in golf, FFA and FCA for four years. He has participated in band for three years and has been a member of National Honor Society for two. Following graduation, Calvin plans to play golf at the University of Central Missouri and

major in accounting.











**KSHSAA releases
classifications for 2019-20
school year**



The Kansas State High School Activities Association released its classifications for the 2019-20 school year, along with the football classifications for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 seasons.

There were a few changes in both areas, but more so on the football side.

Football classifications are determined based on enrollment figures in ninth, 10th and 11th grade. Louisburg is still in 4A with 432 students and is toward the lower half of the classification.

Entering Class 4A beginning in the 2020 school year will be St. James Academy, Lansing and Great Bend, who have all moved down from Class 5A. Wamego also made the jump back in from Class 3A.

Kansas State High School Activities Association

Football Classifications and Enrollments-Descending Order 2020 & 2021

*Enrollment figures are based on ninth, tenth and eleventh grades only.
Enrollment figures are as of September 20, 2019.*

| 6A | | 5A | | 4A | | 3A | |
|----------------------------|------|----------------------------|------|----------------------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|
| Member Schools - 32 | | Member Schools - 32 | | Member Schools - 32 | | Member Schools - 48 | |
| Range: 1854 - 1092 | | Range: 1083 - 655 | | Range: 654 - 340 | | Range: 324 - 168 | |
| Wichita-East | 1854 | Liberal | 1083 | Lansing | 654 | Baldwin | 324 |
| Wichita-North | 1691 | Hutchinson | 1049 | Great Bend | 651 | Topeka-Hayden | 314 |
| Wichita-Southeast | 1662 | Wichita-Heights | 1045 | Lenexa-St. James Academy | 649 | Parsons | 286 |
| Derby | 1638 | Shawnee-Mill Valley | 982 | Bonner Springs | 640 | Andale | 279 |
| Garden City | 1560 | Leavenworth | 977 | Arkansas City | 620 | Pratt | 275 |
| Dodge City | 1533 | Wichita-Northwest | 970 | Andover Central | 608 | Clearwater | 266 |
| Olathe South | 1503 | Emporia | 949 | Basehor-Linwood | 587 | Iola | 256 |
| Olathe East | 1477 | Kansas City-Turner | 902 | McPherson | 535 | Girard | 252 |
| Olathe North | 1469 | Wichita-Bishop Carroll | 890 | Kansas City-Piper | 518 | Nickerson | 252 |
| Topeka-Washburn Rural | 1449 | Topeka West | 882 | Ottawa | 507 | Clay Center Community | 247 |
| Wichita-South | 1438 | Topeka-Seaman | 881 | Buhler | 497 | Holton | 242 |
| Lawrence-Free State | 1411 | Tecumseh-Shawnee Heights | 876 | SM-Bishop Miege | 493 | Concordia | 241 |
| Manhattan | 1402 | Maize | 871 | Augusta | 491 | Kansas City-Bishop Ward | 240 |
| Topeka | 1364 | Kansas City-Washington | 850 | Winfield | 472 | Garnett-Anderson County | 234 |
| Olathe Northwest | 1356 | Maize South | 842 | Tonganoxie | 471 | Chapman | 224 |
| Kansas City-Wyandotte | 1355 | OP-Blue Valley Southwest | 811 | Independence | 461 | St. George-Rock Creek | 224 |
| SM East | 1353 | Salina-South | 800 | Chanute | 452 | Baxter Springs | 223 |
| Gardner-Edgerton | 1325 | Newton | 788 | Paola | 447 | Osawatomie | 221 |
| Haysville Campus | 1297 | De Soto | 758 | Fort Scott | 434 | Columbus | 220 |
| SM West | 1277 | Salina-Central | 758 | Louisburg | 432 | Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail | 217 |
| SM Northwest | 1266 | Topeka-Highland Park | 757 | Towanda-Circle | 429 | Wichita-Trinity Academy | 217 |
| Olathe West | 1256 | Andover | 733 | Coffeyville-Field Kindley | 409 | Hoyt-Royal Valley | 216 |
| OP-Blue Valley Northwest | 1233 | Goddard-Eisenhower | 725 | El Dorado | 400 | Hugoton | 216 |
| SM North | 1226 | Valley Center | 699 | Eudora | 391 | LaCygne-Prairie View | 214 |
| Lawrence | 1221 | Kansas City-Sumner Acad. | 698 | Rose Hill | 381 | Hiawatha | 213 |
| OP-Blue Valley | 1182 | OP-St. Thomas Aquinas | 693 | Altamont-Labette County | 377 | Frontenac | 211 |
| OP-Blue Valley West | 1182 | Wichita-Kapaun Mt. Carmel | 693 | Mulvane | 375 | Meriden-Jefferson West | 211 |
| Junction City | 1136 | Pittsburg | 691 | Atchison | 355 | Holcomb | 210 |
| Wichita-West | 1129 | Hays | 687 | Abilene | 352 | Burlington | 203 |
| Kansas City-JC Harmon | 1110 | Kansas City-FL Schlagle | 687 | Wamego | 351 | Hesston | 202 |
| SM South | 1106 | Spring Hill | 668 | Wellington | 345 | Colby | 201 |
| OP-Blue Valley North | 1092 | Goddard | 655 | Ulysses | 340 | Wichita Collegiate | 201 |
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| | | | | | | Caney Valley | 192 |
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| | | | | | | Riley County | 182 |
| | | | | | | Russell | 181 |
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| | | | | | | Sabetha | 173 |
| | | | | | | Gypsum-Southeast of Saline | 171 |
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** Note: Per classification Rule 5-2-2, enrollment ties are broken by using the previous classification cycle count.*

2A

| Schools - 48 | |
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| Range: 168 - 112 | |
| Cimarron | 168 |
| Lyons | 168 |
| Welleville | 167 |
| Haven | 166 |
| Hoisington | 162 |
| Osage City | 161 |
| Seneca-Nemaha Central | 161 |
| Fredonia | 159 |
| Silver Lake | 158 |
| Easton-Pleasant Ridge | 156 |
| Riverton | 155 |
| Neodesha | 153 |
| Norton Community | 153 |
| Beloit | 150 |
| Anthony/Harper-Chaparral | 148 |
| Kingman | 148 |
| Eureka | 147 |
| Pomona-West Franklin | 144 |
| Douglass | 142 |
| Kismet-Southwestern Hts. | 141 |
| Lakin | 141 |
| St. Marys | 141 |
| Hays-TMP-Marian | 140 |
| Oskaloosa | 140 |
| Minneapolis | 139 |
| Ellsworth | 137 |
| Atchison-Maur Hill-Mt Acad. | 135 |
| Rossville | 135 |
| Effingham- Atchinson Co Comm. | 130 |
| Erie | 130 |
| Hillsboro | 129 |
| Humboldt | 129 |
| Mound City-Jayhawk Linn | 128 |
| Phillipsburg | 128 |
| Wathena-Riverside | 127 |
| Belle Plaine | 124 |
| Syracuse | 121 |
| Garden Plain | 120 |
| Ellis | 119 |
| Cherokee-Southeast | 118 |
| Belleville-Republic County | 117 |
| McLouth | 117 |
| Eskridge-Mission Valley | 116 |
| Hutchinson-Trinity Catholic | 116 |
| Leon-Bluestem | 112 |
| Marion | 112 |
| Pittsburg-St. Mary's Colgan | 112 |
| Sterling | 112 |

