



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

- R-7 guidance counselors reported that approximately **81 percent of the 2017 graduates** have indicated that they plan to attend college, based on information gathered from students.
- The class of 2017 was offered close to **\$28 million** in college scholarship potential during spring 2017.
- Five R-7 School District **seniors** were named National Merit Scholarship Corporation finalists in spring 2017.
- 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 2017 college entrance test, for example, the R-7 School District high schools' composite score was 22 compared to 20.4 for the Missouri average and 21 for the national average.
- 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.
- R-7 schools' **robotics and CyberPatriot teams excel** at local, national and world competitions.
- The Lee's Summit R-7 School District is a partner in the **nationally recognized Missouri Innovation Campus**, a one-of-a-kind program which is reshaping the way students experience education. This progressive collaboration involved the R-7 School District, Metropolitan Community College and the University of Central Missouri. MIC students graduate with a bachelor's degree just two years after high school, with little or no college student debt, applied experience through paid internships and with highly sought-after skills for high-paying careers.
- 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 **Connect2Learn**, 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 also funded construction of the **new Missouri Innovation Campus, home of Summit Technology Academy**, which opened in August 2017.
- 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.

