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Over \$329M In Scholarships Offered To BHS Senior Class

BRANSON, MO (May 13, 2025) – For the second consecutive year, Branson High School has partnered with VU Scholarships, a Kansas City-based organization, to expand scholarship access for students and offer more opportunities to graduating seniors.

Students were honored during the annual Senior Awards Night held at Branson High School on May 12. \$329,109,474 in local and merit-based scholarship awards were offered to BHS seniors.

“The success of our students is a direct result of their dedication and the strong support system surrounding them,” says Branson High School senior counselor, Dixie Bailey. “This partnership with our local community and national institutions opens doors to countless opportunities for our graduates, and we couldn’t be more excited for what lies ahead of them.”

VU is a platform that matches high school students with college scholarships ahead of application, and exists to encourage, support, and guide students in higher education planning. VU currently partners with over 75 area high schools and has over 30 university partners.

Representatives and benefactors from over forty area businesses and organizations, as well as local military recruiters, were in attendance at Branson High School’s Senior Awards Night to present scholarships and awards to members of the Class of 2025. Bailey adds, “The generosity of our local donors remains a vital part of making our students’ post-secondary dreams come true.”

Branson High School will hold its commencement ceremony on Friday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. Branson High School seniors and their awards are as follows: (See List)

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Senior Scholarships and Awards

Class of 2025

Branson High School

Adkisson, Luke	Bright Flight; University of Missouri Curators Scholar Award and Housing Award; Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction Award
Agustin, Jhila	Skaggs Foundation Scholarship
Albers Milstead, Xaiver	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion, Career Portfolio, and National Technical Honor Society
Alms, Kaylor	Branson Education Foundation Scholarship; Skaggs Foundation Scholarship; University of Central Missouri Red and Black Scholarship; Tri-Lakes Young Authors' Scholarship; Missouri State University Promise Scholarship; Oklahoma State University Achievement Scholarship; Harding University Christian Leadership & Service Scholarship, Christian Ministers & Educators Scholarship, Academic Scholarship, and Athletic Award (Track & Field); Mississippi State University Academic Scholarship
Bacon, Maggie	BHS Educators Rising Scholarship; University of Central Missouri Red and Black Scholarship; Caring Community Thrift Scholarship; Missouri State University Board of Governors Scholarship; White River Valley Electric Cooperative Operation RoundUp Scholarship; P.E.O. Chapter IB Joyce Wilhelm Scholarship
Baker, Avery	Branson Dental Center Healthcare Scholarship; University of Arkansas New Arkansan Non-Resident Tuition Award; University of Missouri Provost Award
Bakry, Sameer	Branson Dental Center Healthcare Scholarship; University of Missouri Panda-Mizzou Scholarship, Curators Scholar Award, and Housing Award; Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction

	Award; Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma Candidate
Bamberger, Chiyori	University of Missouri Academic Enrichment Award and Housing Award; John Earl Chase Scholarship
Barnes, Cevana	Missouri State University Academic Distinction Scholarship; Advanced Placement Scholar Award; University of Missouri Kansas City Chancellor's Scholarship and Music Conservatory Scholarship
Barbour, Sylvie	Central Bank Scholarship; Missouri Southern State University Merit Premier Scholarship; Junior Auxiliary of Taney County ScholarCare Award; University of Missouri Curators Scholar Award; Ozarks Women's Association Scholarship; Missouri State University Academic Excellence Scholarship; Dallas Baptist University Presidential Scholarship and Christian Service Scholarship; Truman State University TruMerit Scholarship and President's Honorary Scholarship; Northwest Missouri State University Dean's Scholarship; University of North Dakota Academic Achievement Scholarship; Westminster College Bluejay Award and Winston S. Churchill Scholarship; Branson Education Foundation Scholarship; White River Valley Electric Cooperative Operation RoundUp Scholarship; Kansas State University College of Agriculture Scholarship and Missouri Match Scholarship; Belmont University Academic Merit Scholarship; Branson-Hollister Rotary Scholarship; Taco Bell Live Mas Scholarship
Bartram, Naomi	Christian Action Ministries Scholarship; University of Central Missouri Red and Black Scholarship; University of Missouri Excellence Award and Housing Award; Riley's Treasures Scholarship; Missouri State University Academic Excellence Scholarship and Engaged Citizen Award; Branson Education Foundation Scholarship; Ouachita Baptist University Founder's Scholarship; Skyler Sanders Scholarship