1A

| Schools - 28 | |
|------------------------------------|-----|
| Range: 111 - 62 | |
| Whitewater-Remington | 111 |
| Conway Springs | 110 |
| Horton | 110 |
| Sedgwick | 108 |
| Arma-Northeast | 106 |
| Brookville-Eli-Saline | 106 |
| Richmond-Central Heights | 106 |
| Wabaunsee | 105 |
| Wichita-The Independent | 102 |
| Lyndon | 99 |
| Sublette | 99 |
| Ellinwood | 98 |
| Oakley | 98 |
| Salina-Sacred Heart | 98 |
| Uniontown | 98 |
| Johnson-Stanton County | 96 |
| Winchester- Jefferson Co. North | 94 |
| Inman | 93 |
| Elkhart | 90 |
| Plainville | 89 |
| Pleasanton | 86 |
| Allen-Northern Heights | 85 |
| Blue Rapids-Valley Heights | 82 |
| Smith Center | 82 |
| Holton-Jackson Heights | 78 |
| Troy | 70 |
| Olpe | 69 |
| Centralia | 62 |

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| Schools - 48 | |
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| Range: 98 - 66 | |
| Herington | 98 |
| Bennington | 97 |
| Hoxie | 97 |
| Yates Center | 96 |
| Medicine Lodge | 95 |
| Hill City | 94 |
| Howard-West Elk | 93 |
| Pratt-Skyline | 93 |
| Leoti-Wichita County | 90 |
| Spearville | 90 |
| WaKeeney-Trego Community | 89 |
| Moundridge | 88 |
| Sedan | 88 |
| Cottonwood Falls-Chase Co. | 84 |
| Stockton | 84 |
| Attica/Argonia | 82 |
| Valley Falls | 82 |
| Burlingame | 80 |
| Canton-Galva | 79 |
| Goessel | 79 |
| Meade | 79 |
| Ness City | 79 |
| Washington County | 79 |
| Little River | 78 |
| Shawnee-Maranaatha Christian Academy | 77 |
| Cedar Vale/Dexter | 76 |
| Burden-Central | 75 |
| Langdon-Fairfield | 75 |
| Madison/Hamilton | 75 |
| Solomon | 75 |
| Udall | 74 |
| Atwood-Rawlins County | 72 |
| Highland-Doniphan West | 72 |
| La Crosse | 72 |
| Oswego | 72 |
| Kinsley | 71 |
| Clyde-Clifton Clyde | 70 |
| Oberlin-Decatur Community | 70 |
| Rosalia-Flinthills | 70 |
| Jetmore-Hodgeman County | 69 |
| Lincoln | 69 |
| Macksville | 69 |
| Oxford | 69 |
| Moran-Marmaton Valley | 68 |
| Greensburg-Kiowa County | 67 |
| St. John-Hudson | 67 |
| Montezuma-South Gray | 66 |
| Pretty Prairie | 66 |

8-Player Division II

| Schools - 52 | |
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| Range: 66 - 29 | |
| Sylvan-Lucas Unified | 66 |
| Rural Vista (<i>White City/Hope</i>) | 65 |
| Peabody-Burns | 64 |
| Bucklin | 61 |
| Minneola | 61 |
| Victoria | 61 |
| Caldwell | 60 |
| Satanta | 60 |
| Kensington-Thunder Ridge | 59 |
| Onaga | 59 |
| Downs-Lakeside | 58 |
| Mankato-Rock Hills | 58 |
| Coldwater-South Central | 57 |
| Lebo | 57 |
| Quinter | 57 |
| Beloit-St. John's/Tipton | 54 |
| Osborne | 54 |
| South Haven | 53 |
| Wakefield | 52 |
| Hutchinson-Central Christian | 51 |
| Ingalls | 51 |
| Sharon Springs-Wallace Co. | 51 |
| St. Francis | 51 |
| St. Paul | 51 |
| Clafin-Central Plains | 50 |
| Hartford | 50 |
| Norwich | 50 |
| Scandia-Pike Valley | 50 |
| Colony-Crest | 49 |
| Frankfort | 49 |
| Melvern-MDCV | 49 |
| Buffalo-Altoona Midway | 48 |
| Dighton | 48 |
| Hanover | 47 |
| Leroy-Southern Coffey Co. | 47 |
| Chetopa | 46 |
| Logan/Palco | 46 |
| Lost Springs-Centre | 46 |
| Otis-Bison | 46 |
| Linn | 43 |
| Waverly | 42 |
| Southern Cloud (<i>Miltonvale/Glasco</i>) | 40 |
| Stafford | 40 |
| Wetmore | 39 |
| Grainfield- Wheatland/Grinnell | 38 |
| Randolph-Blue Valley | 38 |
| Kiowa-South Barber | 37 |
| Winona-Triplains/Brewster | 36 |
| Chase | 33 |
| Axtell | 30 |
| Tescott | 30 |
| Wilson | 29 |



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Goddard, Pittsburg and Spring Hill all saw their enrollment grow and will be moving up from 4A to 5A next year. Baldwin

saw their enrollment decline and will move down to Class 3A in football the next two years.

In the rest of the sports, not much changed with regards to Class 4A for this year.

Enrollment figures for all grades in Louisburg this year is 573, which puts the school in the upper half of Class 4A. The biggest school is Buhler with 661 and Bishop Miege is the second biggest at 656 and Ottawa is third at 653.

2019-2020 Classifications and Enrollments

Enrollment figures as of September 20, 2019 based on ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades.

