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Seward High seniors receiving scholarships May 10 during honors night include, from left: (first row) Ethan Galusha, Damian Gligorevic, Ian Fiala, Brynn Kimber and Morgan Craig; (second row) Jakob Gray, Owen Anson, Alivia Hartmann, Olivia Hughes, Callie Homp, Ella Hubach, Miranda Brumley, Remi Christensen and Natalie Keller; (third row) Joshua Jurchen, Matthew Flyr, Cevahn Ernesti, Claire Geidel, Hannah Benedict, Ellie Greisen, Christian Fields, Jordan Biggs and Jordyn Collins; (fourth row) Aaron Ford, Parker Hammond, Maddox Else, Dane Conner, Caden Karel and Jayden Fernau; (fifth row) Ashton Koetter, Riken Koinzan, Mason Bisbee, Cash Duncan, Aubrey Janousek, Bethany Gebhardt, Michaela Broadwell, Ava King and Drew Kratochvil; (sixth row) Desirae Hibbert, Keegan Beisel, Nathan Hochstein, Sabit Duol, Owen Krahulik, Declan Jensen, Blake Austin and Katelyn Cole; (seventh row) Ian Johnson, Hannah Johnson, Lucas Briggs, Elle Delcamp, Dawson Dlouhy, Rebecca Koch, Dalton Burt, Riley Daniel, Sarah Carvahlo and Abigail Brose; and (eighth row) Ella Gray, Megan Hague and Audrie Davis.

Scholarships, awards go to Seward seniors

Seward High seniors announced their post-graduation plans and received scholarships during Honors Night May 10.

SHS graduates will attend colleges both in-state (87) and out of state (35), from San Diego to Boston. Three will join the military full time, and three will join part-time.

Scholarships received were:

Owen Anson—Concordia University, Theatre; Concordia Achievement Award, Concordia Drama Scholarship, Concordia Lutheran Heritage Scholarship, Concordia LCMS Church Work Scholarship, Congregations for CU-Nebraska, Seward High School Band Boosters, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Dr. Van and Becky Vahle, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Seward Community Scholarship, Goehner Centennial Players

Blake Austin—Wayne State College Applied Human and Sport Physiology; Wayne State College President's Commitment Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Emma Bales—Southeast Community College, Academic Transfer - Education; SCC Foundation Scholarship

Noah Bales—Priscilla Lawin Memorial Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship

Keegan Beisel—Concordia University, Art and En-

glish, Concordia Women's Track/Cross Country Scholarship, Concordia President's Scholarship, Concordia Lutheran Heritage Award, Harold and Claire Davisson Memorial, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Pepsi

Hannah Benedict—University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Elementary Education; UNL Husker Power Scholarship, UNL CEHS Scholarship, Seward Junior Women's Club, Seward Community Scholarship

Izabelle Benedict—Workforce

Jordan Biggs—Iowa State University, Aerospace Engineering; Iowa State University Journey Award, Iowa State University Expedition Scholarship, Rick Kilzer Memorial Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship, Seward Youth Golf Association, Urban Scholarship

Mason Bisbee—Southeast Community College, Plumbing, Charles Jirovsky Memorial Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship

Hayden Breazile—Southeast Community College, Business

Lucas Briggs—University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Communications; Seward High School Band Boosters, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Edward Jones Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship

Michaela Broadwell—Northwest Missouri State

University, Music Education; NWMSU Bearcat Advantage, NWMSU Music Scholarship, Seward High School Band Boosters, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Roger Davis Fund, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Seward Education Association, Caryl Schulz Performing Arts

Abigail Brose—Wichita State University, Forensic Science; Wichita State Midwest Student Exchange Program Scholarship, Wichita State Cohens Honor College Scholarship, Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home, Seward Community Scholarship

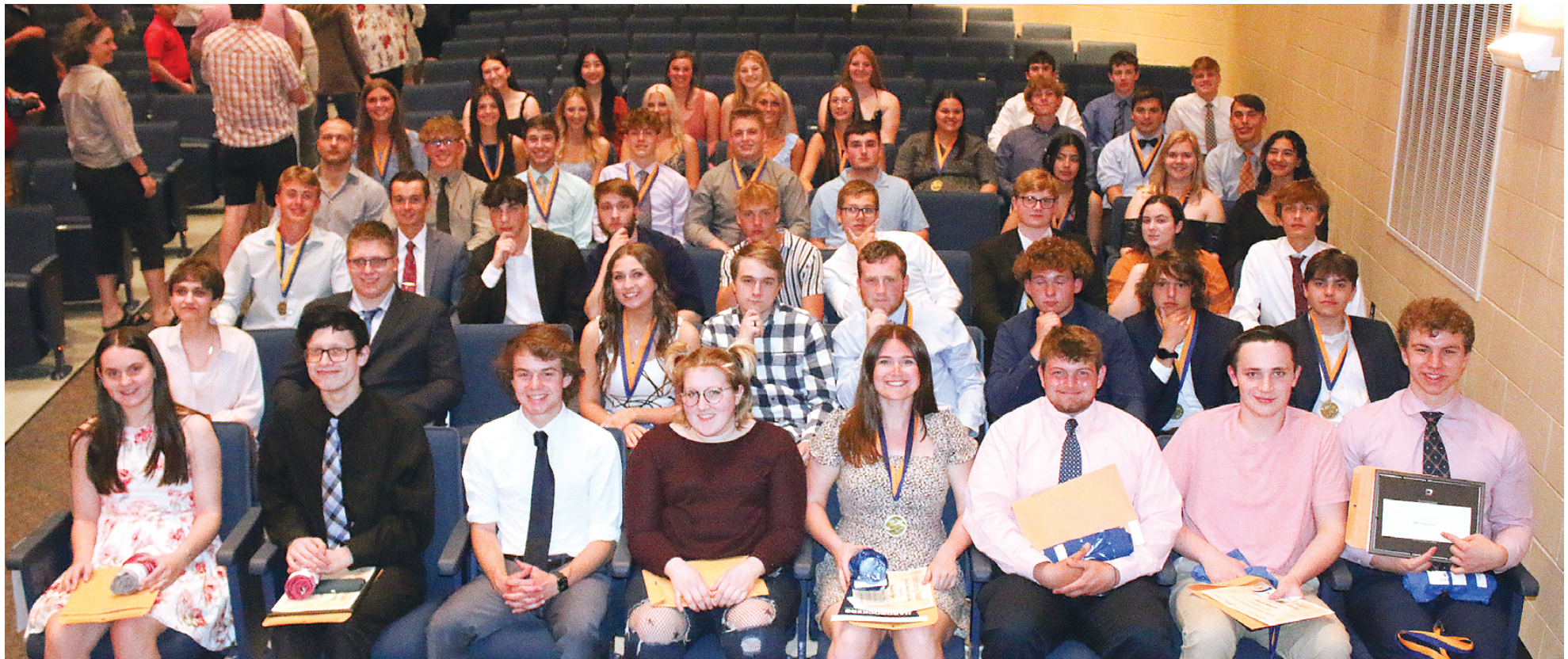
Zachary Brown—Peru State College, Kinesiology; PSC Dean's Success Scholarship, Junior Jays Baseball Miranda Brumley—University of North Dakota, Geology; Seward FFA Scholarship, UND Academic Achieve School 1st Year, Zabka Funeral Scholarship, Edward Jones Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship

Gracyn Burris—College of Hair Design, Cosmetology

Dalton Burt—Southeast Community College-Milford, Electrical - Mechanical; Pete Yost Memorial, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Sarah Carvalho—Southeast Community College-Milford, Academic Transfer - Linguistics; Wilma Rocker Mayer, Cattle Bank and Trust Co.

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Seward High seniors receiving scholarships May 10 during honors night include, from left: (first row) Alexis Pallat, Joseph Persinger, Sam Matthias, Jeana Snyder, Maddie Viger, Gracen Sommerer, Jacob Mueller and Sam Schroeder; (second row) Abigail Wignall, Timothy Taylor, Sarita Richards, Wyatt Swanson, Isaac Spotanski, Justin Matulka, Michael Peery and Andrew Marshall; (third row) Gavin Sukup, Nathan Nottingham, Zander Nolan, Ethan Wilkinson, Conner Rosendale, Nick McCormick, Jack Wall, Emily Yelden and Korbin Opfer; (fourth row) Nathan Pence, Dalton Liebhart, Bryce Piskorski, Traetyn Schaefer, Trevor Ruth, Quentin Slanek, Karla Sierra Mendoza, Raelynn Sugden and Mahri Vega-Nipp; (fifth row) Myka Smith, Katie O’Kief, Kambryn Nelson, Ellie Sagehorn, Brooke Meyer, Isabelle Wohlford, Lauryn Parra, Logan Seilhan, Collin Warren and Leighton Limback; and (sixth row) Kate Shafer, Audrey Wang, Faith Winkelmann, Maggie Odvody, Katie Smith, Jace Nuttleman, Owen Sackschewsky and Jackson Trost.

Seward scholarships

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Remi Christensen—University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Agronomy; UNL David Distinguished Scholar, Seward FFA Scholarship; Top Ten Award, Plum Creek Ag Enterprises, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Roger Davis Fund, P.E.O., Todd Ricenbaw Rib Cook-Off Memorial, Seward Youth Golf Association

Katelyn Cole—San Diego State University, Marine Biology, Seward High School Band Boosters, Dean R. Rolfsmei-

er Scholarship, Order of Eastern Star Jared Collins—Southeast Community College, Auto Technology

Jordyn Collins—Iowa State University, Animal Science; ISU Expedition Award, ISU Adventure Award, Top Ten Award, Roger Davis Fund

Dane Conner—Peru State College, Business; Peru State College Bowling Scholarship, Peru State College President’s Success Award, Nebraska USBC Association Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfs-

meier Scholarship, Junior Jays Baseball

Trevor Cook—South Dakota State University, Nebraska Army National Guard; National Resource Law Enforcement; Montgomery GI Bill

Jaylee Cowan—Northeast Community College, Graphic Design

Morgan Craig—Doane University, Early Childhood Education; Doane University Perry Scholarship, Doane University Presidential Scholarship, Doane University Board of Trustees

Scholarship, Doane University Van Hoy Scholarship, Doane Community Award, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Riley Daniel—Southeast Community College, Academic Transfer - Mechanical Engineering; SCC Learn to Dream Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Audrie Davis—Southeast Community College, Graphic Design; Dean R. Rolfs-

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Seward High seniors graduating cum laude include, from left: (seated) Karla Sierra Mendoza, Sarita Richards, Drew Kratochvil, Aaron Ford, Claire Geidel, Hannah Benedict and Christian Fields; and (standing) Katie Smith, Jack Wall, Trevor Ruth, Aubrey Janousek, Korbin Opfer, Owen Krahulik, Olivia Hughes, Jakob Gray and Ellie Greisen.

