

Fannin named ARH Scholar

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2018 ARH Scholar Kaylee Fannin has a long history with Appalachian Regional Healthcare — she was born at Tug Valley ARH Regional Medical Center in South Williamson.

“I love ARH hospitals,” said Fannin. “I was born there, and several times when I was growing up I’d fall and twist my ankle and I’d go there to get an X-ray because I thought my ankle was broken. They were always nice and I was never scared to go — it has just always been a part of my life.”

She graduated from Phelps High School in June. As a student she had the opportunity to attend an early college academy through Pike County Schools where she first learned about ARH Scholars. She was one of the eleven 2018 ARH Scholars chosen among 72 applicants.

“The competition was very intense,” explained Christopher Johnson, system director of Employee and Labor Relations at ARH. “We are pleased to offer these awards in an effort to encourage individuals to pursue higher education.”

Little did Fannin know, she would learn of her acceptance into the program on one of the most exciting nights of her high school career.

“I was actually at my senior prom when I got an email saying congratulations,” said Fannin. “I looked at my boyfriend and I was like, ‘Am I reading this right? Am I really a finalist for this? Did I really win it?’ I was so excited and shocked, I messaged my mom immediately and was like, ‘Momma I really won this scholarship.’ Because when we applied I didn’t really know if I had a chance at it.”

As an ARH Scholar, Fannin will receive a financial reward of \$5,000 toward tuition and living expenses while beginning her college career pursuing a degree in Biology at the University of Pikeville. Her goal is to ultimately become an optometrist and help children who have eye sight issues similar to those she dealt with as a child.

“I always grew up saying I wanted



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to be a doctor, but I didn’t really know what kind,” Fannin said. “I went back and forth between being a dentist or an eye doctor. I talked about optometry for a long time because throughout my entire life I’ve had eye issues and constantly had to go to the eye doctor and get my eyes checked, so I kind of relate to that. I just want to be able to help people deal with something that I grew up dealing with myself.”

Fannin received her first pair of glasses in fourth grade and upgraded to contacts in sixth grade.

“I went for a little while before I realized that I had an eye issue, but once my mom found out she took me (to the optometrist),” she said. “I noticed it myself because I was having trouble seeing the board and things like that, but just never said anything about it because I was scared to get glasses.”

Fannin plans to attend the Kentucky College of Optometry at the University of Pikeville and ultimately work in pediatric optometry. She hopes to have the opportunity to work with the school system to offer free eye exams to students in hopes that she can detect any eye issues they may be suffering from.

“I feel so blessed to be accepted,” said Fannin. “I really didn’t know if I had a shot at it so I was super excited to be accepted.”

Summer Meal Program Schedule

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The Pike County Schools Food Service Department updated a list of locations and times of the Summer Food Program.

According to Lisa Hess, director of food services, meals will be provided to children without charge on a first-come, first-serve basis regardless of income, race, color, nationality, gender or disability at the following locations:

- Belfry High School, located at 27678 U.S. 119 in Belfry, will provide breakfast will be served from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to noon on Aug. 2.

- Bent Branch community Park, located at 1019 Open Fork in Pikeville, will provide lunch from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. on July 10-12.

- Cornerstone Free Will Baptist Church, located at 82 Marrowbone Street in Elkhorn City, will provide breakfast from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. on July 10, July 17, July 24 and 31.

- Creekside Church, located at 1526 Island Creek Road in Pikeville, will provide supper from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on July 9 -13, July 18 and July 25 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Aug. 1 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- Douglas Apartments, located at 148 Douglas Parkway in Pikeville, will provide supper from 5:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. on Aug. 1.

- Freeburn Church of God, located at 43095 Ky. Rt. 194 in Freeburn, will provide supper from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on July 11, July 18, July 25 and Aug. 1.

- Gooslin Bottom Church, located at 41690 Ky. Rt. 194 East in Phelps, will provide supper from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on July 11, July 18, July 25 and Aug. 1.

- Hardy United Methodist Church, located at 1449 Ky. Rt. 319 in Hardy, will offer supper from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on July 16-20.

- Johns Creek School, located at 8302 Meta Hwy. in Pikeville, will serve breakfast from 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and lunch from noon until 12:30 p.m. on July 9-12.

- Kimper Church of God, located at 4278 Upper Johns Creek in Kimper, will serve supper from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on July 11, July 18, July 27 and Aug. 1.

- Kimper Elementary School, located at 4278 Upper Johns Creek in Kimper, will serve supper breakfast from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., lunch from noon until 12:30 p.m. on July 9 - 11.