Baumann, Makaya	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion, Career Portfolio, Perfect Attendance Award
Blair, Hailee	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion, Career Portfolio, and National Technical Honor Society
Bliss, Kendall	College of the Ozarks Tuition Assurance Scholarship
Bough, Peyton	College of the Ozarks Tuition Assurance Scholarship and Athletic Award (Track & Field)
Brown, Manny	Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma Candidate
Bunce, Olivia	Table Rock Community Bank Scholarship; Branson Bank Scholarship; White River Valley Electric Cooperative Operation RoundUp Scholarship; Oklahoma State University Out-of-State Achievement Scholarship; Branson-Hollister Rotary Scholarship
Busing, Aaron	Shelter Insurance Scholarship; University of Missouri Chancellor's Award and Music Scholarship; White River Valley Electric Cooperative Operation RoundUp Scholarship
Bustos Valladares, Ubaldo	Ozarks Tech A+ Advantage Scholarship
Campbell, Christian	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion, Career Portfolio; Missouri Welding Institute Competition Scholarship
Carnelison, Nolan	College of the Ozarks Tuition Assurance Scholarship; Herb and Maxine Trimble Scholarship
Casada, Hanna	University of Central Missouri Red and Black Scholarship
Chambers, Isabella	Missouri University of Science and Technology Merit Scholarship; University of Central Missouri Red and Black Scholarship; Missouri Southern State University Merit Premier Scholarship;

	University of Missouri Excellence Award and Housing Award
Chandler, John	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion
Chapman, Helen	University of Missouri Kansas City Chancellor's Scholar Award and Roo Advantage Scholarship; Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction Award
Chotubhai, Praneel	Missouri State University Engaged Citizen Award
Clark, Carrie	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion, Career Portfolio, and National Technical Honor Society
Cole, Hailey	Skaggs Foundation Scholarship
Comeaux, Skyler	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion
Connors, Corbin	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion, Outstanding Academic Excellence Award, Career Portfolio, and National Technical Honor Society
Cornelison, Reese	University of Central Missouri Red and Black Scholarship; Branson Education Foundation Scholarship
Cox, Matthew	Missouri University of Science and Technology Merit Scholarship; Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion, Career Portfolio, and National Technical Honor Society; Missouri State University Academic Excellence Scholarship; Branson Education Foundation Scholarship; TRCC Professional of the Year
Culver, Jayce	Link Academy Athletic Award (Basketball)
Dailey, Sean	Drury University Springfield Promise Award; Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion, Career Portfolio

Dalton, Makayli	Horatio Alger Missouri Scholar Award
Davis, Joshua	Bright Flight; University of Central Missouri Red and Black Scholarship; Missouri State University Board of Governors Scholarship; Advanced Placement Scholar Award
Dawson, Christian	University of Missouri Curators Scholar Award; Branson High School Student Council Scholarship; White River Valley Electric Cooperative Operation RoundUp Scholarship
Day, Haley	The Track Scholarship
Dean, Clara	National P.E.O. STAR Scholarship; Bright Flight; Junior League of Springfield Founders Fund Scholarship; Branson Education Foundation Scholarship; Branson Bank Scholarship; Missouri School Board Association Future Builder Scholarship Region 10; Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction Award; Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma; MOASSP Scholars 100 Recipient; Barnard College Grant Award; Branson-Hollister Rotary Scholarship
Dornak, Liliana	Advanced Placement Scholar Award
Dutton, Leila	Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor Award
Efird, Dane	University of Kansas Excellence Scholarship and Athletic Award (Football)
Evangelista, Anthony	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion, Career Portfolio
Farmer, Kael	Missouri State University Board of Governors Scholarship and S-STEM Scholarship
Fenton, Pearl	Ozarks Tech A+ Advantage Scholarship
Flores, Henry	Advanced Placement Scholar Award
Floyd, Mason	Southern Illinois University Saluki Silver Scholarship

Frank, Elija	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion
Fronterhouse, Talon	Carter Family Hero Scholarship; College of the Ozarks Tuition Assurance Scholarship; Master Gardeners of the Ozarks Scholarship
Funderburk, Will	Southwest Baptist University Dutile Scholars Award, Provost's Scholar Award, Residency Award, Dependent of Minister Scholarship, and Athletic Award (Football); Wheaton College Provost Scholarship; Oklahoma Baptist University Academic Scholarship, Guaranteed Bison Scholarship, and Missouri Scholarship; Evangel University Freshman Distinction Award; Ouachita Baptist University Dean's Scholarship
Gagnepain, Kory	College of the Ozarks Tuition Assurance Scholarship
Garner, Alexandra	Bright Flight; MOASSP Scholars 100 Honorable Mention; University of Arkansas New Arkansan Non-Resident Tuition Award and Leadership Scholarship
Garvin-Nelson, Jaiden	University of Missouri Excellence Award
Gillespie, Brody	Link Academy Athletic Award (Basketball)
Gonzalez, Christina	Skaggs Foundation Scholarship; Ozarks Tech A+ Advantage Scholarship; Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion, Outstanding Academic Excellence Award, Career Portfolio, Perfect Attendance Award, and National Technical Honor Society; Wilson Hospitality Scholarship
Gonzalez Segura, Luis	University of Missouri Provost Award; Wilson Hospitality Scholarship; Advanced Placement Scholar Award; Charles and Helen Winston Scholarship; Clay Cantwell Rotary Scholarship
Harr, Aubrey	Bright Flight; Advanced Placement Scholar Award