Seward scholarships

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Ellee Delcamp—University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Animal Science; UNL Diving Scholarship, Seward High School Band Boosters, AKRS Equipment Solutions, Seward Community Scholarship

Dawson Dlouhy—Southeast Community College-Milford, Electrical Construction; Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

Cash Duncan—Concordia University, Graphic Design; Concordia Athletic Scholarship, Concordia Academic Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

Sabit Duol—University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Finance; Volzke Funeral Home, Union Bank, Seward Community Scholarship

Maddox Else—Southeast Community College, Academic Transfer; SCC Herman/Matzke Scholarship, SCC Foundation Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

Alyshia Ernesti—Nebraska Wesleyan University, Nursing; NE Wesleyan President's Scholarship, Wake Charitable Foundation

Cevahn Ernesti—University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Ag Business; UNL Husker Power Scholarship, Seward FFA Scholarship, UNL College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources

Scholarship, Plum Creek Ag Enterprises, Seward Community Scholarship, Seward Youth Golf Association

Michael Ernesti—U.S. Marine Corps Post 9/11 GI Bill

Jayden Fernau—Concordia University, Criminal Justice; Concordia Softball Scholarship, Concordia Dean's Scholarship, Wake Charitable Foundation

Ian Fiala—Concordia University, Spanish Education; Concordia Regent's Scholarship, Concordia Music Scholarship, Concordia LCMS Church Work, Concordia Lutheran Heritage, Congregations for CU-Nebraska, Seward High School Band Boosters, Don E. Whittemore Teacher Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship, Nebraska Czechs of York, Seward Youth Rotarian of the Month, Seward Youth Rotarian of the Year, Pepsi

Christian Fields—University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Business Administration; UNL Husker Power Scholarship, Proteus Scholarship, Kiwanis, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Seward Community Scholarship, Seward Youth Rotarian of the Month, Junior Jays Baseball, Pepsi

Matthew Flyr—University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Marine Reserves, Fisheries and Wildlife; Seward FFA Scholarship, Post 911 GI Bill, Seward Optimist Club, Seward Community Scholarship

Aaron Ford—Wayne State College, Business; Wayne State College Career Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

Ethan Galusha—Southeast Community College Academic Transfer - Mechanical Engineering; Frank & Edith Wilsey Memorial Scholarship, SCC Foundation Scholars, University of Nebraska David Distinguished Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

Bethany Gebhardt—Concordia University, Elementary Education; Concordia President's Scholarship, Concordia Art Scholarship, LCMS Church Work Scholarship, Concordia Lutheran Heritage Award, Congregations for CU-Nebraska, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Bruce Kilzer Memorial Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Seward Community Scholarship, Seward Education Association, Pepsi

Claire Geidel—Concordia University-Wisconsin, Nursing; Concordia University Wisconsin Presidential Scholarship, Concordia University Wisconsin Grant, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship, Seward Softball Association

Damien Gligorevic—Wayne State College, Online Communications; Wayne State College Dean's Commitment Scholarship, Nebraska State Fair Scholarship, Seward High School Band Boosters,

Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Seward Community Scholarship

Ella Gray—University of Connecticut, Physiology and Neuroscience; Seward High School Band Boosters, Top Ten Award, Richard Wehrs Family Scholarship, Seward Youth Rotarian of the Month

Jakob Gray—University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Middle School Education; UNL Husker Power Scholar, UNL CEHS Freshman Scholarship, T.H. Wake Memorial Rotary Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship, Seward Education Association, Seward Youth and Community Club, VFW, Seward Youth Rotarian of the Month, Junior Jays Baseball

Ellie Greisen—University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Environmental Science; UNL Husker Power Scholarship, Dr. Van and Becky Vahle, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Seward County Conservation Corporation, Seward Community Scholarship, Seward Education Association, Seward Softball Association

Phoenix Haase—Workforce Megan Hague—Southeast Community College-Milford, Academic Transfer; Larry Meyer Scholarship, SCC Foundation Scholars, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

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Seward High seniors graduating magna cum laude include, from left: (first row) Collin Warren, Gracen Sommerer, Traetyn Schaefer, Joshua Jurchen, Sam Matthias and Ian Fiala; (second row) Ella Hubach, Michaela Broadwell, Miranda Brumley, Cevahn Ernesti, Ava King, Ellie Sagehorn and Jeana Snyder; and (third row) Emily Yelden, Mahri Vega-Nipp, Isabelle Wohlford, RaeLynn Sugden, Sam Schroeder and Jacob Mueller.

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Parker Hammond—University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Nutrition and Health Science, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Junior Jays Baseball

Alivia Hartmann—Kansas University, Nursing; Kansas University GPA Scholarship, Seward High School Band Boosters, Marlin and Margie Burkey, Roger Davis Fund, Seward Youth Rotarian of the Month, Pepsi

Andre Hemsath—Southeast Community College, Plumbing; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Desirae Hibbert—Iowa Western Community College, Nursing; Volzke Funeral Home, Seward Community Scholarship

Emily Hiser—Workforce

Nathan Hochstein—University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Bio-Chemistry; UNL Regents Scholarship, UNL N Fund Scholarship, Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 Most

Valuable Student Scholarship, Seward High School Band Boosters, Seward Optimist Club, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, American Legion Auxiliary, VFW, Bluejays Way Community Service, Seward Youth Rotarian of the Month, Junior Jays Baseball

Callie Homp—Grand Canyon University, Science and Engineering; GCU Computer Science/Information Technology/Engineering Award, GCU On-Campus Resident Award, GCU President Scholarship, GCU Thunder Fund Scholarship, Seward High School Band Boosters, Fast Mart, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Ella Hubach—Carroll College in Montana, Environmental Science; Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 Rob Armogost Scholarship, Dave Ellingson Environmental Studies & Social Justice Scholarship, Carroll College Bishop Carroll Scholar-

ship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Olivia Hughes—Kansas University, Aerospace Engineering /Atmospheric Science; KU Performance Scholarship, Top Ten Award, Class of 1961, Seward Community Scholarship

Aubrey Janousek—Grand Canyon University, Nursing; Grand Canyon University Dean Scholarship, Iowa Thoroughbred Breeders & Owners Association Scholarship, Top Ten Award, Roger Davis Fund

Declan Jensen—University of Wyoming, Music Education; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Hannah Johnson—Bryan College of Health Sciences, Cardiac and Vascular Sonography; Wake Charitable Foundation

Ian Johnson—Concordia University, Chemistry; Concordia Dean's Scholarship, Concordia Music Scholarship,

Lutheran Heritage Scholarship, Congregations for CU Nebraska, Seward Rotary Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship, Seward Youth Rotarian of the Month

Joshua Jurchen—Concordia University, Music Education; Concordia Regents Scholarship, Concordia Music Scholarship, LCMS Church Work Scholarship, Concordia Lutheran Heritage Scholarship, Seward High School Band Boosters, Mandy Churchill Memorial Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship

Taylor Kamprath—Workforce

Caden Karel—University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Undeclared; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Natalie Keller—Kansas University, Marketing; University of Kansas Excellence Scholarship, University of Kansas Business Leadership Program Scholar-

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Seward High seniors graduating summa cum laude include, from left: (first row) Isaac Spotanski, Nathan Nottingham, Ethan Galusha, Michael Peery, Nathan Hochstein and Justin Matulka; (second row) Ethan Wilkinson, Myka Smith, Natalie Keller, Ella Gray, Bethany Gebhardt, Jordyn Collins, Remi Christensen and Keegan Beisel; and (third row) Audrey Wang, Maddie Viger, Kate Shafer, Bryce Piskorski, Lauryn Parra, Callie Homp, Katie O’Kief, Andrew Marshall and Jordan Biggs.