Note: Schools are listed in descending order

- ↑ School Moved Up in Class
- ↓ School Moved Down in Class

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| 6A | 5A | 4A | |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Member Schools: 36 | Member Schools: 36 | Member Schools: 36 | |
| Range: 2431-1312 | Range: 1305-710 | Range: 661-312 | |
| Wichita-East HS | 2431 ↓ Leavenworth HS | 1305 Buhler HS | 661 |
| Wichita-North HS | 2190 Wichita-Northwest HS | 1260 Shawnee Mission-Bishop Miege HS | 656 |
| Wichita-Southeast HS | 2164 Emporia HS | Ottawa HS | 653 |
| Derby HS | 2105 Maize HS | Winfield HS | 642 |
| Dodge City HS | 2010 Wichita-Bishop Carroll HS | Kansas City-Piper HS | 638 |
| Olathe South HS | 2005 Topeka-Seaman HS | Augusta HS | 632 |
| Garden City HS | 1985 Topeka West HS | Paola HS | 603 |
| Olathe North HS | 1976 Tecumseh-Shawnee Heights HS | Tonganoxie HS | 599 |
| Topeka-Washburn Rural HS | 1933 Overland Park-Blue Valley Southwest HS | Fort Scott HS | 592 |
| Olathe East HS | 1927 Kansas City-Washington HS | Chanute HS | 584 |
| Olathe Northwest HS | 1880 Kansas City-Turner HS | Independence HS | 581 |
| Lawrence-Free State HS | 1855 Maize South HS | Louisburg HS | 573 |
| Wichita-South HS | 1852 Salina-South HS | Towanda-Circle HS | 562 |
| Manhattan HS | 1823 Newton HS | Coffeyville-Field Kindley HS | 531 |
| Shawnee Mission East HS | 1758 Salina-Central HS | El Dorado HS | 528 |
| Gardner-Edgerton HS | 1729 De Soto HS | Mulvane HS | 520 |
| Topeka HS | 1728 Andover HS | Eudora HS | 493 |
| Wichita-Haysville Campus HS | 1712 Topeka-Highland Park HS | Altamont-Labelle County HS | 490 |
| Shawnee Mission West HS | 1638 Goddard-Eisenhower HS | Rose Hill HS | 485 |
| Kansas City-Wyandotte HS | 1637 Overland Park-St. Thomas Aquinas HS | Atchison HS | 472 |
| Shawnee Mission Northwest HS | 1624 Kansas City-FL Schlegle HS | Wellington HS | 465 |
| Overland Park-Blue Valley Northwest HS | 1619 Valley Center HS | Abilene HS | 460 |
| Lawrence HS | 1601 Lenexa-St. James Academy | Warrego HS | 446 |
| Overland Park-Blue Valley HS | 1600 Great Bend HS | Ulysses HS | 433 |
| Overland Park-Blue Valley West HS | 1582 Wichita-Kapaun Mt. Carmel HS | Baldwin HS | 421 |
| Shawnee Mission North HS | 1557 Kansas City-Sumner Academy | Topeka-Hayden HS | 408 |
| Olathe West HS | 1535 Pittsburg HS | Andale HS | 375 |
| Overland Park-Blue Valley North HS | 1498 Hays HS | Clearwater HS | 367 |
| Shawnee Mission South HS | 1469 Lansing HS | Parsons HS | 363 |
| Junction City HS | 1440 Goddard HS | Pratt HS | 355 |
| Wichita-West HS | 1421 Spring Hill HS | Iola HS | 339 |
| Kansas City-JC Harmon HS | 1399 Andover Central HS | Nickerson HS | 323 |
| Hutchinson HS | 1386 Bonner Springs HS | ↑ Holton HS | 322 |
| Liberal HS | 1371 Basehor-Linwood HS | ↑ Girard HS | 315 |
| ↑ Wichita-Heights HS | 1357 Arkansas City HS | Chapman HS | 314 |
| Shawnee-Mill Valley HS | 1312 McPherson HS | ↑ Clay Center Community HS | 312 |

3A**Member Schools: 64****Range: 305-172**

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| †Garnett-Anderson County HS | 305 |
| Concordia HS | 303 |
| †Wichita-Trinity Academy | 303 |
| Kansas City-Bishop Ward HS | 300 |
| Columbus HS | 296 |
| †Osawatomie HS | 296 |
| St. George-Rock Creek HS | 294 |
| Baxter Springs HS | 286 |
| Carbondale-Santa Fe Trail HS | 286 |
| Hoyt-Royal Valley HS | 283 |
| Hugoton HS | 280 |
| Hesston HS | 279 |
| Frontenac HS | 276 |
| Meriden-Jefferson West HS | 275 |
| Hiawatha HS | 273 |
| Galena HS | 270 |
| LaCygne-Prairie View HS | 270 |
| Holcomb HS | 266 |
| Marysville HS | 266 |
| Wichita Collegiate HS | 266 |
| Scott Community HS | 265 |
| Caney Valley HS | 263 |
| Lindsborg-Smoky Valley HS | 263 |
| Colby HS | 262 |
| Burlington HS | 260 |
| Perry-Leocompton HS | 252 |
| Goodland HS | 246 |
| Wellsville HS | 243 |
| Larned HS | 242 |
| Russell HS | 239 |
| Cheney HS | 238 |
| Sabetha HS | 237 |
| Riley County HS | 231 |
| Council Grove HS | 229 |
| Cherryvale HS | 225 |
| Gypsum-Southeast of Saline HS | 223 |
| Halstead HS | 221 |
| Haven HS | 220 |
| Riverton HS | 214 |
| Fredonia HS | 213 |
| Lyons HS | 213 |
| Silver Lake HS | 213 |
| Beloit HS | 212 |
| Seneca-Nemaha Central HS | 210 |
| Cimarron HS | 207 |
| Hoisington HS | 205 |
| Norton Community HS | 204 |
| Osage City HS | 204 |
| Easton-Pleasant Ridge HS | 203 |
| Kingman HS | 202 |
| Neodesha HS | 200 |
| Anthony/Harper-Chaparral HS | 199 |
| Pomona-West Franklin HS | 192 |
| Kismet-Southwestern Heights HS | 190 |
| Eureka HS | 188 |
| †Lakin HS | 185 |
| Atchison-Maur Hill-Mount Academy | 184 |
| Minneapolis HS | 184 |
| Hays-Thomas More Prep-Marian HS | 182 |
| St. Marys HS | 182 |
| Douglass HS | 178 |
| †Effingham-Atchison Co Community HS | 174 |
| †Humboldt HS | 174 |
| Phillipsburg HS | 172 |

2A**Member Schools: 64****Range: 171-109**

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| Mound City-Jayhawk Linn HS | 171 |
| Oskaloosa HS | 171 |
| †Belle Plaine HS | 170 |
| Rossville HS | 169 |
| Elsworth HS | 168 |
| †Erie HS | 166 |
| †Wathena-Riverside HS | 164 |
| Conway Springs HS | 160 |
| Belleville-Republic County HS | 158 |
| Garden Plain HS | 158 |
| Hutchinson-Trinity Catholic HS | 158 |
| Cherokee-Southeast HS | 157 |
| Eskridge-Mission Valley HS | 156 |
| Arma-Northeast HS | 155 |
| Hillsboro HS | 155 |
| Olathe-Heritage Christian Academy | 155 |
| Ellis HS | 154 |
| Syracuse HS | 153 |
| McLouth HS | 152 |
| Whitewater-Remington HS | 152 |
| Horton HS | 150 |
| Sterling HS | 147 |
| Marion HS | 146 |
| Leon-Bluestem HS | 144 |
| Wichita-The Independent HS | 142 |
| Richmond-Central Heights HS | 141 |
| Sedgewick HS | 140 |
| Alma-Wabaunsee HS | 139 |
| Brookville-El-Saline HS | 139 |
| Pittsburg-St. Mary's Colgan HS | 139 |
| Prairie Village-Kansas City Christian HS | 136 |
| Medicine Lodge HS | 134 |
| Lawrence-Bishop Seabury Academy | 132 |
| Salina-Sacred Heart HS | 131 |
| Winchester-Jefferson County North HS | 130 |
| Bennington HS | 128 |
| Johnson-Stanton County HS | 128 |
| Lyndon HS | 127 |
| Oakley HS | 127 |
| Plainville HS | 127 |
| Sublette HS | 127 |
| Inman HS | 126 |
| Yates Center HS | 126 |
| Elinwood HS | 124 |
| Pratt-Skyline HS | 123 |
| WaKeeney-Trego Community HS | 122 |
| Uniontown HS | 120 |
| Herington HS | 119 |
| Smith Center HS | 119 |
| Pleasanton HS | 118 |
| Elkhart HS | 117 |
| †Hill City HS | 117 |
| Hoxie HS | 116 |
| Allen-Northern Heights HS | 115 |
| Howard-West Elk HS | 115 |
| †Sedan HS | 114 |
| †Cottonwood Falls-Chase County HS | 113 |
| Holton-Jackson Heights HS | 113 |
| Canton-Galva HS | 112 |
| Blue Rapids-Valley Heights HS | 110 |
| †Moundridge HS | 110 |
| Shawnee-Maranatha Christian Academy | 110 |
| Leoti-Wichita County HS | 109 |
| †Spearville HS | 109 |

