



January 2026 Celebrations Update

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In the latest BV Unmuted episode, Superintendent **Dr. Gillian Chapman** sat down with Blue Valley Board President **Jan Kessinger** and Vice President **Clay Norkey** and Chief Financial Officer **Jeremy McFadden** to discuss Blue Valley's 2026 Legislative priorities ahead of the 2026 Kansas Legislative session.

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The **Blue Valley Today: Winter 2025** issue was delivered to district mailboxes:

- *Cooking up success: Blue Valley's renovated FACS classrooms transform learning*
- *A second chapter of service: From the Navy to middle school, retired navy captain finds purpose in second act*
- *Legacy Senior Pass: Your ticket to Blue Valley athletics and activities*
- *Blue Valley School's 2026 Legislative priorities*

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January Recognition Dates & Holidays

- School Board Recognition Month
- 1/9: Law Enforcement Appreciation Day
- 1/19: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1/29: Kansas Day



STUDENT

Blue Valley West's **Ash Jackson** was highlighted in TIME's 2025 Person of the Year publication, "The Architects of AI."



TIME/Frankie Alduino

STUDENT

10 Blue Valley elementary school students were selected to the 2025–26 Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA) All-State Elementary Level Choir.



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22 Blue Valley high school students were selected to the 2025–26 Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA) All-State High School Mixed Choir.

18 Blue Valley high school students were selected to the 2025–26 KMEA All-State High School Treble Choir.

4 Blue Valley high school students were selected as alternates for the 2025–26 KMEA All-State High School Mixed and Treble Choirs.



ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

Blue Valley West's **Peyton Kubik** was named the 2025-26 Gatorade Kansas Girls Volleyball Player of the Year.



Sports in Kansas

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Blue Valley West's **Jordan Jacobs** was named Section 5 Coach of the Year for girls swim and dive. Section 5 includes Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. Jacobs previously earned Kansas Coach of the Year honors.



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Blue Valley Northwest's **Trace Rudd** was named to the 2025 All-Simone Team (Punter) by Thomas A. Simone Awards.



ALUMNI

Omar Abdelmoity, graduate of Blue Valley West, was named a 2026 Marshall Scholar. The prestigious scholarship is one of the most selective and highest honors in academia.

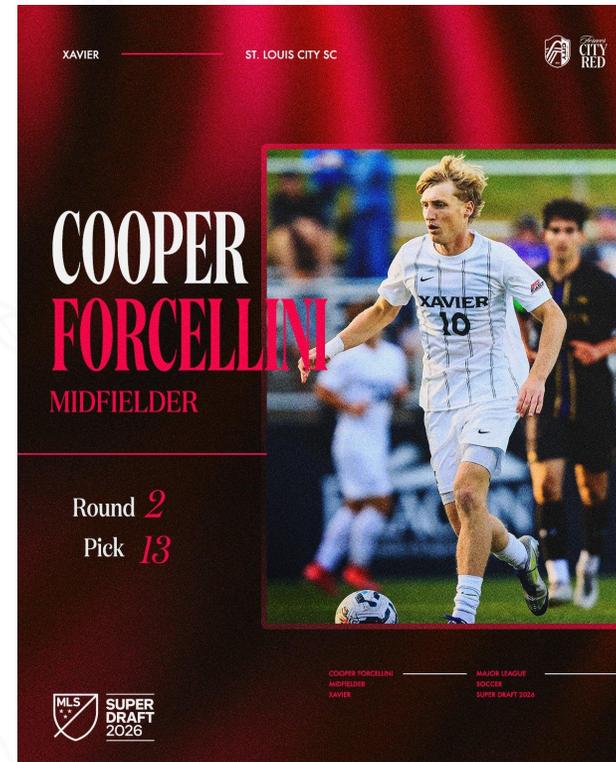


WashU/Joe Angeles

ALUMNI

Cooper Forcellini, graduate of Blue Valley

West, was drafted by St. Louis CITY SC in the second round of the MLS SuperDraft 2026.



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