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 ship, Raise Me Scholarship, Seward FFA Scholarship, Top Ten Award, Jack and Imo Grant Graff Community, Bluejay Way Community Service, Seward Youth

Rotarian of the Month, Pepsi Brynn Kimber—Nebraska Wesleyan University, Music Therapy; NE Wesleyan Nebraska Strong Scholarship, NE Wesleyan All Majors Scholarship, NE

Wesleyan All Access Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship
 Ava King—Concordia University, English/Spanish Education; Concordia Promise Scholarship, Concordia

Regent’s Scholarship, Seward Optimist Club, Seward Community Scholarship
 Rebecca Koch—University of Nebraska-Kearney, Business; Dean R. Rolfsmeier
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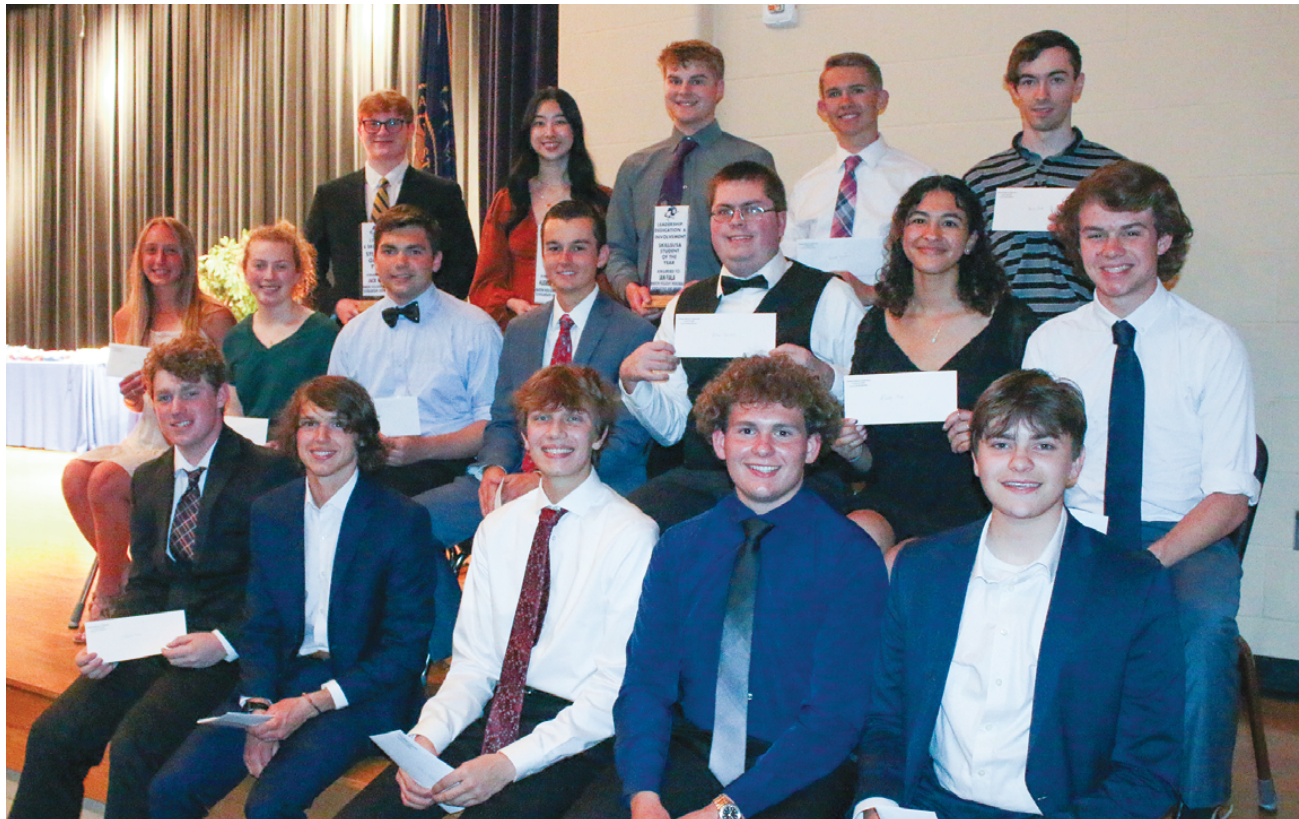
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LEFT: Industrial technology awards went to, from left: (first row) Jakob Gray, Michael Peery, Korbin Opfer, Justin Matulka and Andrew Marshall; (second row) Keegan Beisel, Michaela Broadwell, Collin Warren, Nathan Nottingham, Ethan Galusha, Mahri Vega-Nipp and Sam Matthias; and (third row) Jack Wall, Audrey Wang, Ian Fiala, Nothan Hochstein and Aaron Ford. Ian Fiala received the SkillsUSA Award. Audrey Wang was named the CTE Student of the Year, and Jack Wall received the Industrial Technology Award.



Logan Seilhan, right, received a scholarship from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, presented by Douglas Day, IAMAW District 6 business representative.



The Omaha World Herald Academic Program honored, from left, Audrey Wang, Keegan Beisel, Nathan Hochstein, Ethan Wilkinson and Nathan Nottingham.

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Key Club scholarships went to, from left: (seated) Owen Sackschwesky, Natalie Keller, Bethany Gebhardt, Jack Wall and Katelyn Cole; and (back row) presenter Dave Dobbertein, Kiwanis Foundation board treasurer, Kate Shafer, Claire Geidel and Alivia Hartmann.



Katelyn Cole, right, received the Order of Eastern Star scholarship, presented by Jill Stewart-Tews of the Blue River Chapter of Eastern Star.



From left, Collin Warren received the Roger Harpham Performing Arts Scholarship, Michaela Broadwell received the Caryl Schulz Performing Arts Scholarship, and Owen Anson received the Goehner Centennial Players Scholarship, all presented by Alex Dodson, back.



Raelynn Sugden and Nathan Pence received American Legion Auxiliary scholarships, presented by Stephanie Nantkes of the Auxiliary.

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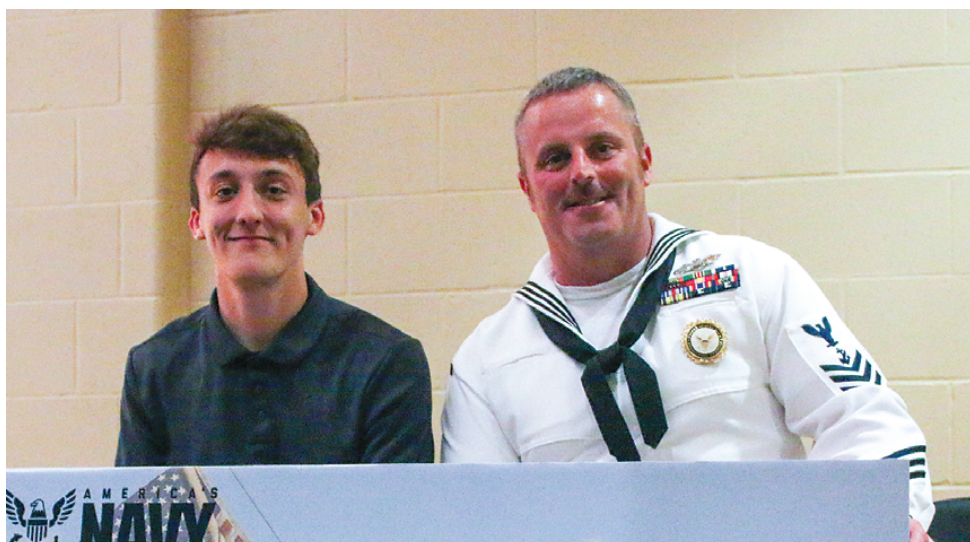
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Receiving awards from the United States Marine Corps are, from left, Joshua Jurchen, Semper Fidelis; Nathan Nottingham, scholastic excellence; Keegan Beisel, athlete; and Gavin Sukup, athlete. The awards were presented by Sgt. Preston Myers of the U.S. Marine Corps (back).



Ian Fiala received a scholarship from the Nebraska Czechs of York, represented by Joann Kuester, organization president.



Riken Koinzan, left, received a full-ride scholarship from the U.S. Navy, presented by First Class Petty Officer Jeremy Myers.



Gavin Sukup was named the Senior Key for the Seward High Class of 2022.



Remi Christensen, seated left, and Mahri Vega received scholarships from the P.E.O., represented by Monica Sommerfeld, standing left, and Melissa Luebbe.

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Seward High seniors receiving Pepsi scholarships are, from left: (seated) Audrey Wang, Natalie Keller, Alivia Hartmann, Bethany Gebhardt, Christian Fields, Ian Fiala and Keegan Beisel; and (standing) Jack Wall, Gavin Sukup and Bryce Piskorski.

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Ashton Koetter—McCook Community College, Welding; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Seward Youth Golf Association

Riken Koinzan—U.S. Navy ROTC - Security, Post 9/11 GI Bill

Owen Krahulik—Wayne State College, History Education; Wayne State College President's Commitment Scholarship, American Legion Oratorical Contest Local, Regional and State Scholarships, NE State Fair Scholarship, Top Ten Award, Seward Education Association Memorial, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, TeamMates

Drew Kratochvil—Wayne State

College, Dental Hygiene; Wayne State College RHOP - Dental Hygiene, Cross-makers Scholarship, Seward Softball Association Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Dalton Leibhart—Southeast Community College, Turfgrass Management / Horticulture, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Junior Jays Baseball

Leighton Limback—Concordia University, Elementary Education / Physical Education; Concordia Basketball Scholarship, Concordia Lutheran Heritage Scholarship, LCMS Church Work Scholarship, Concordia Academic Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Seward Education Association

Reid Marker—U.S. Air Force Crimi-

nal Justice - Police, Post 9/11 GI Bill

Andrew Marshall—University of Nebraska-Omaha, Computer Science; UNO Regents Scholarship, UNO JJ Thomas Scholarship, Top Ten Award, Dr. Van and Becky Vahle, Anonymous Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship

Samuel Matthias—Concordia University, Graphic Design; C, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Justin Matulka—Kansas University, Aerospace Engineering; KU Excellence Scholarship, KU Opportunity & Jayhawk Access Grant, The Cross of Life Inc., Seward Community Scholarship

Nicholas McCormick—Wichita State University, Computer Science Engineering; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Brooke Meyer—Southeast Community College, Dental Assisting; SCC Career Academy Scholars - Ostergard, SCC Foundation Scholars, Dinslage Business and Medical Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship

Alyssa Miller—Bryan College of Health Science, Medical Coding

Jacob Mueller—University of Nebraska-Kearney, History Education / coaching; UNK Loper Achievement Award, W. James and Wilma Kroon Memorial, Seward Community Scholarship

Kambryn Nelson—Wayne State College, Ag Journalism; Wayne State College Wildcat Excellence Scholarship, Farm Bureau Internship Scholarship,

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The Seward Rotary Club, represented by Dr. Matt Dominy, seated left, presented Youth Rotarian of the Month scholarships to, from left: (seated) Ian Johnson, Nathan Hochstein, Christian Fields, Jakob Gray, Nathan Hochstein and Ella Gray; and (standing) Ian Fiala, Natalie Keller, Alivia Hartmann and Sam Schroeder. Ian Fiala was named the Rotary Student of the Year.