1A**Member Schools: 117****Range: 108-14**

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|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Stockton HS | 108 |
| Elbing-Berean Academy | 105 |
| Little River HS | 105 |
| †Meade HS | 103 |
| †Ness City HS | 103 |
| Washington County HS | 103 |
| Udall HS | 102 |
| †Goessel HS | 101 |
| Valley Falls HS | 101 |
| †Oswego HS | 98 |
| Burdens-Central HS | 97 |
| Troy HS | 97 |
| Macksville HS | 96 |
| Atwood-Rawlins County HS | 95 |
| Rosalie-Flinthills HS | 95 |
| La Crosse HS | 94 |
| Solomon HS | 93 |
| Burlingame HS | 92 |
| Lincoln HS | 92 |
| †Oberlin-Decatur Community HS | 91 |
| Oxford HS | 91 |
| St. John-Hudson HS | 91 |
| Clyde-Clifton Clyde HS | 90 |
| Jetmore-Hodgeman County HS | 90 |
| Peabody-Burns HS | 90 |
| Kinsley HS | 89 |
| Langdon-Fairfield HS | 89 |
| Highland-Doniphan West HS | 87 |
| Olpe HS | 87 |
| Centralia HS | 86 |
| Montezuma-South Gray HS | 86 |
| Moran-Marmaton Valley HS | 86 |
| Greensburg-Kiowa County HS | 85 |
| Wichita-Classical School Of Wichita | 83 |
| Onaga HS | 82 |
| Caldwell HS | 80 |
| Lebo HS | 79 |
| Minneola HS | 79 |
| Bucklin HS | 78 |
| Pretty Prairie HS | 78 |
| Sylvan-Lucas Unified HS | 78 |
| Norwich HS | 77 |
| Victoria HS | 77 |
| Coldwater-South Central HS | 76 |
| Mankato-Rock Hills HS | 76 |
| Satanta HS | 76 |
| Kensington-Thunder Ridge HS | 75 |
| Osborne HS | 75 |
| Madison HS | 74 |
| Dexter HS | 72 |
| Hanover HS | 71 |
| Burton HS | 70 |
| Hutchinson-Central Christian HS | 69 |
| St. Francis HS | 69 |
| Ingalls HS | 68 |
| McPherson-Elyria Christian HS | 68 |
| Downs-Lakeside HS | 67 |
| Wakefield HS | 67 |
| Hartford HS | 66 |
| Quinter HS | 66 |
| Dighton HS | 65 |
| Frankfort HS | 65 |
| Melvorn-Marais Des Cygnes Valley HS | 65 |
| St. Paul HS | 65 |
| Clafin-Central Plains HS | 64 |
| Colony-Crest HS | 63 |
| Randolph-Blue Valley HS | 63 |
| Scandia-Pike Valley HS | 63 |
| Lost Springs-Centre HS | 62 |
| South Haven HS | 62 |
| Rexford-Golden Plains HS | 61 |
| Chetopa HS | 60 |
| Sharon Springs-Wallace County HS | 60 |
| Buffalo-Altoona Midway HS | 59 |
| Leroy-Southern Coffey County HS | 58 |
| Otis-Bison HS | 58 |
| Grainfield-Wheatland/Grinnell HS | 57 |
| Stafford HS | 57 |
| Ashland HS | 56 |
| Linn HS | 56 |
| Tribune-Greeley County HS | 55 |
| Beloit-St. John's HS | 54 |
| Waverly HS | 54 |
| Wellmore HS | 51 |
| Attica HS | 50 |
| Deerfield HS | 49 |
| Argonia HS | 48 |
| Cunningham HS | 48 |
| Kiowa-South Barber HS | 48 |
| Rolla HS | 46 |
| Moscow HS | 45 |
| Axtell HS | 42 |
| Bird City-Cheylin HS | 42 |
| Chase HS | 42 |
| Hope HS | 42 |
| Cedar Vale HS | 40 |
| Rozel-Pawnee Heights HS | 40 |
| Tescott HS | 40 |
| Wichita-Central Christian Academy | 40 |
| Almena-Northern Valley HS | 39 |
| White City HS | 39 |
| Logan HS | 38 |
| Wilson HS | 35 |
| Fowler HS | 32 |
| Natoma HS | 30 |
| Ransom-Western Plains HS | 29 |
| Weskan HS | 29 |
| Brewster HS | 28 |
| Palco HS | 28 |
| Glasco HS | 27 |
| Longton-Elk Valley HS | 26 |
| Hamilton HS | 25 |
| Miltonvale HS | 22 |

Three schools will make the move up to Class 4A this year. Clay Center, Girard and Holton all saw their enrollment increase and will come back to 4A, while Osawatomie, Anderson County and Wichita-Trinity Academy will move out of 4A to 3A this year.

Frontier League sends proposal to KSHSAA to separate private schools



A big change to the Kansas High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) postseason could be coming sooner rather than later if a proposal, submitted by the Frontier League, passes the KSHSAA Board of Directors and its member schools.

Last month the Frontier League, led by Paola High School principal Jeff Hines and Louisburg superintendent Dr. Brian Biermann, petitioned KSHSAA to separate public and private schools into their own postseason competitions.

In order for it pass, the petition must be signed by 20 percent of the 355 member schools

according to KSHSAA
bi-laws. The Frontier League got the 71 needed petitions and
have now submitted
this to appear in front of the KSHSAA Board of Directors for
vote in their
Sept. 18 meeting.

The board of directors would then
have to pass it by simple majority of those in attendance to
bring the proposal
to a vote from all the member schools.

“Kansas needs to catch up with
the rest of the country and get this competitive imbalance
under control in our
state,” Hines said. “The longer we wait then more students
will be negatively
impacted. We have a responsibility as educators to create the
best
opportunities possible for our students. No one can honestly
say we have
the best system possible right now. It can definitely be
improved.”

The proposal submitted by the Frontier League is the same one
the state of Texas uses that keeps the schools in their same
classification, but only separates the schools come
postseason.

Other options were discussed
before submitting the proposal, such as implementing a
multiplier on all
private schools like Missouri currently does. In fact, it is
the most popular
proposal among the schools that were surveyed by Hines last
January.

They also talked about the “Oklahoma

model" where schools are bumped up a classification based on success for competitive balance.

Seventy-four percent of the schools said they would support a population multiplier, 64 percent would support competitive balance factors and 51 percent would support separate divisions.

