

Schools head back to in-person

STAFF REPORTS

Green County Schools will resume with in-person and virtual learning January 6.

The District announced the following: "With a new year, our district hopes that we are moving closer to brighter days. Many of you have indicated a desire to see your children return to an in-person setting. Green County Schools shares this same passion. We want to provide an in-person setting in the safest environment possible. Recently, the Kentucky Department of Education has indicated that schools can return to in-person classes starting in January regardless of the county's designation on the incidence rate map. Therefore, whether our county is classified as green, yellow, orange, or red our district can continue to operate within an in-person setting pro-

vided certain guidelines are met."

Green County Schools will operate as follows:

- Families may choose the mode of instruction that works best for their situation. Students will have the option to attend virtually for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Students will have the option to attend in-person classes for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year regardless if the district is designated as green, yellow, orange, or red on the state incidence rate map.

- All guidelines of the "Healthy at Schools" document will continue to be followed. Major points of emphasis is ensuring masking and social distancing in all classrooms.

- Through request, accommodations will

be provided for staffing that fall within the vulnerable population. Accommodations will be provided until they are offered a vaccine.

- Vaccine will tentatively be available to staff by late January or early February.

- In-person operations will be based upon internal data. Breaks are possible if there are excessive staff positive cases or quarantines that cause a shortage of personnel. Breaks are also possible in the event of excessive student positive cases.

- Daily reporting to the state will continue. The district will continue to report data (staff positive cases, student positive cases, staff quarantines, student quarantines, community cases, incidence rate) to the community so that informed decisions are possible.

If your child is planning to participate in virtual learning rather than returning to in-person classes, please print and complete the form available on the district's website as soon as possible: <https://sites.google.com/green.kyschools.us/studentinfo/home>

Forms may also be picked up at the Green County Board of Education or at the child's school.

The Green County Board of Education Central Office can be reached at 270-932-5231.

Additionally, those desiring to change their child's method of learning may contact their respective school:

- Green County Primary School, 270-932-6619

- Green County Intermediate School, 270-932-6613

- Green County Middle School, 270-932-7773

- Green County High School, 270-932-7481.

Green County: 15 locals earn academic honors at Lindsey Wilson

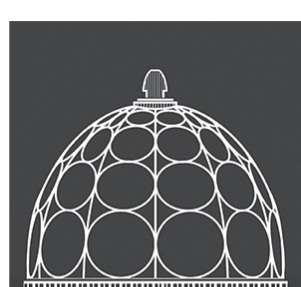
Fifteen Green County residents have earned academic honors at Lindsey Wilson College for the 2020 fall semester.

The individuals receiving academic honors include:

Maria Grace Frank, Tylar Keltner, Madison Matney, Kiley McCubbins, and Mitchell Squires were named to the President's List.

Amber Cowan, Colby Eastham, Jayson Judd, Abigail Keltner, Anna Patterson, Sarah Penick, Corbin Shuffett, Madeline Vaughn, Cecily Wisdom, and Isaac Young were named to the Dean's List.

Students named to the President's



LINDSEY WILSON COLLEGE

List earned a 4.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

Students named to the Dean's List earned at least a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and attempted at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

Figures show just how popular gaming has become

METRO CREATIVE CONNECTION

Many adults who are between the ages of 20 and 50 grew up playing video games, but few may have anticipated just how big gaming would become by the time they reached adulthood.

The popularity of gaming has only grown since today's



40 somethings were children, and that popularity is reflected in a host of eye-popping statistics.

- 2.7 billion: That's the number of gamers across the globe as

of 2019, according to data from the games market insights and analytics experts at NewZoo. To put that in perspective, data from the U.S. Census Bureau around the end of 2020 indicated that the global population at that time was right around 7.7 billion. That means roughly 35 percent of the global population

qualifies as gamers.

- \$159 billion: The amount NewZoo estimates gamers will spend on gaming in 2020.

- 48 percent: That's the video gaming market share of the Asia Pacific region. The second highest market share belongs to North America, which accounts for 19 percent of global video game

industry revenue.

- 12.3 percent: This figure represents the year-on-year market share growth rate in Western Europe from 2018 to 2019. That's the highest such growth rate of any region in the world during that span.

- 646 million: The estimated number of esports viewers by 2023, according to

data from Statista. Esports is generally defined as the competitions featuring gamers competing against one another. Statista notes that as recently as 2017 esports viewership totaled 335 million. That means the popularity of esports is likely to double in terms of viewership in the six-year period between 2017 and 2023.

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