Remi Christensen received the Todd Ricenbaw Memorial Scholarship, presented by Lisa Ricenbaw.



Keegan Beisel and Nathan Hochstein were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship program.



Raelynn Sugden, left, received a scholarship from Ridgewood Health, presented by Jeanne Schoen, Ridgewood director of nursing.

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Zander Nolan—Wayne State College, Business Finance; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Nathan Nottingham—Brigham Young University, Undeclared; Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, American Legion Post 33, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Seward Youth Rotarian of the Month

Jace Nuttleman—Southeast Community College, Academic Transfer - Wildlife and Fisheries; SCC Foundation Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Katie O’Kief—San Diego State University, Biology; Scholarships pending, Wake Charitable Foundation, Seward Community Scholarship

Maggie Odvody—University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Graphic Design; UNL NE Promise Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, VFW Auxiliary

Korbin Opfer—Valparaiso University in Indiana, Environmental Science; Elks Lodge 80 Agricultural Scholarship, Valparaiso Honors Scholarship, Lutheran Heritage Award, Valpo Fund Alumni Award, Seward High School Band Boosters, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Roger Davis Fund, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Seward Education Association

Alexis Pallat—Northeast Com-

munity College, Veterinary Technology; Maynard Jensen American Legion Memorial Scholarship, Lincoln Elks Lodge 80 Agricultural Scholarship, Seward High School Band Boosters, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Lauryn Parra—University of Iowa, Biology; University of Iowa Advantage Iowa Award, University of Iowa Need-Based Academic Award, University of Iowa National Scholars Award, University of Iowa Nebraska Access Award, Elmer and Bernice Spahr by the Jimmy Spahr family, Seward Community Scholarship

Michael Peery—University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Mechanical Engineering; UNL Peter Kiewit Scholarship, UNL David Distinguished Scholar, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Hughes Brothers Inc. UNL Scholarship, VFW Auxiliary

Nathaniel Pence—Southeast Community College, Nebraska Army National Guard, Diesel Technology - Truck; Montgomery GI Bill, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Beaver Crossing Sons of the American Legion

Joseph Persinger—Northeast Community College, Veterinary Technology; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Tristan Peterson—Workforce Bryce Piskorski—University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Finance; UNL Husker Traditions Scholar, NAFIA Scholarship, Seward Blood Drive Scholarship, Suhr and Lichty Insurance Agency, Seward Community Scholarship, Seward Education

Association, Seward Youth Golf Association, Urban Scholarship, Pepsi

Sarita Richards—Southeast Community College, Academic Transfer; SCC Foundation Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Michael Roberts—Workforce Gabriel Rodgers—Southeast Community College, Plumbing

Conner Rosendale—Apprenticeship Electrical; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Riley Runcie—Wayne State College, Graphic Design

Trevor Ruth—University of Nebraska-Kearney, Business; UNK Athletic Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Owen Sackschewsky—University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Business; Kiwanis, Seward Community Scholarship, Seward Youth and Community Club, Junior Jays Baseball, Lily Gonzalez Memorial

Ellissa Sagehorn—Arizona State University, Business; ASU All American Scholarship, Dinslage Business and Medical Scholarship, Erich and Joyce Helge, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Traetyn Schaefer—University of South Dakota, Business Administration; Coyote Commitment Distinction Scholarship, Harvey and Trish Johnson

Kaleb Schluckebier—Southeast Community College, Welding Samuel Schroeder—University of Nebraska-Kearney, Political Science; UNK KLOP Scholarship, UNK

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The Seward County 4-H Council presented the Carl and Ruth Gade Scholarship to Faith Winkelman, left, and the Ron and Sharon Gade Scholarship to Kambryn Nelson. Courtney Kossow was the presenter.



Nathan Hochstein and Natalie Keller received the Bluejay Way Scholarship.



Seward seniors receiving scholarships from the Seward Education Association are, from left: (seated) Jeana Snyder, Bryce Piskorski, Ellie Greisen, Bethany Gebhardt and Michaela Broadwell; and (standing) Leighton Limback, Jakob Gray and Korbin Opfer.




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Distinguished Scholar, UNK Honors Program Scholarship, UNK J. J. Thomas Scholarship, Clayton and Lisette Kent Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship, Seward Youth Rotarian of the Month

Logan Seilhan—South-east Community College, Building Construction Technology; Larry Meyer Scholarship, SCC Foundation Scholarship, Seward High School Band Boosters, Dr. Van and Becky Vahle, Onas C. and Beatrice Hughes, Seward Community Scholarship, IAMAW

Kate Shafer—University of Sioux Falls, Psychology; USF President's Academic Scholarship, USF Endowed Scholarship, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Top Ten Award, Gary Davisson Memorial, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

Karla Sierra Mendoza—University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Software Engineering; UNL Husker Power Scholarship, UNL NE Promise Scholarship, Edward Jones Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship

Christian Sigrist—Workforce

Kathryn Smith—South Dakota State University, Animal Science; South Dakota Promise Scholarship, SDSU Blue and Yellow Scholarship, Elmer & Berniece Spahr Scholarship, Briggs Cattle Company,

Roger Davis Fund Myka Smith—University of Nebraska-Kearney, Nursing; UNK KHOP, UNK JJ Thomas Scholarship, Seward FFA Scholarship, Top Ten Award, Memorial Health Care Systems, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Roger Davis Fund, Seward Education Association Memorial

Jeanna Snyder—Arizona State University, English; Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship, Seward Education Association

Gracen Sommerer—Southeast Community College, Academic Transfer - Technical Skills Instructor; SCC Foundation Scholars, SCC G. Alan Dunlap Memorial Scholarship, Brad and Sue Bowens, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

Isaac Spotanski—University of Nebraska-Omaha, Athletic Training; UNO Chancellor's Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship, Junior Jays Baseball

Quentin Stanek—Wayne State College, Accounting; Wayne State College Wildcat Promise Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

Eric Strole—Workforce Raelynn Sugden—Peru State College, Nursing; Peru State College RHOP, Peru State College Bowling Scholarship, 2022 Robert Milton Scholarship, Optimist Essay Scholarship, Seward High School Band Boosters, Sweasey

Community Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship, American Legion Auxiliary, Ridgewood Health, Beaver Crossing Sons of the American Legion

Alex Suggitt—Southeast Community College, Power Sports

Gavin Sukup—College of DuPage, Academic Transfer; College of DuPage Athletic Scholarship, Seward Optimist Club, Seward Community Scholarship, Pepsi

Wyatt Swanson—Concordia University, Music Education; Scholarships pending, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

Timothy Taylor—Northeast Community College, Human Services; Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship, TeamMates

Jackson Trost—Southeast Community College, Electrical; Hughes Brothers Inc. SCC Scholarship

Abigail Van Engelenhoven—Mission Trip; Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

Mahri Vega—University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Environmental Studies and Broadcasting; UNL Nebraska Achievement Scholarship, UNL Pepsi Scholar, UNL Husker Traditions Scholar, UNL Nebraska Emerging Leader Scholar, Nebraska Broadcaster Association Scholarship, Seward High School Band Boosters, Chapters Books and Gifts, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Give Back, Seward

Community Scholarship, P.E.O.

Madalyn Viger—South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Biomedical Engineering; Nebraska State Fair Scholarship, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Copper Scholarship, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Track Scholarship, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Midwest Exchange Scholarship, Elmer and Berniece Spahr by the Jimmy Spahr family, Seward Community Scholarship

Jack Wall—Wayne State College, Computer Science; Wayne State College Growing Together Scholarship, Dr. Van and Becky Vahle, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Seward Community Scholarship, Pepsi

Audrey Wang—Boston University, Pre-Med; Jake Duncan Leadership Scholarship, Seward High School Band Boosters, Top Ten Award, Richard M. Wehrs, Cattle Bank and Trust Co.

Collin Warren—Augustana University, Music Education & Multimedia Entrepreneurship; Augustana Presidential Scholarship, Augustana Music Scholarship, Augustana Honors Scholarship, Seward High School Band Boosters, Seward Education Association Memorial, Roger Davis Fund, Roger Harpham Performing Arts

Abigail Wignall—Uni-



Tanner Roth, a board member for TeamMates (back), presented scholarships to Seward High seniors Owen Krahulik, left, and Timothy Taylor.

versity of Nebraska-Lincoln, Art; Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

Ethan Wilkinson—Michigan State University, Nuclear Physics; Michigan State Honors Scholarship, MSU Non-Resident Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship, Noral D. Wait Estate

Faith Winkelmann—Kansas State University, Agronomy; Kansas State Midwest Student Exchange Scholarship, Kansas State Purple Pride Scholarship, Ruth and Carl Gade Memorial Scholarship, Elmer and Berniece Spahr Scholarship, Frontier Cooperative Scholarship, Central

Valley Ag Scholarship, Seward FFA Scholarship, Winfield United, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Roger Davis Fund

Isabelle Wohlford—Grand Canyon University, Biology; GCU President's Scholarship, Stelling Carpentry, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

Emily Yelden—University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Food Science / Culinology; UNL Freshman Food Science Challenge Scholarship, UNL David Distinguished Scholar, Seward High School Band Boosters, Top Ten Award, Frieda Dittman Memorial Rotary Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

Congratulations

to these Seward, Aquinas, Centennial, David City, East Butler, Malcolm & Milford High School seniors, recipients of scholarships from Cattle Bank & Trust:

Mahri Vega
Audrey Wang
Faith Winkelmann
Michaela Broadwell
Sarah Carvalho

Ella Hubach
Jack Wall
Nathan Hochstein
Myka Smith
Korbin Opfer

Ellie Griesen
Keegan Beisel
Remi Christensen
Bethany Gebhardt
Sam Matthias

Christian Fields
Damien Gligorevic
Isaac Spotanski
Owen Anson

We salute you and all area graduates, and wish you the very best. May your future be bright and your dreams fulfilled!