Harris, Aron	University of Central Missouri Red and Black Scholarship; University of Missouri Curators Scholar Award and Housing Award; Missouri State University Board of Governors Scholarship; College of the Ozarks Tuition Assurance Scholarship
Hedrick, Cash	University of Missouri Curators Scholar Award; University of Kansas Excellence Scholarship; University of Missouri Kansas City Curators' Scholar Award; University of Arkansas New Arkansan Non-Resident Tuition Award
Herd, Frank	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion
Hoeflicker, Cora	Skaggs Foundation Scholarship; University of Missouri Curators Scholar Award; Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor Award; Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma Candidate
Hogan, Hunter	BHS Educators Rising Scholarship
Holden, Sadie	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion, Career Portfolio
Holloway, Macy	University of Missouri Academic Enrichment Award; Missouri State University Academic Excellence Scholarship; Hannibal-LaGrange University Athletic Award (Soccer)
Hubert, Brayden	Table Rock Career Center Outstanding Academic Excellence Award
Jackson, Shane	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion, Career Portfolio
Jones, Abigail	Central Bank Scholarship; White River Valley Electric Cooperative Operation RoundUp Scholarship
Kasabov, Mia	Missouri Southern State University Premier Scholarship and Evans Honors Scholarship; Missouri State University Academic Excellence Scholarship; Darden's Next Course Scholarship; Advanced Placement Scholar Award

Keene, Ailish	Bright Flight; Truman State University TruMerit Scholarship, President's Honorary Scholarship, A-Plus Recognition Scholarship, and TruOpportunity Scholarship, Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor Award
Kleypas, Connor	University of Missouri Curators Scholar Award and Housing Award
Kline, Preston	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion, Perfect Attendance Award
Lampe, Sadie	Central Bank Scholarship; Missouri University of Science and Technology Groundbreaker Scholarship; University of Missouri Curators Scholar Award; Missouri State University Board of Governors Scholarship; White River Valley Electric Cooperative Operation RoundUp Scholarship; P.E.O. Chapter IB Joyce Wilhelm Scholarship; University of Arkansas New Arkansan Non Resident Tuition Scholarship
Lansman, Jordan	John Earl Chase Scholarship
Lashley, Elijah	College of the Ozarks Tuition Assurance Scholarship
Laughlin, Danahka	Advanced Placement Scholar Award; University of Missouri Kansas City Chancellor's Scholarship and Don and Lucille Armacost Scholarship
Levingston, Cadence	Stephens College Conservatory Rising Star Award, Stephens Grant, and Honors Award; Missouri State University Board of Governors Scholarship
Lewis, Alexander	Branson High School Booster Club Scholarship; Southwestern College Jinx Scholarship and Athletic Award (Football)
Lewis, Tyler	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion, Career Portfolio, and National Technical Honor Society

Linderer, Serenity	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion, Career Portfolio
McCormick, Luke	University of Central Missouri Red and Black Scholarship; Branson High School Booster Club Scholarship; Benedictine College Athletic Award (Football)
McQueen, Jocelyn	University of Missouri Academic Enrichment Award; Missouri State University Academic Excellence Scholarship and Missouri Advantage Scholarship; Carol Blackburn Scholarship; White River Valley Electric Cooperative Operation RoundUp Scholarship
Morrison, Kaleah	Ozarks Tech A+ Advantage Scholarship
Mutarelli, Johnathon	Carter Family Hero Scholarship; Junior Auxiliary of Taney County Scholarship; Missouri State University Engaged Citizen Award and Dean's Scholarship; Branson Education Foundation Scholarship; J. Kenneth and Iva M. Awbery Scholarship; Branson Hollister Lions Club Scholarship; Missouri University of Science and Technology Groundbreakers Scholarship and Trailblazer Scholarship; Trails End Scholarship; United States Postal Service Scholarship; Branson-Hollister Rotary Scholarship
Nguyen, Thien	Drury Springfield Promise Award and Athletic Award (Soccer)
Odom, Zoe	Junior Auxiliary of Taney County Joan Anderson Memorial Scholarship; College of the Ozarks Tuition Assurance Scholarship; Daughters of the American Revolution Representative; Advanced Placement Scholar Award
Parazine, Alyssa	Christian Action Ministries Scholarship; White River Valley Electric Cooperative Operation RoundUp Scholarship