However, KSHSAA would not be able to make this change with a multiplier due to state statute K.S.A. 72-130 that states a high school association "must establish a system of classification of member high schools according to student attendance."

KSHSAA would not be able to pass a new bi-law that goes against state statute, and therefore, the Kansas State Legislature would have reword the statute to allow the association to make those changes.

The Frontier League believes the Texas model, or separate postseason divisions, does not deal with classifications. Also, this model had more support from 5A and 6A schools as neither classification would likely vote for a multiplier.

"We don't view that as a classification decision as we are not affecting classification, but KSHSAA and their lawyers view that it is," Biermann said. "5A and 6A schools that we talked to really wanted us to push for the Texas model because they don't want to play them (private schools) either. The biggest thing for me is if 5 and 6A schools don't want to play them, then why do we? As a superintendent, I am supposed to create opportunities for kids. We had four teams last year in both

soccer teams, football and volleyball that all saw their season end to Bishop Miege. It is not right that we have kids and coaches that work their tails off and they don't have the opportunity to win.

"Am I all about state championships? Absolutely not. But we also know the reality of it in the current system. Winning state championships is important for communities and is always a goal. I am not ever going to give up on this idea and neither will the Frontier League."

The public versus private school debate has been going on for the last several years and Hines has been leading the charge since 2015 when he put together a study that displayed the disparity of state championships won by private schools.

In 2018-19, private schools won 32 percent of the state championships in Classes 5A through 1A. There are currently no private schools in 6A. Twenty-one of those 24 state titles were won by private schools in Class 4A and 5A.

That is a high number considering that out of the 355 member schools, only 27 of them are private.

The Frontier League wanted to see change, so Hines surveyed the 355 member schools late last year and presented his findings to KSHSAA in January. More than 88 percent of the schools responded, that included 22 private institutions, and 87 percent said they want the current system changed.

**Presentation of Public/Private School Survey Results
to The KSHSAA Executive Board**

January 10, 2019

Results from Survey

313 of the 355 KSHSAA Member Schools Responded – 88.2%

291 Public Schools Responded

22 Private Schools Responded

273 Member Schools voted YES to support a change in the current structure

271 Public Schools Voted Yes for Change

2 Private Schools Voted for Change

40 Member Schools voted NO to support a change in the current structure

20 Public Schools Voted No for Change

20 Private Schools Voted No for Change

87.2% voted that they want the current system changed.

| | Survey Response Rate | Support Change |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1A | 82.9% | 92.8% |
| 2A | 89.0% | 84.2% |
| 3A | 98.4% | 85.6% |
| 4A | 100.0% | 88.9% |
| 5A | 88.8% | 81.3% |
| 6A | 77.7% | 82.1% |
| Total | 88.2% | 87.2% |

School Superintendent Response Rate

175 School Superintendents Responded

169 out of 175 Support Change

96.6% Support Change

Principal Response Rate

182 Principals Responded

84.6% Support Change

Activities Director Response Rate

200 Activities Directors Responded

85% Support Change

Although most schools said they would support the multiplier model more, Hines and the rest of the league schools, believe it is the best way to proceed at this time.

“Our survey indicated that separate divisions was the least popular option among member schools, however as a league we feel like it is the most appropriate option,” Hines said. “A multiplier will pass through and will be our next option if this does not go through. A multiplier will impact many private schools that are not quasi sports academies that are not very successful in athletics. The separate divisions avoids this situation.”

If the proposal does pass the board of directors, KSHSAA will then put it to a vote with all 355 member schools and it must pass by a simple majority and by four of the six classes.

From there, KSHSAA executive director Bill Faflick would take it to the Kansas Legislature before change could be implemented.

“We know it won’t happen overnight,” Biermann said. “Even if this passes, nothing will change this year and probably not the following year. It could be three years out with the way football schedules take shape. We are honestly ok with that if we knew that there was light at the end of the tunnel. If this would not pass, we would turn right around and do the multiplier one.”

Despite what happens at the

upcoming board of directors meeting, Hines believes changes to the system will happen sooner rather than later.

“I am now confident something will get done,” Hines said. “I think it will ultimately take a multiplier to get something done. If the separate divisions fails then we will propose a multiplier for the spring board of directors meeting.”

A lot of obstacles are still in the way for change to happen, whether it has to deal with state statues or member votes, but none of the schools in the nine-member Frontier League are going to stop until they see a more even playing field.

“I am very proud of the Frontier League, and even though we compete against each other, we are very unified on this,” Biermann said. “It is about fairness and equality and I am tired of having my kids at Louisburg High School not having the same opportunity as some others. The throttle is down and it is going to stay down.”

Louisburg Tonics to compete in National Granny Basketball Tournament



The Louisburg Tonics Granny Basketball team will soon contend for the national championship.

A record-setting field of women basketball players, age 50-87, will trek to Lawrence, KS – known as a legendary basketball town – to play in the 2019 National Granny Basketball Tournament. The six-on-six competition, based on 1920s-style rules, will be held Saturday, July 20, at the Ambler Student Recreation Center on the campus of the University of Kansas.

“This is the largest event in the history of Granny Basketball, and we are proud to host it in Lawrence,” said Dee Bisel, local co-chair of the national tournament committee and player for the Lawrence based Grey Tornadoes. “Sixteen teams and 200 players will compete on four courts at this beautiful facility. We are excited for the players, family members and fans to be a part of this special experience.”

“The Louisburg Tonics always have fun playing Granny Basketball and are looking forward to playing in the national tourney against teams from other states. We probably do more laughing than playing basketball though,” says Jean Carder, Tonics captain.

The team to watch is the

three-peat champion of the national tournament, the Harpers Ferry Fireflies hailing from a small town in northeast Iowa. Players will travel to match their skills against other teams, including contenders from Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Texas, Louisiana and other states.

Granny Basketball is a fun-filled activity that encourages women age 50 and over to stay fit and active in a non-traditional, social environment. The league provides wholesome, nostalgic and sometimes humorous entertainment, as well as an outlet for charitable fundraising.

Players dress in 1920s-inspired uniforms – black bloomers, middy blouses and sailor-style collars displaying each player's number.

The old-style, six-on-six rules call for the court to be divided into three sections, one each for forwards, centers and guards. Players can have up to two dribbles per possession. Running is not allowed, but "hurrying" is. With an emphasis on safety, players are not allowed to jump or have physical contact. Also, only three fouls are allowed. The modified league rules also award three points for underhanded "granny shots."

The 16 teams will be organized into four pools, where each team will play three games starting at 8 am. The final four teams, the top team from each

pool, will advance to the semi-finals and championship games. The championship game is scheduled for 4 p.m.

The public is invited. Proceeds from the suggested \$5 donation at the door will benefit the local Visiting Nurses Association.

The Granny Basketball League is a non-profit Iowa-based organization founded in 2005. Currently, 37 Granny Basketball teams are active in 9 states: Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Virginia and Wisconsin. The league has grown by eight teams in 2019, predominantly in Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. The national tournament will return to Lawrence in July 2020, then will travel to Prairie Du Chien, WI in 2021.