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Hartmann: Era ends but Bluejays aren't done

by Alivia Hartmann
Seward High School

Good afternoon. My name is Alivia Hartmann and as your student body president, I am honored to give the commencement speech to the class of 2022.

It is my pleasure to welcome students, families, and faculty to our graduation day at Seward High School.

Every one of you has made an impact on the graduates who sit here today. We have been counting down the days, the hours, and the final minutes leading up to this moment and now that it is here, it is bittersweet. Knowing that we are leaving teachers who we look up to and friends we admire. Everyone here has shaped all of our lives in some



Alivia Hartmann

way and has helped lead us to this moment.

As I was looking for things to write about for this speech, I remembered our chosen class motto and referred back to the show, *The Office*, for some research. After accidentally watching the last two seasons in

one night, I realized that Andy Bernard was actually pretty wise, considering he was seen as one of the less intelligent characters in the show.

In the final episode of the series, he didn't use any elaborate words or phrases, he just stated, and I quote, "I wish there was a way to know you're in the good old days before you've actually left them."

This quote related to the show because it was the end of an era, but it can relate to us today as well. We are at the end of an era, but that doesn't mean we are done. We still have more adventures, experiences, and memories to make. Even for anyone that isn't able to be here or is remembered from the past, this may be

our season finale for high school, but now, all of us, individually, can write our own spin-off, our own sequel, or whatever you want to call it. That will become the transition from "the good old days."

We're graduating today and soon we'll be going our separate ways. We may not all be

together like this again, but we all have made so many memories together. For example, every time one of us listens to the song, "Mr. Blue Skies," we may think of Apollo 5's first and last performance last week. We may think of how they have grown and left us all speechless after that "Man or

Muppet" duet.

I can still hear every member of the student section cheering as the drum line knocked the socks off of everyone at football games. We can all recall the feeling of the shaking in our feet from the bleachers after a touchdown was made.

Some of us may
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From left, Michael Peery, Maggie Odvody and Kambryn Nelson received scholarships from the VFW Auxiliary, presented by Auxiliary member Janice Peery.



Nathan Hochstein, seated left, and Jakob Gray received scholarships from the VFW, presented by Kary Engel, VFW vice commander, standing left, and Lucas Brown, VFW post member.



Owen Sackschewsky, left, and Jakob Gray received scholarships from the Seward Youth and Community Club, presented by Jill Hochstein, SYCC president.

Smith: Though driven, take time to remember

by Myka Smith
Seward High School



Myka Smith

Well, class of 2022, we made it, and boy what a ride it has been. It is my honor to be standing here before this incredible group of students.

Before I take you behind the scenes of one of the most interesting chapters of our story, I would like to take a moment to thank our teachers, administrators, coaches, counselors, and especially our parents.

Parents, you might be wondering where time has gone, but trust me, whether we want to admit it or not, we are,

Hartmann

(continued from page 14) remember when W was made into a human sundae, when Mr. Knott waxed his legs in front of the whole school or when Mrs. Johnson sang that “I Got You Babe” duet.

Going even further back in memories to middle school was when we all watched the solar eclipse and under very serious instruction not to take off our glasses to look at the eclipse “we all did.” And everyone remembers playing very competitive WWII dodgeball in Mr. Miller’s class. This is also where we got our bargaining and gambling skills through Miller bucks.

Jump back up to high school, can we appreciate the growth of our homecoming hallway decorations. From putting a ladder across our lockers to winning the decorating

too. I am so proud to be a part of the class of 2022. If I had to choose one word that describes our class, it would be “driven.” We are driven

contest our senior and final year. Speaking of dances, Owen Anson will be waiting for Logan Seilhan at the end of this ceremony to get payment for Logan breaking his glasses at prom.

In all these crazy memories and eventful wonders, we are all connected through our memories of “The good old days.”

We have grown together these last four years and are now prepared to go our separate ways. I know now, looking out at all of you, that I won’t measure my time here in years, semesters or 90 minute class periods, I will measure it in the wonderful friendships I’ve made and all of the great times shared together as a class.

Congratulations to my fellow classmates of 2022, we did it. :)

to do well academically, driven to get involved in extracurriculars, driven to get along, driven to make a difference, and my most favorite, driven to make writing our story fun.

Let’s go back in time to eighth grade when we all were anxiously waiting to tour what seemed to be the most confusing building in Seward County. That was the first time we were all together, just like this. I vividly remember sitting in the student seminar room and listening to upperclassmen tell me “it’s going to fly by” and “don’t take anything for granted, it goes so fast.” I thought to myself I’ve been in school for nine years and feel as if none of them have flown by, so how could it change so much now?

As many parents say, “the days go by slowly, but the years go fast.” I think we all are feeling a bit of the “how did this happen” feeling today. It really did fly by, but as it flew by we made the most of every moment: we were driven.

Take a minute; look to your left...now your right. Think of the conversations you’ve had with these people over

the last 12 years. Think of the amazing things that the people sitting around you have done.

This class is amazing and rather large. Seward High’s class of 2022 is one of the biggest classes to go through Seward, however, we didn’t let that hinder our ability to form close bonds with one another. The friendships created over the last four years will be friendships you remember forever. Whether it was a simple smile at someone you rarely talk to or hours upon hours of weekend hangouts with some of your best friends - you will remember these moments for a lifetime.

To add to the fast pace of high school, we only got three-fourth’s of our sophomore year in person. I remember sitting in Ms. Limback’s English class when I first heard about the “coronavirus.” Our class, honestly, took it as a joke; this will never get to us; we are fine.

Well, literally, the next week Seward schools were 100% online, and we had to adjust to the circumstances. Some of us hated it, while others, like myself, absolutely loved it. It opened the

opportunity to just get everything done for the entire week by 2 p.m. on Monday. I felt as if our summer was just extended. Many of us loved quarantine, but it just made everything go faster.

Junior year was a blur, ACT, Calculus, PLPs, the start of college planning, kind of covid kind of not; it was a weird year. Junior year was when I started to understand those upperclassmen who told our class that it was going to fly. Before I knew it, the class of 2021 was graduating and we were stepping up to the plate.

Senior year started and felt almost like a fresh start. So many new teachers, new administrators, and a change in attitude for all of us. I believe that in August of 2021, we began to realize we didn’t have much time left together at Seward High.

Take 3 seconds and think of your favorite memory from high school. That probably wasn’t enough time; I have so many memories it’s too hard to choose just one, however, I know my favorite year was definitely this one that we are about to

close. This year we have matured, grown closer, and overall set ourselves up for success in the future. I am confident in every single one of your abilities to write an incredible life story.

This is when writing this speech became difficult. How am I going to close a speech and leave my class with something impactful? I want to leave you with a sense of being and confidence for your future. I want you all to remember where home is: San Diego State to Boston University, we have students attending college all across the country. As you leave Seward High today, some may be anxious to start writing their next chapter, while others will be disappointed to close this one.

So finally, as former FFA president, I can’t help but close this as I would close a meeting: as we mingle with others, let us be diligent in labor, just in our doings, courteous to everyone, and above all honest and fair in the game of life. And in each of these things may we be driven to accomplish more.

Thank you!

Centennial seniors earn scholarships

Centennial High seniors received the following scholarships:

Jacob Barga—Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, TeamMates Mentoring Local Chapter, TeamMates Mentoring Central Office, St. Patrick’s Altar Society, Joyce Schriener Trust, Centennial Booster Club, The Seward Crossmakers, Vera Rolfsmeier Designated Funds, Crimson Academic Merit Scholarship, Hastings

Football, Nebraska Coaches Association Scholar/Athlete Award, Michele Northrop Memorial, Nebraska Community Blood Bank, Memorial Health Care Systems - Seward, Utica, Milford

Kia Brown—Utica Area Lion’s Club, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Thomas C. Miller, Volzke Funeral Home and Granite Memorials, Greckel Construction Company, Utica

Women’s Community Club, Seward County Conservation Corp., Utica FFA Alumni Scholarship, Seward County 4-H Foundation, Ralph Dobesh Memorial, Ron and Sharon Gade Memorial, Seward County 4-H Council, NCTA/Rawson Estate Scholarship

Carson Fehlfhafer—Goehner Centennial Players, Utica Area Lion’s Club, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer (continued on page 16)



The Scholastic Honor Student Gold Medal for Centennial's senior class went to, from left, Paige Peterson, Halle Kinnett, Noah Jensen, Johnathan Hoops, Lance Haberman, Reiden Fowler, Regan Fickel, Gracen Fehlhafer, Carson Fehlhafer, Kia Brown and Jake Borgen.

