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St. Mary High student wins KHEAA essay contest

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 3, 2018) — Maddie Kerr, a junior at St. Mary High School in Paducah, is the winner of the 2018 KHEAA Promote Your School scholarship essay contest.

She earned a \$500 college scholarship and the opportunity for her school to be featured in future college planning materials published by KHEAA.

Kerr is the daughter of Patrick Kerr and Christa Matlock of Paducah.

Her essay addressed the topic of how education makes a stronger community.

“Learners become leaders who can give back to their community using the knowledge and character that their education has constructed in them,” Kerr wrote.

Judges stated that her essay very well represents the spirit and direction of the contest and logically builds the case for how education makes a stronger community.

KHEAA staff presented Kerr with a certificate at her school. Counselor Peggy Culbertson also accepted a certificate honoring St. Mary High School as the Kentucky 2018 Model School, which will be featured in upcoming college planning materials.

The contest, held annually since 2003, was open to rising Kentucky high school juniors.

Kerr and other St. Mary students will participate in a photo shoot at the school. The pictures will be used by KHEAA in free college planning guides for high school students, as well as posters, brochures and other publications.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses.

For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

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