Members of the Tonics are: Becky Berg, Louisburg; Lisa Berg, Olathe

Jean Carder, Louisburg; Kathleen Caverty, Louisburg; Ruth Fladung, Louisburg; Wanda Harlow, Bucyrus; Helen McClain, Louisburg; Julie McKinley, Linn Valley; LaVonne Mize, Louisburg; Diana Moore, Louisburg; Ellen Morland, Louisburg; Janet York, Louisburg and Coach Kate Berg Camp, Gardner

For more information, visit www.grannybasketball.com and www.facebook.com/grannybasketball.

Stiles, Lohse, Burk and Bowes

to be inducted into LHS Hall of Fame



Dennis Stiles (top left), John Lohse (top right), Jason Burk (bottom left) and Krystal (Bowes) Grojean will be inducted into the Louisburg High School Athletic Hall of Fame this fall.

It has been 11 years since Louisburg High School had inducted a class into its athletic hall of fame, but the wait for a new class is finally over.

The USD 416 Endowment Association, which oversees the LHS Athletic Hall of Fame, has announced a new 4-member class. Dennis Stiles (Class of 1969), John Lohse (1995), Jason Burk (1999) and Krystal (Bowes) Grojean (2001) were the top four vote getters in this year's hall of fame voting and will be honored in an induction ceremony sometime this fall.

“Louisburg has a history of great athletes,” said Damon Dennis, a USD 416 Endowment Association board member. “We had a good cross-section of both young and older voters this year that really took their job seriously. The four athletes chosen represent several generations of former Wildcats and each one were dominant in their particular era and sports. The Endowment Association is excited to get the Hall of Fame going again and plan on some big things in the future.”

More than two dozen voters, that includes current members of the hall of fame, long-time Louisburg residents, teachers and

coaches, voted on the class in June. Each voter was asked to submit their top four choices for the hall and votes were then tabulated.

To be eligible for the hall of fame, the inductee must wait at least 10 years following graduation to be nominated.

The last class that was inducted was in 2008 and Dennis, and the rest of the Endowment Association, is committed to making this a yearly occurrence moving forward.

Here are the accomplishments of each of the newest hall of fame inductees. Look for more information on an induction ceremony in the coming weeks.



Dennis Stiles

Dennis Stiles – Class of 1969 – Football, Basketball, Track

Stiles

lettered 4 years in football and track and 3 years in basketball. His senior year he was named all-league and all-state in football and was co-captain on the Wildcat team that finished the year 4-4.

As sophomore, he played on the varsity basketball team which was 12-0 in league play, finished the year 19-3 and were district champions. He earned honorable mention all-state honors his sophomore and junior seasons and was second-team all-state his senior year. Stiles was at one time the school's career scoring leader.

Stiles competed at the state track meet as a junior and senior where he placed fourth in the discus his senior year. He previously held school records in the discus and triple jump. He also received a football scholarship to Kansas State University.



John Lohse

John Lohse – Class of 1995 – Football, Basketball and Baseball

Lohse lettered all four years in baseball and was selected to represent Kansas in the all-star baseball classic his senior year. He was an all-league

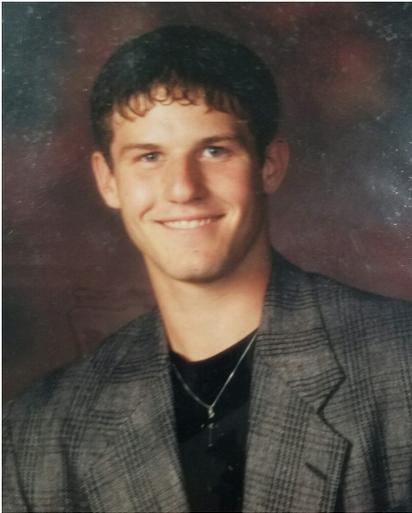
pitcher and centerfielder for the Wildcats his sophomore through senior years.

He had a .510 average his junior and senior seasons with 10 home runs his junior year and 12 more his senior season.

In football, Lohse was a 3-year letterwinner. He was an all-league wide receiver his junior and senior seasons. In his senior year, he had 850 yards receiving and 11 touchdowns and was later selected to represent Kansas in the Metro Classic All-Star Game.

Lohse was also a 3-year letterwinner in basketball and was an all-league selection his junior and senior seasons. He averaged a double-double his junior and senior years.

Post-graduation, Lohse attended Pittsburg State on a baseball scholarship and played on the Gorilla team for four years. He was selected to the all-MIAA team his sophomore and junior seasons before injuring his shoulder his senior year. He had a .315 average his junior and senior seasons. In his first collegiate at-bat his freshman year, Lohse hit a game-winning grand slam to give Pitt State its first win over Missouri Southern in five years.



Jason Burk

Jason Burk – Class of 1999 – Track and Football

Burk was a 4-year letterwinner for the Louisburg track and field team and qualified for state in all four years in four events. He accumulated 12 state medals, 16 regional track medals and 14 Frontier League medals. Burk was selected to the Kansas City All-Metro track team in 1998 and 1999.

During his senior season, Burk was a state champion in both the triple and long jump. He won the triple jump with a leap 48 feet and the long jump with a mark of 22-5. He also finished fifth in the 100-meter dash and sixth in the high jump. As a junior, Burk won a state championship in the triple jump with mark of 46 feet and won three more state medals. He took second long jump, fourth in the 100 dash and sixth in the 200 dash. As a sophomore, Burk won state medals in the triple jump (second), long jump (fourth)

and 4×100 relay

(third). He was a member of the 4×100 team that took second at state as a freshman in 1996.

At one time, Burk held seven school records. He currently holds school records in the triple jump, high jump and long jump. Burk holds the school record for most points in a season with 326.

Burk also played football, where he was a part of bi-district, district and regional championship teams.



Krystal (Bowes) Grojean

Krystal (Bowes) Grojean – Class of 2001 – Volleyball, Basketball, Track

Bowes was a 4-year letterwinner in track before she was offered a scholarship on the Wichita State track and field team.

In her senior season at Louisburg, Bowes earned three state medals, including a second-place finish in the javelin with a throw of 145-10. She was also third in the discus with a toss of 126-9 and fifth in the shot put at 37-5. As a sophomore and junior, she finished sixth in the discus at state. In all, Bowes racked up five state medals in her high school career before moving on to Wichita State. She is the current Louisburg record holder in the javelin (146-10) and discus (137-11).

At Wichita State, she earned academic All-American honors and was a team captain all four years. Bowes was a two-time NCAA national qualifier and finished fifth in the javelin and was second in the Missouri Valley Conference in 2006. In 2004, Bowes took first in the MVC in the javelin and fourth in the discus. In 2003, she won the Missouri Valley Conference discus title, was second in the javelin and fourth in the hammer throw. Bowes was also a member two Shocker teams that won conference titles.

In volleyball and basketball at LHS, Bowes was a 3-year letterwinner in each sport and earned first-team all-Frontier League honors each season.