Centennial scholarships

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 Family Foundation Trust, First Bank of Utica, John McAndrew and Thomas Ihde Memorial Football Scholarship, Vera Rolfsmeier Designated Funds, Wake Charitable Foundation, Glen Wellmann, Utica Fire Auxiliary, Utica Fire and Rescue, John Ruggerio Scholarship, Centennial Wrestling Club Scholarship

Gracen Fehlhafer—Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Joyce Schriner Trust, Centennial Booster Club, Janet Schlete Scholarship, University of Nebraska at Kearney KHOP, UNK Regent's

Regan Fickel—Patricia J. Cradick Memorial, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Thomas C. Miller, American Legion Auxiliary - Beaver Crossing, Larry W. Paxson Memorial, Centennial Education Association, Wake Charitable Foundation, Yellow and Blue Scholarship South Dakota State University, SDSU Music Department Scholarship, NCBBS Scholarship, Nebraska State Fair Academic Scholarship

Reiden Fowler—John and Virginia Davis,

Beaver Crossing United Methodist Church, Beaver Crossing Volunteer Fire Dept., Centennial Booster Club, American Legion Post 178 - Beaver Crossing, Vera Rolfsmeier Designated Fund, Concordia University Regent's Scholarship, UNK Distinguished Scholar Scholarship

Lance Haberman—Eudece Jones Scholarship, Waco Volunteer Fire Dept., Cornerstone Bank, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Joyce Schriner Trust, Centennial Booster Club, Allen and Dorothy Farley, UNK KHOP, UNK Regent's, UNL Regent's, York Eagles Club 3990, Nebraska State Elks Association

Jayden Hartshorn—Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Utica Fire Auxiliary, Robert and LaRue Pollock, Utica Fire and Rescue

Halley Heidtbrink—York State Bank - Gresham Branch, Utica Alumni Association, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Hughes Brothers Inc., Cattle Bank and Trust, Memorial Health Care Systems - Seward, Utica, Milford Johnathan Hoops—

Jim Carlson Memorial, First Bank of Utica, Joyce Schriner Trust, Utica Commercial Club, Centennial Booster Club, In Memory of John Coon, Concordia University Regent's Scholarship, Concordia University Esports, Lutheran Heritage Award

Noah Jensen—Volzke Funeral Home and Granite Memorials, Larry W. Paxson Memorial, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Wayne State Dean's Excellence Award, Wayne State Music Achievement, Wayne State Special Housing Award

Andre Johnson—Beaver Crossing United Methodist Church
 Halle Kinnett—Patri-

cia J. Cradick Memorial - Alternate, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, In memory of Betty Davidson, Glen Wellman, Colt's Corral in memory of Daniel M. Sullivan, Centennial Booster Club, UNK Distinguished Scholar, J.J. Thomas Scholarship, Nebraska Community Blood Bank, Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship Award

Michael Nisly—Utica Area Lion's Club, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Joyce Schriner Trust, Centennial Booster Club

Xander Novak—Beaver Crossing United Methodist Church
 Samuel Payne—Utica

Area Lion's Club, Utica Alumni Association, St. Patrick's Altar Society, First Bank of Utica, Centennial Booster Club, Vera Rolfsmeier Designated Fund, Centennial Wrestling Club Scholarship

Paige Petersen—Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Farmer's Cooperative, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 49, Colt's Corral in memory of Daniel M. Sullivan, Belmont University Merit Scholarship

Carson Prochaska—Cattle Bank and Trust, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, First Bank of Utica, Centennial Booster Club
 Justin Rumery—Cattle Bank and Trust, Doane

University Football Scholarship, Doane University Academic Scholarship, Utica FFA Alumni Scholarship

Garett Schernikau—Jim Carlson Memorial, Lyle L. and Doris M. Davis, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Farmers and Merchants Bank - Beaver Crossing Branch, Beaver Crossing United Methodist Church, Lauritsche Petersen American Legion Post #359, Bennett Family Scholarship, Beaver Crossing Chamber of Commerce, Utica FFA Alumni Scholarship

Arron Smith—Beaver Crossing United Methodist Church

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Kinnett: Take time to reflect on experiences

by Halle Kinnett
Centennial High School

Good afternoon family, friends, relieved parents, and fellow graduates.

It is an honor to be speaking in front of you all today. I'm gonna be honest I put off writing this speech until like last week. Not because I'm afraid of crying in front of all of you, which will probably happen, and not because when I asked Lance last Wednesday if he had started his speech yet because we had to give them to Mr. Borgen on Friday of that week and his response was "These are due on Friday?"

I put it off because it didn't feel real. It still doesn't feel real even as I'm standing here in my cap and gown getting ready to receive my diploma. The day we all worked so hard for is finally here and while I am excited to be graduating I have never liked saying goodbye.

When we were young we put the idea of high school on a pedestal. We had all of these expectations and believed our lives would be complete once we reached high school. These expectations were set in place by movies like High School Musical. Well let me tell you these past four years have



Halle Kinnett

been nothing like High School Musical. High school is full of drama, bad homework assignments, early mornings, and late nights, but it is

also a place to make lifelong friendships, lasting memories, and gain plenty of knowledge.

Four years ago we started the journey of high school as individuals hoping to find our identity, to find our best friend. We thought about how amazing it was to finally be in high school. Four years ago we formed the bonds that are going to stay with us forever, we participated in our first lip-sync, and attended our first homecoming dance. Four years ago, we couldn't wait to get older.

Three years ago we walked into high school thinking we were so

cool because we weren't the awkward freshman anymore. All we cared about was fitting in and trying to achieve something. This was a year full of many classes on zoom and more family time than we could handle. We got our licenses, expanded our circle of friends, and worried about what we were going to do on the weekends. Three years ago we couldn't wait to get older.

Two years ago we were finally known as upperclassmen. We started to realize we were growing up. Two years ago we learned who our true friends were and spent as much

time with them as we could. We finally found where we fit in. Two years ago we started thinking about college, believing it was still so far away. We attended our junior prom, traveled to all of the football and basketball games to support each other. We began to realize how fast time goes by and yet two years ago we still couldn't wait to get older.

Almost a year ago we entered the school as seniors. Many of us had senioritis before the year even began. We finally got to park in the senior row in the parking lot. Everything was and spent as much
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Members of the Centennial National Honor Society chapter are Jake Borgen, Carson Fehlhafer, Gracen Fehlhafer, Lance Haberman, Johnathan Hoops, Noah Jensen, Halle Kinnett, Paige Petersen, Madison Brandenburgh, Rachel Garcia, Krislyn Green, Jayde Gumaer, Clinton Turnbull, Ava Fischer, Cora Hoffschneider, Savannah Horne, Kate Luebbe, Karley Naber, Cora Payne, Keelie Bronson, Alex Galavez, Samara Ruether, Cambria Saunders, Elizabeth Tempel, Jacob Warm and Regan Fickel.

Haberman: A look back with a look forward

by Lance Haberman
Centennial High School

Before I begin, I would personally like to thank my classmates for giving me the opportunity to speak to all of you today. On behalf of the senior class of 2022, I would like to thank all of the students, teachers, parents, and staff who have made these past four years everything that they were. Without your guidance and support, none of us would have made it here today.

Class of 2022... We did it. We have finally made it to the day where we get to call ourselves a proud Centennial graduate. Thirteen years ago, many of us walked into this building of Centennial High School not knowing how fast time was about to fly right on by. We have always been talking about this special day, graduation day, since day one. But before we walk across the stage behind me, I would first like to recall all of the amazing memories we made and also some of the things together we have learned.

I would like to start by taking us all the way back to 2018 ... freshman year. The era of Fortnite dances and don't let me forget about those fidget spinners everyone had. A lot of us were filled with many different emotions on our very first day of high school. Some of us were excited, and I can guarantee you that we were all nervous for what the future had in store for us.

Personally for me,

I was nervous about going to football practices weighing in at a solid 135 pounds drenched in sweat. As Coach K would say, I was pretty much tossed around and put on my back nearly every play on scout team. Freshman year gave us the opportunity to see what high school was really made of. We got to go to our first Homecoming dance, play in our first high school sport, and even got to know one another better as time went on.

Moving right along, we came to be sophomores. With a year of knowledge under our belt, I would say that we all had a good understanding of high school and some of us were beginning to try new things.

Whether it be getting involved in one act or another school activity, this was the year where all of us had the opportunity to find out who we truly were as a person, more importantly as a class. Everything seemed to be going just fine, and then the pandemic hit. We had to experience high school in a completely different and new way. Instead of seeing everyone in person, we got to see each other in very awkward zoom classes. I don't want to spend a lot of time talking about the pandemic, but I personally believe that the pandemic brought us closer together, and as a class we came back stronger than ever.

Junior year was the year of the unexpected. Many of us were wondering what the

school year would be like, especially wearing masks all day every day in school. Our sports seasons were not the same, and not every game was guaranteed to happen. Many of us got to experience our first prom junior year, and if you don't remember I think we can all agree that Reiden Fowler's Heartbreak Anniversary dance was a once in a lifetime experience. Junior year taught us to be resilient as a class, and life was finally getting back to normal.

In the blink of an eye, senior year was upon us. We all had one more year together in the halls of Centennial, and it was time to make the best of it. 2022

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thing we did was our last. Our last homecoming pep rally and dance, our last season in sports we've dedicated so much time to, our last concerts and musical that we spent hours perfecting.

One year ago we took our time together for granted, we rebelled, and we learned. We started applying to colleges near and far. We got accepted; we got rejected, but in the end we found exactly where we wanted to go.

Now we realize that we could have waited to get older. Time has somehow slipped away and soon we will be saying good-bye to our friends, our family, and our homes. As we are all sitting here today it could be the last time we will all be together, recognized as the class of 2022.

Now, we are getting excited about starting over, getting sad about what we will leave behind, and anxious to move on. Now is the time we realize just how important our friends are, and how much fun we really did have in these four years. Now is the time



Lance Haberman

was definitely a year to remember for all of us, especially since life was finally beginning to return back to normal. Senior year was probably the fastest and craziest year of our entire life, and many more memo-

ries were made as well.

However, this is also the year where we have to say goodbye to so many of the things we loved. For many of us guys, we played our last down of football as a Centennial Bronco. Football gave us the opportunity to be surrounded by coaches and teammates, but more importantly a family and brotherhood that will last a lifetime.

Some of us performed in our last musical and one act. Saying our final goodbyes this past week hasn't been easy for any of us, and I know that this could potentially be the last time we are all in this school together. These next few days will turn into months,

and months will definitely turn into years.

But I want everyone in the class of 2022 to know that not a day will go by without remembering some of the best memories and moments we have shared together throughout our high school years.

I want to finish this speech by giving some meaningful advice for the years to come. Before I began typing this speech up, I honestly had no idea where to begin, so just as any other high school student today would do, I procrastinated and decided to get on TikTok. After scrolling for a couple of minutes, one specific TikTok actually
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we wish we could be younger, we wish we could go back and really appreciate every moment, and slow down time.

Now we have to say good-bye.

These four years have brought change. Friendships held us strong when things were shaky, during the good times and the bad, in laughter and tears, through boyfriends and girlfriends, bad grades, family problems, and love.

Our friends have shown us that life is worth enjoying. So go ahead and take too many pictures, and laugh way too much because senior year is truly unlike any other.

