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Ritenour High School Student Selected for Missouri Scholars Academy

June 4, 2009 – Susan Burton, who just completed her sophomore year at Ritenour High School, has been chosen to attend the 2009 Missouri Scholars Academy (MSA).

Burton is one of only 330 top-flight students from public and private high schools throughout the state invited to the Academy - which takes place from June 7-27, 2009, at the University of Missouri - Columbia.

The MSA will celebrate its twenty-fifth year this summer. The Academy is a unique and intensive "summer school" for academically gifted rising juniors. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) sponsors the MSA, with support from the University of Missouri. Scholars live in university dorms for the duration of the Academy.

Academically, students represent the top one-half of one percent of the state's sophomore class. Students selected do not earn grades or academic credit. They select one academic subject in math, science, social studies or the humanities for their primary area of study. The students also have a full menu of co-curricular activities, lectures, workshops and guest speakers.

According to DESE, students who attend the Scholars Academy frequently describe the program as a life-changing experience. They learn with a faculty and staff of 60 outstanding educators, and they are immersed with their peers in a rich mixture of academic, cultural and social learning experiences.

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