Current members of the LHS Hall of Fame

Class of 2005:

Tom

Stevens – 1934 – Track and Field (High Jump)

1947/48

Undefeated Football Teams

Richard

Meiers – 1949 – Basketball/Football

Don

Meek – 1965-1998 – Coach/Administrator

Larry

Harding – 1976-1994 – Volleyball/Golf Coach

Amy

Dodson Goode – 1986 – Volleyball/Basketball

Class of 2006:

Jim

Wells – 1936 – Track and Field (Pole Vault)/Football

Doug

Eaton – 1971 – Wrestling

Sue

Truman Apple – 1974 – Track and Field/Volleyball/Basketball

Mike

Meek – 1985- Football/Wrestling/Track and Field

Jamie

Waite – 1991 – Track and Field (Pole Vault)/Football/Basketball

Class of 2007

Alan

Taylor – 1949 – Football

Tim

Dozier – 1987 – Wrestling/Football

Beth

Dodson Dixon – 1989 – Volleyball/Basketball

Jeff

Lohse – 1991 – Baseball/Football/Basketball

Class of 2008

Greg

Kahmann – 1987 – Baseball/Football/Basketball

Mark

Buckingham – 1994 – Basketball

Cunningham wins all-around cowgirl title, qualifies for nationals in 4 events



Louisburg High School's Lakin Cunningham recently won the state barrel racing title and will compete at the National High School Rodeo in four events.

Lakin Cunningham has had a rodeo season to remember – and it isn't even over yet.

Cunningham competed in the Kansas High School Rodeo Finals last month in Mulvane and left with a lot to show for it. She

won the barrel racing state championship and was a reserve champion in goat tying.

That success led to even bigger things as she was named All-Around Cowgirl for the state of Kansas. Cunningham was also crowned the 2019-20 Rodeo Queen for the second consecutive year.

Cunningham, who just finished her sophomore year at Louisburg High School, didn't give much thought on winning the all-around title. As the season went on, however, it became much more of a reality.

"Going into finals I knew I had a pretty good chance at winning the All-Around as I had about a 2,500 point lead on the girls behind me, but still anything can happen at the state finals when there is so many points up for grabs," Cunningham said. "I knew I just had to perform to the best of my ability and whatever happened was in God's hands. Going through the finals I didn't even know what the All-Around standings were, and to be honest I didn't want to know. So when I found out I did end up winning the title I was so happy.

"Going into this season this fall, all-around cowgirl was not even a goal of mine. In fact, it's something I didn't even expect when the season started last August as I thought to be an All Around contender that I needed to be a roper and have a couple more events. But, I had a great fall season in barrel racing and goat tying and led the All-Around standings from that first rodeo and kept my lead throughout the entire season. It was just something that happened and I was so happy that it did. The All-Around title has been won by seniors for the past several years in Kansas High School Rodeo, so I'm so honored to have achieved this award my

sophomore year.”

Cunningham

went up against some tough competition and found herself in a tight race for the barrel racing title with her horse, Precious. Unfortunately, during her runs at state she noticed something wasn't right with Precious.

When

all her rides were complete, Cunningham realized she was hurt. Despite all that, Cunningham was still able to take the barrel racing crown, which was her first event state title.

“We had been doing very well all season and I have learned, when something is up with my horse, that she doesn't turn good,” Cunningham said. “Before the short round, we went back into the practice pen to try and figure out what the problem was. We figured out that my horse was hurting, but there was nothing we could do about it because the short go was that night, so I just told myself just be smooth and get through one last run. We ended up being third in the short round and it was enough to win us the state championship title by 2.5 points. I led that event from the very first rodeo last August and feel so blessed my horse put me in the money so many times and brought me my first event state championship title.”



Lakin Cunningham finished second in the state in the goat-tying competition.

Cunningham also stepped it up in the goat-tying competition as she put together some of her best times of the season as the right moment. She was sitting third in the state going into the finals and the top five had been shuffled all year long.

She had a strong performance in the first two rounds with two 7-second times and then had a time of 7.3 seconds in the short-go to cinch the runner-up spot.

“I knew going into finals that I just had to make three smooth and solid goat runs and I would be okay for a spot on the nationals team,” Cunningham said. “One mess up might cost me going to nationals since the points were so close between the top 5 girls. Little did I know I would go into finals and blow my expectations of myself way out of proportion. All I was hoping for was a spot on the nationals team and I

ended up being the reserve champion goat tier and landing just a few of points behind the state champion.”

Wyoming is the next stop for Cunningham as she will compete in the National High School Rodeo in Rock Springs. She will compete in four events, including barrel racing, goat tying and reined cow horse, which she took fourth at state.

Along with those, she will also represent Kansas in the royalty pageant. She will be the only competitor from Kansas to compete in four events.

The royalty pageant is something Cunningham is looking forward to and has a better idea of what to expect this time around.



Lakin Cunningham was crowned the KHSRA Queen for the second consecutive year.

“Last year was a learning experience for me,” Cunningham said. “Going into the Nationals last year I had no idea what to expect. As a freshman, it was a little overwhelming for me as it’s the largest rodeo royalty pageant in the world with up to 50 girls (only 5 were freshman last year), but I learned the ropes and am so excited to go and do even better this year. Being a rodeo queen means so much to me. A lot of people think that a rodeo queen is someone who sits on a horse and looks pretty, but to me it’s so much more than that.

“Being able to introduce new people to rodeo, as well as be someone for little kids to look up to is just one of the many

things I love about it. I also love all the opportunities and skill it introduces you to. I've been able to meet so many people in the western industry that I never would have met if it weren't for being a rodeo queen. I learn to be so much more responsible, how to talk to people and use better social skills. I also love the fact that I can show people that rodeo queens aren't just girls who sit on a horse and look pretty. They are also tough rodeo athletes."

The soon-to-be LHS junior is looking forward to the competition as nationals and Cunningham knows this is the moment she has been waiting for since the season started last August.

"This is my fifth time representing Kansas on its national team as I made it all three years of middle school and then my freshman year as well," she said. "I've never qualified for nationals in more than two events though, so this year will be an experience."

"When I go into nationals, I don't think to myself, 'Oh I have to go out and win a national title,' I think to myself that I need to go out there and perform to my very best ability and whatever happens, happens. When I think this way it makes it easier for me to control my nerves. Sometimes you have to fail to learn how to overcome things. I learned a lot from my hardships my freshman year and my success at nationals my eighth-grade year. Those lessons made my sophomore year better than I ever could have imagined when I started the season. I left state finals with three saddles, seven belt buckles and many other awards."

All this success isn't new to the

Cunningham family. Lakin's mother, Kara, also won the Kansas High School Rodeo All-Around Cowgirl title in the early 90s and won multiple state titles as well.

Her grandparents, Jim and Sandy Lowe, are also big parts of her rodeo success.

"I'm following in the family's footsteps," Lakin said. "My grandpa is the one that oversaw the breeding program both my horses came from and my grandma is the one that guided me on how to train my barrel horse and my mom on how to train my goat horse. It's so cool that I'm a second generation KHSRA All-Around Cowgirl, State Champion and Queen."

Nationals isn't the only big event that Lakin will compete at this summer as she also qualified for the National Little Britches Finals Rodeo in August in Oklahoma. She will also compete in barrel racing and goat tying.