Here are a few things that you should remember. It won't hit you when you wake up for your last first day of school. It won't hit you when you cheer at your last homecoming game and attend your last football game. It won't hit you as you go to your last homecoming dance. It won't hit you as you fill out the countless college applications. It won't hit you when you cheer at your

last senior night and cry with your teammates that have supported you all the way through. When April comes around and you realize it's your last prom, but you don't really feel it while you're having the time of your life. You begin to realize it at graduation when you look around and realize that you may never see some of these people ever again.

From this day forward, let us make each decision with our best interests in mind. Let us believe in ourselves so that we may reach our goals and fulfill our dreams. Let us be the best that we can be so that we may fill our lives and the lives of those closest to us with happiness and with pride.

We've already taken the first step by making it to this ceremony today – now, it's time to take the next steps in the journey that is our lives and begin to build our futures. As Winnie the Pooh once said: "How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

Milford seniors receive college money

The Milford High Class of 2022 announced college plans and scholarships received.

Caitlyn Adams—Concordia University, Undeclared; Milford Schools Foundation: Clara Moorefield/Milford Auxiliary Unit 171; Rick and Patty Jane Roth. Concordia University: Academic Scholarship, Athletic Scholarship, Lutheran Heritage Scholarship. UNL: Husker Traditions Scholarship, Husker Power Scholarship. Wayne State College: Academic Scholarship. UNK: Academic Scholarship. Beaver Crossing Sons of the American Legion

Griffin Anderson—Wayne State College, Business; Milford Schools Foundation: The Seward Cross Makers; Mervin Stauffer. UNL: Husker Power Scholarship.

Maddox Baack—University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Accounting; Milford Schools Foundation: Aaron and Liz Crabtree; Harold H. and Patricia M. Wergin Endowed Scholarship. UNL: David Distinguished Scholarship. UNK: Regents Scholarship.

Juan Barreto Jr.—Southeast Community College - Lincoln, Computer Programming; Milford Schools Foundation: Carol Wurst Friedli Stauffer Endowed Scholarship; Earl Fosler. SCC: Learn to Dream Schol-

arship.

Sophia Birch—University of Nebraska - Omaha, Computer Science; Milford Schools Foundation: General Endowed Scholarship; Kiwanis Club of Milford. UNO: Regents Scholarship, Walter Scott Jr. Scholarship.

Douglas Boettner—Southeast Community College - Lincoln, Business of Applied Science; Milford Schools Foundation: Pleasant Dale Men's Club Endowed Scholarship; Wake Charitable Foundation. SCC: Learn to Dream Scholarship.

Celia Bontrager—Hesston College, Business Administration; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers and Merchants Bank; Maury Family Endowed Scholarship. Hesston College: Presidents Scholarship, Volleyball Scholarship, Church Match Scholarship, Alumni Scholarship. UNO: Chancellor's Scholarship. UNK: Distinguished Scholar. UNL: Husker Traditions Scholarship, Nebraska Emerging Leader Scholarship. Nebraska Wesleyan University: Youth Salute Scholarship.

Kelly Bousquet—Northeast Community College, Veterinary Tech; Milford Schools Foundation: Milford Chiropactic; Janet Rowland Endowed Scholarship.

Ethan Buchli—Nebraska Army National Guard, 11 Charlie Airborne Infantry; Montgomery G.I. Bill, signing bonus. Milford Fire Department Firefighter's Scholarship.

Landon Carraher—United States Navy, Navy Seal candidate, military benefits

Jack Chapman—University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Animal Science; Milford Schools Foundation: Daws, Inc.; Trevyn Roth Endowed Scholarship. UNL: Husker Power Scholarship. Denton Dollars for Scholars.

Savannah Clark—University of South Dakota, Health Sciences: Pre-Physician Assistant; Milford Schools Foundation: Charlene R. (Stauffer) Gutierrez; TJ and Tiff Reynolds.

Rebecca Cook—Workforce

Madison Cosaert—University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Business Administration; Milford Schools Foundation: Alumni Classes 1970-1974; Brandon and Shelly Mowinkel. UNL: Husker Power Scholarship, JJ Thomas Scholarship. UNK: Loper Achievement Scholarship. Dodie Acklie Nakajima Memorial Scholarship.

Bethany Crane—University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Criminology; Milford Schools Foundation: Christine Truhe; Larry and Donna Heyen. UNL: Husker Power Scholarship.

Madaux DeLong—University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Secondary Education - Mathematics; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers and Merchants Bank; Kevin and Becky Wingard. UNL: Husker Traditions Scholarship. D.J.'s Hero Awards Scholarship. Doane University: Perry Scholarship. UNK: Regents Scholarship. McAleer/Pierce Memorial Scholarship, Lincoln Elks Lodge 80: Vi Berst/Sam Carter Scholarship, Sowers High School Senior Scholarship, Milford Fire Department Firefight-

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(continued from page 18) years where we hit a brick wall, and life is definitely not going to be the same as it has been for the past 13 years. Some days are going to be easy, and some days are going to be tough. Before you know it, some of us are going to be starting families and having children of our own.

It just so happened to be about the new documentary movie on Netflix called 7 yards. For those of you who have never heard about this movie, it tells the resilient story of Chris Norton. At only 18 years old, like many of us here today, Chris suffered a career ending spinal cord injury during a college football game. Doctors gave him just a 3 percent chance to ever move again, let alone walk. But he defied that diagnosis.

After years of physical therapy and training, Chris' story went viral in 2015 when he successfully walked across the college graduation stage with the help of his fiancée.

For some of us today, we don't know what the future holds in store for us. There are going to be some points in our lives in the upcoming

If there is one thing I want the class of 2022 to take away from this speech, it would be this quote from Chris Norton: "There are so many things in life to appreciate. Focus on what you can do and where you can influence and make a change. Don't worry about what can't be controlled."

So I challenge you all today to continue being yourself, reach for your dreams in life, and exceed your expectations. Congratulations on this major milestone accomplishment and until we meet again, class of 2022, as a wise man once said, stay classy.

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Milford scholarships

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Hannah Fougeron—Washington State University, Accounting; Milford Schools Foundation: Cattle Bank and Trust; Kiwanis Club of Milford. Washington State University: Distinguished Cougar Award, Experience WSU Scholarship. Milford Fire Department Firefighter's Scholarship.

Casey Fryc—Western Welding Academy, Welding

Micah Hartwig—University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Business Administration; Milford Schools Foundation: Heyen Tax and Accounting, Inc.; TJ Meyer Endowed Scholarship. UNL: Husker Power Scholarship.

Colton Hauder—University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Agribusiness; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers and Merchants Bank; Dave Fiala. UNL: CASNR Scholarship.

Marisa Havens—Metro Community College, Fashion Design; Milford Schools Foundation: Heather Kadavy; Roger A. Stauffer. Metro Community College: Teammates Scholarship. Timpte Scholarship.

Logan Hershberger—Southeast Community College - Lincoln, Culinary and Hospitality; Milford Schools Foundation: Anonymous; Farmers and Merchants Bank. SCC: Foundation Scholars Award. Culinary Institute of America: Certificate of Merit. Camp Cornhusker Staff Scholarship.

Ella Hostetler—Wayne State College, Business Administration; Marketing and Management; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers and Merchants Bank; Kiwanis Club of Milford. Wayne State College: Northeast Nebraska Growing Together Cooperative Education Scholarship. Nebraska Wesleyan University: Presidents Scholarship, Campus Visit Scholarship, Experience NWYou Scholarship. UNL:

Husker Power Scholarship. Farmers Cooperative Scholarship.

Cassidy June—University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Business Law; Milford Schools Foundation: Aaron and Liz Crabtree; Harold H. and Patricia M. Wergin Endowed Scholarship. UNL: David Distinguished Scholar, We Are Nebraska Commitment Scholarship. UNO: Regents Scholarship. Creighton University: Founder's Award, Christine M. Hixon Social Responsibility Scholarship.

Joseph Kenning—Northeast Community College, Architectural Design and Drafting, Construction; Milford Schools Foundation: General Endowed Scholarship; Stacy Hartgerink.

Anna Klopfenstein—Southeast Community College - Milford/Concordia University, Special Education K-12; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers and Merchants Bank;

Mary "Louise" Radney/Milford American Auxiliary Scholarship; Harner Goddard Family Charitable Fund. SCC: Wallace and Kathleen Hare Career Academy Scholars Award, Educational Foundation Scholars Award. Concordia University: Regents Scholarship, Academic Scholarship, Concordia Promises Scholarship, Lutheran Heritage Award. Nebraska Wesleyan University: Presidents Scholarship, Lead The Way Scholarship, NWU Legacy Scholarship, Campus Visit Scholarship. Peru State University: Chancellors Success Award. Seward County 4-H: Council Scholarship, Foundation Scholarship, Carl and Ruth Gade Scholarship. Lincoln Elks Lodge 80: Georgia Kalmbrunn Scholarship.

Harrison Kranz—Southeast Community College - Milford, HVAC; Milford Schools Foundation: Hughes Brothers, Inc.; Waste Connections US, Inc.

Elle Kratochvil—South-



Webermeier Scholarship recipients at Milford are, from left, Sydney Stelling, Cassidy June and Madaux DeLong.

east Community College - Lincoln, Physical Therapy Assistant; Milford Schools Foundation: Cattle Bank and Trust; Pleasant Dale PTO Endowed Scholarship. SCC: Foundation Scholars Award.

Dylan Kroese—University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Business; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers and Merchants Bank; Jeff and Melissa Luebbe. UNL: Husker Power Scholarship.

Carter Kuklis—Central Community College - Hastings, Heavy Equipment Operator Program; Milford Schools Foundation: American Legion Post 171; Dr. Michael A. Boden, Lt. Colonel Retired Endowed Scholarship. SCC: Foundation Scholars Award. AGC Nebraska Chapter Scholarship.