Parker, Deidranay	Delaware State University Merit Award; Trinity Washington University Leadership Scholarshipmaster
Parks, Emma	Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor Award
Patton, Devlin	Drury University Springfield Promise Award
Patrick, Addison	Hagan Scholarship; Bright Flight; University of Missouri Chancellor's Award and Housing Award; Ozarks Women's Association Scholarship; Missouri State University Board of Governors Scholarship; Belmont University Academic Merit Scholarship; Advanced Placement Scholar Award
Pierce, Kaedyn	Branson Education Foundation Scholarship; Branson Bank Scholarship; Kansas State University Wildcat Nonresident Award; J. Kenneth and Iva M. Awbery Scholarship; Branson Hollister Lions Club Scholarship
Plachta, Liam	Missouri Farm Bureau Scholarship; Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion, Outstanding Academic Excellence Award, Career Portfolio, and National Technical Honor Society; Knights of Columbus Scholarship; TRCC Professional of the Year
Reech, Madison	University of Central Missouri Red and Black Scholarship
Rodriguez, Mariangelis	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion
Ruprecht, Reese	University of Missouri Excellence Award
Sandrik, Isaac	University of Missouri Curators Scholar Award, Emma Jean Bellew Agricultural Scholarship, and Alumni Association of the Greater Ozarks Award; Master Gardeners of the Ozarks Scholarship; Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor Award
Schaffer, Jasmine	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion, Outstanding Academic Excellence

	Award, Career Portfolio, and National Technical Honor Society
Scharbrough, Kaden	Missouri State University Academic Achievement Scholarship
Sears, Joplin	Drury University Provost Scholarship, Springfield Promise Award and Athletic Award (Stunt); University of Central Missouri Red and Black Scholarship
Sheets, Emma	Riley's Treasures Scholarship; Truman State University President's Honorary Scholarship, A-Plus Recognition Scholarship, Girls State Scholarship, and TruMerit Scholarship; Drury University Presidential Scholarship and Springfield Promise Scholarship; University of Missouri Academic Enrichment Award; Missouri State University Academic Excellence Scholarship; University of Missouri St. Louis Curators Scholarship; University of Missouri Kansas City Curators' Scholar Award; Branson Education Foundation Scholarship; White River Valley Electric Cooperative Operation RoundUp Scholarship; Branson Hollister Lions Club Scholarship
Simpson, Adia	Missouri State University Dean's Scholarship; Advanced Placement Scholar Award
Simpson, Alanna	Ozarks Tech Leadership Book Scholarship
Skinner, Joshua	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion
Slagter, Lincoln	Drake University Presidential Scholarship, Iowa State University Academic Achievement Award and Expedition Award; University of Arkansas New Arkansan Non-Resident Tuition Award; Missouri State University Academic Excellence Scholarship; White River Valley Electric Cooperative Operation RoundUp Scholarship
Slaton, Skyler	Missouri University of Science and Technology Merit Scholarship; Kenan Advantage Group

	Scholarship; Evangel University Freshman Distinction Award; Southwest Baptist University Dutile Scholar Award, Dean's Scholarship, Residency Award, and Athletic Award (Football); Missouri State University Academic Achievement Scholarship
Smith, William	Hagan Scholarship; Caring Community Thrift Scholarship; University of Missouri Excellence Award, Housing Award, and Valor Partners Foundation Scholarship
Stachowiak Wise, Brianna	Drury University Springfield Promise Award and Provost Scholarship
Stewart, Rhianna	Table Rock Career Center Certificate of Completion, Career Portfolio; SkillsUSA Scholarship; TRCC Scholarship
Straka, Emrie	Shelter Insurance Scholarship; University of Maine Flagship Leaders Commitment Scholarship
Stroud, Trent	Missouri University of Science and Technology Honors Academy Scholarship, Kummer Vanguard Scholarship, Daniel & Rhonda Cole Endowed Scholarship, Trailblazer Scholarship, and Groundbreaker Scholarship; Missouri State University Board of Governors Scholarship
Sutherland, Elliana	White River Valley Electric Cooperative Operation RoundUp Scholarship; Missouri State University Promise Scholarship
Sutton, Kamden	Riley's Treasures Scholarship; Missouri State University Academic Excellence Scholarship and Missouri Advantage Scholarship; White River Valley Electric Cooperative Operation RoundUp Scholarship; Dr. Aubrey O. Pittenger STEM Scholarship
Truesdell, Adrian	Drury University Springfield Promise Award and Dean's Scholarship; University of Arkansas New Arkansan Non-Resident Tuition Award; Carol Blackburn Scholarship

Turner, Savannah

Missouri State University Academic Distinction
Scholarship

Volz, Preston

Missouri State University Engaged Citizen Award

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