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To be selected for participation in GEAR UP Kentucky, the majority of a district's student population must be eligible for free- or reduced-price lunch. This grant cycle was highly competitive, with Augusta Independent Schools selected as one of only eight districts statewide from more than 40 school districts invited to apply.

"The GEAR UP Kentucky grant represents a powerful investment in the future of Augusta Independent students," said Lisa McCane, Superintendent of Augusta Independent School District. "By expanding GEAR UP services into the middle school, our students will receive earlier support and greater opportunities for success. This long-term approach ensures they graduate with clear plans, real opportunities, and the financial support needed to pursue college, technical training, or workforce pathways. We are proud to be one of only eight districts statewide selected for this highly competitive grant and grateful for a partnership that truly changes life trajectories."

The initiative strengthens support for students as they prepare to transition from high school to postsecondary education, with a focus on academic preparation, advising, career exploration, and early postsecondary opportunities. Because student success is a shared community effort, services also include guidance and resources for families, as well as professional development and instructional support for educators.

"We are pleased to continue our partnership with GEAR UP," said Augusta Independent Principal Robin Kelsch. "The program — and more specifically, Autumn Bishop — has opened up so many doors for our students, leading to incredible success stories. We are beyond excited for the next seven years and the new opportunities this partnership will bring for our students and staff."

Students will be introduced to a wide range of postsecondary pathways — including four-year universities, community and technical colleges, certificate and credential programs, and apprenticeships — helping them identify options that align with their interests, strengths and career goals. For the first time in its history, GEAR UP Kentucky will

also provide \$4.8 million in direct scholarships for eligible participating graduates beginning in the 2026-27 academic year, reducing financial barriers that often stand between students and their future education goals.

All current Augusta Independent sixth graders will participate in GEAR UP services through high school graduation. The Class of 2026, which has already benefited from GEAR UP support since middle school, will continue to receive services through their first year of postsecondary education. Each graduating class through the Class of 2032 will similarly receive GEAR UP services from junior year through their first year of postsecondary education.

GEAR UP Kentucky (GUK) is a statewide grant project administered by the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education and funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Participating districts include Anderson County, Augusta Independent, Bath County, Mason County, Mercer County, Newport Independent, Pendleton County, and Washington County.

For more information, visit gearupky.org.

RULH Schools 1st semester perfect attendance 2025-26

Submitted by Karen Dunn

Ripley Union Lewis Huntington School District

The Ripley Union Lewis Huntington School District would like to announce the following students that earned perfect attendance during the 1st semester of the 2025-26 school year.

ELEMENTARY

Kindergarten: None
1st grade: Bentley Brookbank, Zander Elliott, Bradley Leis, Ansleigh Moore
2nd grade: Bentley Whitt
3rd grade: Addilyn Brierly, Gunner Dodson, Nathan Oberschlaake, Cary Anna Sexson, Brayden Whitt
4th grade: Ayden Philhower, Darius

Richmond

5th grade: Brendan Finley, Jaxon Hopper, Werner Polley
6th grade: Lucee Bauer, Zaylie Brierly, Carter Hamm, Londyn McFadden

Jr. High School

7th grade: Emma Fain, Wyatt Hauke, Clayton Royster,
8th grade: Caleb Cheek, Skyler Fain, Kambree Harding, Asher Polley

Sr. High School

9th grade: Matthew Cooper, John Paul Saunders
10th grade: None
11th grade: Alexander Nash, Tanner Phillips
12th grade: None

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Harrison Memorial Hospital welcomes Dr. Anne Goho to HMH Primary Care Main

Submitted by Mollie Smith

Harrison Memorial Hospital

Harrison Memorial Hospital (HMH) is pleased to announce the addition of Anne Goho, D.O., Pediatrician, to HMH Primary Care Main. Dr. Goho has served patients in Cynthiana for the past five years and transitioned to the HMH Primary Care Main practice in January 2026.

Dr. Goho earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology from The College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. She received her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, West Virginia. She completed her pediatric residency at University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center and Kentucky Children's Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky.

Dr. Goho will be located at HMH Primary Care Main, housed in the HMH Physician Office Building, Suite G3, at 1210 KY Highway 36 East in Cynthiana. She is accepting patients from newborn through 18 years of age, and all insurances are accepted.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Goho, please call (859) 298-2888.

Looking ahead to 2026, HMH Primary Care plans to expand pediatric services, with the goal of adding additional pediatric providers in a dedicated pediatric-focused office space to further serve Harrison County and surrounding communities.

For more information, visit www.harrisonmemhosp.com.

Wickerham makes Ohio University President's List

Submitted by Michelle Elrick

Mary Grace Wickerham of West Union, Ohio has made the President's List for Fall 2025-2026 at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

This distinction is presented to undergraduate students who exhibit

an exceptional commitment to academic excellence each semester. Criteria for the President's List includes a 4.0 GPA for the given semester with a minimum of 12 hours attempted for letter grades that are used to calculate GPA.

Katlin Loudon earns Dean's List honor at Lee University

Submitted by Lee University

CLEVELAND, Tenn. (Feb. 6, 2026) — Lee University congratulates Katlin Loudon of Georgetown, OH, on earning Dean's List honors during the Fall 2025 semester.

Dean's List recognition is earned by full-time, undergraduate students with a semester grade point average between 3.7 and 4.00.

Congratulations on earning this academic achievement, Katlin!

Lee University is a private, Christ-centered university located in Cleve-

land, Tennessee, in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. The university's reputation as a quality institution is seen in the high caliber of faculty, students, and friends who are drawn to campus. Over the past three decades, Lee has experienced remarkable transformations including significant growth in academic programs, athletics, institutional facilities, student enrollment, and faculty expertise and diversity.

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