

# PREPARING PANTHERS WITH PRIDE

## Job Olympics

On Friday, April 12th, 2024 Raymore-Peculiar High School students competed in the 2024 Job Olympics with students from Belton, Harrisonville, Cass Midway, and Pleasant Hill. Job Olympics is an engaging activity that allows students with disabilities to showcase their abilities and talents while performing tasks they would complete on the job. Some of the job competitions include First Aid, Bagging Groceries, Stocking Shelves, Restaurant Host, Custodial, Car Detailing, and many more. Students also participate in a mock job interview where they can discuss their strengths and skills in a professional setting. Students will earn a medal or ribbon for each event through friendly competition with peers. Job Olympics not only allows students with disabilities to demonstrate their abilities but also provides them with a fun experience relevant to potential future employment.



Posing for a picture, Owen Hamm, Mia Benson, Nathan Turner, Owen Vaughn, Mallory Anderson, and Rebecca Schrader show off their awards.

## Total Solar Eclipse

Monday, April 8th, as students attended school, there was a total solar eclipse that could be seen from right here at Ray-Pec. Students got the chance to watch this big event outside.



Wearing solar eclipse glasses, LEAD Transition students watch the solar eclipse.

# Meet Katie Huff

Katie has been a teacher since 1999 and currently is the Lead Transition teacher for the Raymore-Peculiar School District.

This year, Katie is teaching the Lead Transition Skills course at the LEAD Center and continues to develop opportunities and experiences for students with disabilities at Ray-Pec. She has many years of experience in the area of Transition and assists students and families in preparing for successful post-secondary plans.

Katie holds a master's degree in Transition from the University of Kansas and a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Illinois State University.

A huge fan of everything Ray-Pec, she lives in Raymore with her husband.

All three of the Huff children (Jake '08, Ethan '12, and Kanen '22) attended and graduated from Raymore-Peculiar High School. When she isn't cheering on the Panthers, you can find her walking her dog, Ace, attending a yoga class, or enjoying a good book on her back porch.



## TRANSITION RESOURCE GUIDE



## Planning On Attending College?

Having a disability shouldn't hinder someone from pursuing a college education. While an Individualized Education Program (IEP) ends after high school, there are alternative resources available for students with disabilities to thrive in college. The Missouri Department of Mental Health offers a guide to assist students and their families in transitioning to college after high school.



Scan this QR Code for the guide.

## Upcoming Events

- Apr 10 Wednesday April 10, 2024-Pre Employment Counselor Visit
- Apr 12 Job Olymipcs
- Apr 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor Visit
- Apr 17 Senior Drive Night
- May 8 Enterprise & Design Sprint Showcase
- May 17 Graduation