In December, Cunningham will also travel to Las Vegas to compete in the Vegas Tuffest Junior World Championship in goat tying.

"As you can see, we will travel a lot of miles this year chasing dreams at some big events and competing in the sport I love," Lakin said.

Shaffer excited to join Pittsburg State cheer program



Leia Shaffer, a 2019 Louisburg High School graduate, may have left Wildcat cheer behind, but she is ready to take it up a notch as she found out she made the Pittsburg State cheer squad earlier this spring and is excited for what is in store for her.

Cheerleading has always been a big part of Leia Shaffer's life.

Shaffer started cheering in the fourth grade and she has been hooked ever since. However, now that her high school cheer career is over, she wasn't ready to give up the sport.

The recent Louisburg High School graduate decided to try out for the Pittsburg State cheer squad in late March and she got the news she was hoping for. Shaffer earned a spot on the Gorilla cheerleading team after some nerve-racking tryouts.

"I was really surprised because I didn't think I was going to make it," Shaffer said. "I had to wait a while to see if I was going to or not and when I found out I called my mom right away. I was just so happy, but more so I was pretty surprised."

It wasn't the easiest of processes for Shaffer as she had to take part in two days worth of tryouts – some of which as a little unfamiliar to her. Also, it didn't help that she was one of the last to be called on.

"I was actually the very last person to go," Shaffer said. "It was a little nerve-racking cause it is not the same as high school, so I wasn't used to doing some of the things you do in college. It is a little different than high school cause there is less stuff to focus on, but the things you do are a lot harder. All the stunts are co-ed. You get assigned one person to stunt with and you do the best you can with them and then you can pick someone."

Almost a decade worth of cheer helped prepare Shaffer for this moment. Her first year of competitive cheer was with the Football and Cheerleading Club of Johnson County.

Shaffer would then move on to teams at Diamond Academy, Kansas City Athletic Cheer and the Cheer Pit along with four years of cheering for Louisburg High School.

"I have wanted to cheer in college ever since I started cheering in elementary school," Shaffer said. "I wasn't really sure where, I just knew I wanted to cheer somewhere in college. I didn't know how it was going to go, or even if I was going to make it or not, but I just wanted it really bad."

It was a special moment for the entire Shaffer family as Leia's mother, Dana, has been the high school cheerleading coach for the last two seasons. As it turned out, mom wasn't quite as surprised as daughter was.

"She told me that she didn't think I needed to be as worried as I was," Leia said. "She told me she thought I would be fine and that she was happy for me that I made it."

“It was fun having her as a coach, but sometimes it is a little stressful because she can’t coach me the same as everyone else and everyone knows that too. I have had fun with it and I am happy I was able to share that time with her.”

Shaffer will travel to Pittsburg at different times during the summer for workouts, before practices really kick into high gear in August when school begins. Although cheer is going to be a big focus for her as freshman, she is excited to begin her journey into the nursing field as well.

“I just really hope that I have fun and learn a lot of new stuff,” Leia said. “I have done this for so long that I have learned a lot along the way, but I know there will be new things for me to learn. I am really excited to get down there, start school and get to work.”

Fishing leads Bila to Drury University



Louisburg senior Brock Bila has racked up a lot of

accomplishments in his young fishing career and he is excited to take the next step as he signed his letter of intent to join the bass fishing team at Drury earlier this month.

Fishing has been a big part of Brock Bila's life for as long as he could remember.

So when it came down to figuring out what to do after high school, it only made sense that fishing was involved somehow. For some, deciding what to do after graduation is one of the most stressful decisions they will have to make.

For Bila, it was one of the easiest.

During a signing ceremony in front of family and friends on April 3, Bila signed his letter of intent to join the bass fishing team at Drury University in Springfield, Mo. It was a moment that was a long time coming for the Louisburg High School senior.

"This is a huge step for me," Bila said. "Figuring out where I was going to college and pursue my fishing dreams is a big deal. I didn't know the team I was going to go to and how I was going to go about making the decision. It is a relief knowing that I am going to go to college in Springfield, fish on the Drury team and it just makes me really happy."

Bila, who is a state fishing champion on the high school and adult level, had several choices to choose from, but when it came down to it Drury made the most sense as it is located near the Lake of the Ozarks.

"There were 5-plus schools that I

was considering, but Drury is just the best option for me because of the presence that team has in the fishing industry, their coach and just being able to be around all those lakes," Bila said.

"Drury is currently 21st in the nation in bass fishing and they have a great team. K-State was another option for me, but the reason I didn't go that route was because Drury has a selected team and you don't have to fish any qualifiers to be a part of their team. At K-State you have to fish the qualifier to get on the team to be able to fish in the tournament. Drury was just a better fit."

Bila also hopes fishing in college will open new doors for him and his future. He will be a part of Drury team that will travel all over the country competing in tournaments and will allow him to fish in different climates.

He also has a dream of fishing professionally when he gets out of college, but if that doesn't work out, Bila plans to major in business and still be involved in the fishing world.



Louisburg senior Brock Bila signed his letter of intent to fish at Drury University on April 3. Sitting next to Brock (from left) is coach and boat captain Larry Brumley, family friend Richard Neubauer, Brock's mother Rena and Kansas BASS Nation high school director, Richard Heflin.

"I am really excited to be able to travel," Bila said. "I have traveled to some of the southern states to fish, but in college we are going east, west, north, south – just everywhere. Being able to experience those different lakes and that world is just exciting.

"I want to major in business and marketing. I know if I can't make it professional, then hopefully I can get in the fishing industry. I just love everything about it. Drury's coach is the marketing director for Bass Pro and that is a big thing because he has a lot of connections with the pros and he has pros come talk to us and teach us about different things. Everything about Drury was just the best."

Bila also got a chance to share his special day with all the people that have helped improve in fishing. Along

with his mother, Rena, he was also joined by his fishing coach and boat captain, Larry Brumley.

Family friend Bernard Neubauer, who introduced Bila to the sport, was on hand, as was Kansas BASS high school and college director, Richard Heflin. All of those individuals had a big impact on his fishing career.

“Bernard is who got me into fishing and Larry has been like a dad to me on the water and learning how to fish,” Bila said. “Everywhere we go, whether it was in state or out of state, no matter what time he was always ready to go. Whenever I would fish in team tournaments, I would always have Larry as my boat captain and he was a constant when other teams have random boaters and coaches every single time. No matter where I was going to fish, Larry was always ready to go with me and he means a lot to me.

“Richard Heflin is the high school and college director for Kansas BASS. Since I have grown up, he has been there and he has turned that program around and he has seen a 40 to 50 percent growth, which is really big for Kansas.”

Before he goes to college, he will have one more high school adventure left. Bila, along with Louisburg senior Eli Minster, qualified for nationals on April 7 and will fish in the BASS High School National Championship.

It is an exciting time for Bila and he is ready to take the next step in his fishing journey.

“After I went to Blue Valley Northwest my freshman and sophomore year, I didn’t really know what I was going to do,” Bila said. “When I moved here, and I kept on fishing, I realized that fishing was an actual possibility in college and get a scholarship. That is

when I took it seriously, but I have always loved fishing. I know I just can't wait to do it on the college level."