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High School Senior from Fort Zumwalt East High School Honored as Missouri Scholars 100 Recipient

[Columbia, MO] - High school senior Erin Schimanski of Fort Zumwalt East High School has been distinguished as one of the top academic students in the state through the 2026 Missouri Scholars 100 program. This statewide initiative, organized by the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals, recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of 100 outstanding students from the graduating class of 2026.

The announcement of Erin Schimanski's selection for this esteemed academic honor was made by Dr. Ashlee Vaughn, Principal at Fort Zumwalt East High School. The recognition will culminate in a special luncheon hosted at the Wyndham Executive Center in Columbia, MO, on Sunday, May 3, 2026.

Missouri Scholars 100 is a competitive program that invited schools across the state to nominate candidates based on academic excellence. The selection process employs a formula considering the student's grade point average and ACT or SAT scores. Nominees must meet the criteria of an "Academic Decathlon," successfully navigating ten challenging academic events to showcase their scholastic strength.

To qualify, students must hold a minimum GPA of 3.750, a minimum ACT score of 29 or a minimum SAT score of 1,280, rank in the upper ten percent of their class, and engage in advanced coursework in mathematics, science, English, and foreign language. Additionally, nominees must exhibit excellent attendance, exemplary citizenship within the school, and active participation in the school's activity program.

Chris Hoehne, Executive Director of the principals' association, expressed, "The Missouri Scholars 100 Program is one of the nation's premier academic recognition programs and stands as a true celebration of learning. Students selected for this distinction have challenged themselves with rigorous coursework while maintaining the highest levels of academic excellence and giving back to their communities. The Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals and its Board of Directors proudly recognizes and celebrates the remarkable achievements of these students and the schools that support their success."

The 2026 Missouri Scholars 100 program marks its 32nd annual recognition, reflecting a longstanding commitment to honoring academic excellence. For additional information, please contact MoASSP at 573.445.5071.

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