



# CELEBRATE **SUCCESS** IN THE LEE'S SUMMIT R-7 SCHOOL DISTRICT

- R-7 guidance counselors reported that approximately **84 percent of the 2016 graduates** have indicated that they plan to attend college, based on information gathered from students.
- The class of 2016 was offered close to **\$27 million** in college scholarship potential during spring 2015.
- Three R-7 School District **seniors** were named National Merit Scholarship Corporation finalists in spring 2016.
- Lee's Summit R-7 students consistently score **above state and national norms** on all tests, including the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) Tests and ACT college-entrance test. On the ACT 2016 college entrance test, for example, the R-7 School District high schools' composite score was 21.8 compared to 20.2 for the Missouri average and 20.8 for the national average. Due to a change in state assessment procedures, all juniors are now taking the ACT test.
- The R-7 School District is a **three-time winner** of the national **Magna Award** for its Senior Citizens' School Tours, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning program and for the capital campaign conducted by the Lee's Summit Educational Foundation for Great Beginnings Early Education Center.
- Lee's Summit R-7 received the 2015 Missouri **Outstanding Boards of Education Award** from the Missouri School Boards Association in the area of finances.
- Lee's Summit High School and Lee's Summit West High School were among the top 25 high schools in Missouri to receive recognition in U.S. News and World Report's annual "**America's Best High Schools**" in spring 2016.
- Summit Technology Academy is a partner in the Missouri Innovation Campus, which received **\$1.5 million** in Community Development Block Grants to help launch a program designed to train students for career opportunities in high-demand fields, cut the time it takes to earn a college degree and reduce debt. Other partners include the University of Central Missouri and Metropolitan Community College. The MIC was recognized in July 2013 by President Barack Obama as a model program for the nation.
- Great Beginnings Early Education Center was recognized by the Missouri School Boards' Association as a finalist for the association's FutureBuilders Early Childhood Education **Program of the Year**.
- Through the **Connect2Learn** rollout in fall 2015, R-7 School District is providing a Dell Chromebook for each student, kindergarten through high school, allowing access to this powerful learning tool both at home and at school.
- Thanks to passage of an April 2015 no-tax-increase bond issue, all schools are receiving facility improvements. The bond issue is also funding construction of a **new Summit Technology Academy/Missouri Innovation Campus**.
- All three R-7 School District high schools offer the **International Baccalaureate** program, a rigorous curriculum offering students the opportunity to compete with high-achieving students worldwide. Only 12 high schools in Missouri offer this program.
- The **A+ program** is offered at all three high schools. Qualifying students enrolled in this state-funded program are eligible for reimbursements at Missouri community colleges, vocational/technical institutions and some four-year colleges.
- The R-7 School District has a long-standing tradition of academic excellence. During the 2006-07 school year, the district began to further emphasize student achievement through a school-improvement initiative known as **Professional Learning Communities**. This effort focuses on meeting the needs of each child.

