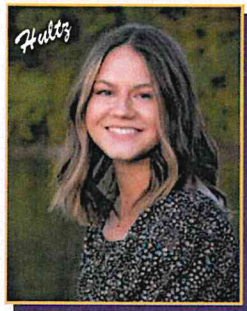


Missouri Scholars 100

Each year the Missouri Association of Secondary School Principals sponsors the Missouri Scholars 100 program. This program recognizes 100 of Missouri's top scholars statewide. Students are selected based on a ten-event academic decathlon including grade point average, ACT/SAT scores, activities, advanced classes, leadership, and community service. **Emma Price** was selected for the 2021 Missouri Scholars 100, with **Haley Hultz** as Honorable Mention.



Missouri Scholars Academy

The Missouri Scholars Academy is a three-week academic program for approximately 330 of Missouri's gifted students who are ready to begin their junior year in high school. **Emma Price** and **Philip Kurle** attended the Missouri Scholars Academy.



National Merit Finalist Student Emma Price



The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition for recognition and scholarship that began in 1955. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking

the PSAT as a junior. This test is the initial screening of approximately 1.5 million students each year. As the competition narrows, 34,000 will become commended, 16,000 will be considered semifinalists, and 15,000 become national finalists.

Emma Price has committed to and plans to attend Harvard University in the fall.



LASER Headed to the World Championship Again!

The CHS FIRST LASER 3284 robotics team was honored with their eighth consecutive Chairman's Award in the Missouri/Kansas region, which qualifies the team for the FIRST Championship for the 11th year of their 12-year team history. The Chairman's Award is the most prestigious award at FIRST. This award honors the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the mission of FIRST. The award was created to keep the central focus of FIRST robotics competition on the ultimate goal of transforming the culture in ways that will inspire greater levels of respect and honor for science and technology, as well as encouraging more of today's youth to become science and technology leaders. The CHS team has served as the Central MO Affiliate for FIRST for the last four years. The affiliate is responsible for hosting tournaments and providing resources to a 61-county area in central and southern Missouri. The Chairman's Team members will present virtually to judges in June to vie for a spot in the FIRST Hall of Fame at the International FIRST Championship. LASER 3284 Chairman's presenters are: **Maya Irvine, Nick Faiferlick, Emma Weiss, Haley Wagner, Ella Westhusing, and Andrew Haas.**

In addition to winning the Chairman's Award, the team was honored with the Autonomous Award, which is sponsored by Ford, and celebrates the team that has demonstrated a consistent, reliable, high-performance robot during autonomously-managed actions. Evaluation is based on the robot's ability to sense its surroundings, position itself or onboard mechanisms appropriately, and execute tasks. The members of the Drive Team, mechanical and programming, that presented virtual to judges were: **Clayton Cowen, Jared Parker, Hayden Patrick, Connor Starkey, and Kurk Wonderly.**

In addition to the team recognition, Camdenton FIRST LASER 3284 Robotics team coaches Mitch and Sherry Comer were awarded FIRST Volunteers of the Year award for the Missouri/Kansas region.