- Lords House Independent Pentecostal Church, located at 29 Church House Lane in Phelps, will serve sinner

from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. on July 11, July 18, July 25 and Aug. 1.

- North Point Academy, located at 5279 North Mayo Trail in Pikeville, will provide breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and lunch from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on July 9-13, July 16-20, July 24-27, July 30-Aug. 3 and Aug. 6-8.

- Octavia Free Will Baptist Church, located at 1163 Pinson Fork Road in McAndrews, will provide supper from 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on July 23-27.

- Pike Central High School, located at 100 Winner’s Circle Drive in Pikeville, will offer breakfast from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and lunch from noon to 12:30 p.m. on July 9-13, July 16-20 and July 23-27.

- Sharondale Church of Christ, located at 40 Little Mud Lick Branch in Belfry, will provide supper from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on July 16-20.

- Sidney Missionary Baptist Church, located at 17429 East Big Creek Road in Sidney, will provide supper from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on July 23-27.

- Stopover Church of God, located at 50283 Ky. Rt. 194 in Stopover, will provide supper from 6 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. on July 11, July 18, July 25 and Aug. 1.

- Unity Free Will Baptist Church, located at 1045 Rockhouse Creek in Elkhorn City, will provide supper from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on July 9, July 16, July 23 and July 30.

The Pike County School Food Service Department prepares and serves over 10,000 school meals per day. We see our role in education is to provide all Pike County students with the proper nutritional support needed for appropriate physical and intellectual growth and development in a clean and friendly environment. School meals prepared in our cafeterias meet the nutritional standards and meal pattern requirements of the National School Lunch and Nationals School Breakfast Programs, the United States Department of Agriculture and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

School lunches provide 1/3 of the recommended dietary allowance for school-age children. Menus include whole grains, fresh fruits, and vegetables with specifications in preparation to lower sodium, reduce fat, and sugar in school meals. Pike County School Food Service operates under the “Offer vs. Serve” option in which students are allowed to select three, four, or five of the required lunch components. School Food Service personnel encourage children to select a complete lunch daily.

For questions or more information, call the Pike County Food Service Department at, (606) 433-9306.

New arrivals at PMC

Morgan Mullins and Joshua Belcher, a son, Waylon Seth Belcher, born Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 7 pounds, 11.7 ounces.

Lakisha Shell and Taylor Hackney, a son, Kolton Blake Hackney, born Tuesday, June 5, 2018, 6 pounds, 14.5 ounces.

Rebecca Michael and Jeramia Michael, a daughter,

Ophelia Calliope Jude Michael, born Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 8 pounds, 10.6 ounces.

Danielle Bentley and Jessica Bentley, a son, Jaxton Cody Lee Bentley, born Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 5 pounds, 14 ounces.

Kayla Keathley and Jeffery Reed, a son, Echoe Bentley Reed, born Wednesday,

June 6, 2018, 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Kimberlee Goff and Jarred Williams, a daughter, Brinleigh Sage Williams, born Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 9 pounds, 7 ounces.

Chastity Hatfield and Nicholas Cress, a daughter, Arabella Nikole Diane Cress, born Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

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to help fund the purchase of equipment for STEM programs taught at the EKSC.

Particularly for their robotics program, which includes materials such as Cubelets, BeeBots, Robots, and this year mini-iPads for the Racing Robotics camp involving app-enabled Sphero robots.

“I was honored to be selected as a presenter at this year’s KGSC conference. It was a great way for the EKSC to share ideas in mentoring with other organizations across the state

to help further the work of sparking interest in STEM subjects to our young patrons,” said Scott.

The Kentucky Girl’s Stem Collaborative awards mini-grants to girl-serving

science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) focused programs to support collaboration, address gaps and overlaps in service, and share exemplary practices.

For information about STEM and other great programming available at the East Kentucky Science Center and Varia Planetarium call, (606) 889-8260, today.

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friends and acquaintances to lament the loss. For what it’s worth, these people

are my age or younger. They prefer to shop at the Magic Mart because they find the Supercenter to be too big, too crowded and, well, too ... everything. Now, they say, they don’t

know where they’ll do their shopping.

But, if they’re really on the anti-Supercenter train, they have choices. For starters, we still have the Big Lots, which I’ve

praised before in this-here column. What’s more, there are dollar stores everywhere. In fact, I think the dollar store in my neighborhood carries that brand of candy with the

orange-filled chocolate my nieces favor.

If I look hard enough, I’ll probably find something in the store that reminds me of Mommaw May.

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