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**Memorandum
Department of Planning & Public Works**



To: Planning and Public Works Committee
From: Aimee Nassif, Planning and Development Services Director
Date: April 23, 2009
RE: Nomination of HEC-TV/Dennis Riggs, Director for the Leonard Blake-Chesterfield Ancient History Award

Summary

At the May 12, 2009 meeting of Landmarks Preservation Committee, the Committee voted unanimously to nominate HEC TV/Dennis Riggs, Director for the Leonard Blake Chesterfield Ancient History Award.

Mark Leech of the Landmarks Preservation Committee will be attending the meeting of Planning and Public Works Committee to provide further information on this nomination. Attached please find a copy of the Award Nomination Form submitted by the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee E. Nassif
Planning and Development Services Director

Cc: Michael G. Herring, City Administrator
Rob Heggie, City Attorney
Michael O. Geisel, Director of Planning and Public Works



ANCIENT HISTORY AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Date:

Name of Nominee: HEC-TV
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Description of accomplishment or action and why you believe this individual merits this award.

Higher Educational Consortium – TV (HEC-TV) has produced and aired four television programs featuring Chesterfield's ancient past:

- 2007 – *IMPACT*: Restoration of Chesterfield's Blake Mound – Local colleges & universities work with the Chesterfield Landmarks Preservation Commission on restoring 100 years of looting damage to the largest surviving prehistoric Native American burial mound in St. Louis and St. Louis County.
- 2007 – *Behind the Minds*: Archaeology Day at Chesterfield's River Bend Elementary School – Archaeologists and students from UM-St. Louis work with Chesterfield Landmarks Preservation Commission and past Chesterfield Ancient History Award winner, Richard Martens to teach 4th graders about the prehistoric Native American sites not only in their community, but in their neighborhood and even under their school.
- 2008 – *Behind the Minds*: Mock Excavation - Using prehistoric Native American artifacts on loan from the Chesterfield Historical Society, the Chesterfield Landmarks Preservation Commission assists Samantha Miller, Educator of Rockwood's Gifted 4th Grade-Archaeology, in a mock excavation of a 1,000 year old home site.
- 2009 – *Behind the Minds*: Re-excavating Grave Robber Soil – Archaeologist Dr. Michael Fuller leads a group of St. Louis Community College students and members of the Chesterfield Landmarks Preservation Commission in re-excavating, documenting and re-placing a large spoil pile of dirt that was displaced by looters at Chesterfield's Blake Mound.

HEC-TV is St. Louis' leading producer of education, arts, and cultural television programming. The station receives major funding from the St. Louis County Cable Television Education Commission, and is programmed by the Higher Education Consortium which is composed of the 11 colleges and universities and 62 cooperating school districts in Greater St. Louis. The Board of Directors is comprised of the Presidents and/or Chancellors of the member colleges and universities. **HEC-TV reaches 522,000 subscribers every minute of every day.** In addition to programming for the general viewing audience, all HEC-TV television productions are available to teachers, with applicable curriculum and classroom materials. **HEC-TV member institutions award more than 50,000 hours of college credit annually to students taking telecourses broadcast on HEC-TV.** More than 38,000 language students enhance their studies by watching foreign language broadcasts on HEC-TV.