Erin Landkamer—Doane University, Secondary Education - History; Milford Schools Foundation: Dorothy Bender Endowed Scholarship; Robert and Nora Ficke. Doane University: Legacy Scholarship, Board of Trustees Scholarship, Performing Arts Scholarship. Nebraska Wesleyan University: Nebraska Strong Scholarship, Campus Visit Scholarship, Experience NWYou Scholarship.

Landon Lautzenhiser—Wayne State College, Social Science Education; Milford Schools Foundation: Joyce Caleca Endowed Scholarship; Larry and Donna Heyen. Dorchester Education Association Teacher Scholarship, Cooperating Schools Scholarship, Tabor Lodge 74 Scholarship.

Morgan McCullough—Bryan College of Health Sciences, Nursing; Milford Schools Foundation: Memorial Health Care Systems; Janet Rowland Endowed Scholarship. Bryan College of Health Sciences: Carl J. Ander Memorial Scholarship. Concordia University: Dean's Scholarship. Beth-El Church Scholarship,

Karen K. Duncan Scholarship.

Dylan McDonald—Wayne State College, Physical Education; Milford Schools Foundation: Dale Hall Endowed Scholarship; Dave Fiala. Wayne State College: Wildcat Excellence Scholarship.

Jamison Miller—Southeast Community College - Milford, CRAVE

Jake Patton—Western Welding Academy, Welding; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers and Merchants Bank; Stelling Carpentry, LLC.

Ashlyn Peterson—Northeast Community College, Criminal Justice; Milford Schools Foundation: Kiwanis Club of Milford; Shirley Heckman

Memorial Scholarship Fund. NECC: Gilbert Huefle Scholarship, Charles Wehrer Memorial Scholarship.

Sophia Pierce—University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Animal Science; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers and Merchants Bank; Trevyn Roth Endowed Scholarship. UNL: Husker Power Scholarship. Northland College: Northland Merit Scholarship.

Skylar Price—Workforce

Elliott Reitz—United States Army, Cavalry Scout, United States Army: Montgomery GI Bill.

Isaiah Ross—University of Nebraska - Lincoln, CMIT/Information Technology; UNL: Nebraska Promise.

Carter Roth—Wayne State College, Secondary Business Education; Milford Schools Foundation: Christine Truhe; Tony and Jodi Roth. Wayne State College: Career Scholarship. Concordia University: Dean's Scholarship, Athletic Scholarship. UNL: Husker Traditions Scholarship. UNK: Loper Achievement Scholarship.

Matthew Roth—University of South Dakota, Business Marketing; Milford Schools Foundation: Dale Hall Endowed Scholarship; Kevin and Becky Wingard. University of South Dakota: Coyote Commitment Scholarship. (continued on page 21)

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Wayne State College: Niehardt Scholarship. UNL: Husker Power Scholarship.

Trace Rowland—Wayne State College, 7-12 Social Science Education; Milford Schools Foundation: American Legion Post 171; In Memory of Lois Williams (Beth Green).

Avery Saltzman—Northeast Community College, Graphic Design; Milford Schools Foundation: William Saltzman; The Seward Cross Makers. UNL: Husker Power Scholarship. Karen K Duncan Scholarship.

Christopher Scodris—South-east Community College - Lincoln, Precision Machining and Tool; Milford Schools Foundation: Hughes Brothers, Inc.;

Carol Wurst Friedli Stauffer Endowed Scholarship.

Ashlyn Schildt—University of Nebraska - Omaha, Secondary Education - Mathematics; Milford Schools Foundation: Joyce Caleca Endowed Scholarship; Vic and Jeri Weber. UNL: Husker Power Scholarship.

Cabe Schluckebier—South-east Community College - Milford, Electrical Technology; Milford Schools Foundation: AKRS Equipment; TJ Meyer Endowed Scholarship. SCC: Herman/Matzke Scholarship Fund, Foundation Scholars Award.

Rachel Shively—Wayne State College, Family and Consumer Sciences/ Nutritionist; Milford Schools Foundation: Justin

and Tammy Salyer; Linda and Larry Zimbelmann. Peru State College: Athletic Scholarship. G.I. Bill.

Ayden Shook—University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Mechanical Engineering; Milford Schools Foundation: Aaron and Liz Crabtree; Farmers and Merchants Bank; Harner Goddard Family Charitable Fund. UNL: Husker Traditions Scholarship, College of Engineering Scholarship.

Savannah Spahr—Nebraska Wesleyan University, Biology, Business Minor; Milford Schools Foundation: Aaron and Liz Crabtree; Farmers and Merchants Bank. Nebraska Wesleyan University: Board of Governors Scholarship, Huge NWU

Recognition Scholarship, Lead The Way Scholarship, Campus Visit Scholarship, Natural and Health Science Event Scholarship, N.W.U. Legacy Scholarship, Youth Salute Scholarship. Nebraska Community Blood Bank Scholarship.

Carter Springer—Undecided, Welding or Electromechanical; Milford Schools Foundation: Margaret (Peg) DeWitt French; Brandon and Shelly Mowinkel. SCC: Foundation Scholars Award. Central Community College: Joshua Michael Hedlund Memorial Scholarship.

Sydney Stelling—Northeast Community College, Nursing; Milford Schools Foundation: Susan K. Burkey; Robert L. Wergin, M.D. Northeast

Community College: Athletic Scholarship. Lincoln Elks Lodge 80: Glen Tyrrel Memorial Scholarship. UNL: Husker Power Scholarship.

Seth Stutzman—University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Business Marketing; Milford Schools Foundation: 1969 Milford Football State Championship Team Endowed Fund; Jon A. Thomas. UNL: Nebraska Achievement Scholarship. Doane University: Presidential Scholarship, Basketball Athletic Scholarship. Lincoln Elks Lodge 80: Past Grand Exalted Ruler George B. Klein Memorial Scholarship, Nebraska Equipment Scholarship, Milford Fire Department Firefighter's Scholarship.

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Calli Thornton—University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Secondary Education - Social Studies; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers and Merchants Bank; In Memory of Lois Williams (Beth Green). UNL: Husker Power Scholarship. Averyl Elaine Keriakedes Memorial Scholarship.

Cole Toovey—University of Sioux Falls, Criminal Justice, Psychology; Milford Schools Foundation: Alumni Classes 1970-1974; Larry and Donna Heyen. University of Sioux Falls: Presidential Scholarship.

Gage Troyer—Southeast Community College - Milford, Electrical Technology; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers Cooperative; Roth Aerial Spraying. SCC: Foundation Scholars Award, Larry Shaw Memorial Scholarship.

Thomas Vance—Northwestern College - Orange City, Iowa, Secondary Education - Math and Spanish; Milford Schools Foundation: Pleasant Dale Men's Club Endowed Scholarship; Roth Aerial Spraying. Northwestern College: Wrestling Scholarship, Academic

Achievement Scholarship, Moritz Nebraska Scholarship. Nebraska Wesleyan University: Black and Gold Scholarship, Lead The Way Scholarship, Natural and Health Science Event Scholarship, Campus Visit Scholarship. UNL: Husker Power Scholarship.

Eli Vondra—University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Health Sciences: Pre-Physical Therapy; Milford Schools Foundation: Memorial Health Care Systems; Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home. UNL: Husker Power Scholarship. UNK: Loper Achievement Scholarship.

Desarey Walker—South Dakota State University, Natural Resource Law Enforcement; Milford Schools Foundation: Clara Moorefield/Milford Auxiliary Unit 171; Wake Charitable Foundation. South Dakota State University: Yellow and Blue Scholarship, CAFES Dean Excellence Scholarship.

Marissa Walker—Southeast Community College - Lincoln/Peru State College, Elementary Education; Milford Schools Foundation: Dorothy Bender Endowed Scholarship; Seward Co. Conservation. Peru State



Milford High graduates joining the military are, from left, Landon Carraher, Navy; Ben Wanetka, National Guard; Ethan Buchli, National Guard; and Elliott Reitz, Army.

University: Presidential Success Award. Sarah Squire Finley Scholarship.

Benjamin Wanetka—Nebraska Army National Guard / University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Indirect Fire Infantryman/Animal Science; Milford Schools Foundation: American Legion Post 171; Dr. Michael A. Boden, Lt. Colonel Retired Endowed Scholarship. UNL: Husker Power Scholarship. Montgomery G.I. Bill.

Garret Watenpaugh—

Nebraska Wesleyan University, Data Analytics; Milford Schools Foundation: Valorie Haalsey; Pleasant Dale PTO Endowed Scholarship.

Nebraska Wesleyan University: NWU Scholarship, Honorary Nebraska Stong Scholarship, Honorary Campus Visit Scholarship. Jaxon Weyand—Concordia University, Undeclared; Milford Schools Foundation: Barbara Hunsberger; 1969 Milford Football State Champion-

ship Team Endowed Fund. Concordia University: Regent's Scholarship, Men's Basketball Athletic Scholarship, Lutheran Heritage Award.

Ethan Wittstruck—Southeast Community College - Milford, Electrical Technology; Milford Schools Foundation: Maury Family Endowed Scholarship; Stelling Carpentry, LLC. SCC: Foundation Scholars Award. UNL: Husker Traditions Scholarship.

Logan Wolf—University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Business Administration; Milford Schools Foundation: Elizabeth Swedlund Wood; Heyen Tax and Accounting, Inc. UNL: Husker Power Scholarship.

Ashlynn Zegers—Southeast Community College - Lincoln, Dental Assistant; Milford Schools Foundation: Shirley Heckman Memorial Scholarship Fund; Jeanne Tickle. SCC: Foundation Scholars Award.

*Congratulations to all the graduates –
best wishes from the SCI staff*

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Birch: Relationships change for good

by Sophia Birch
Milford High valedictorian

In the Broadway hit show *Wicked*, Elphaba once said that people came into our lives for a reason, and that each person brought lessons that we needed to learn in order to grow into the best versions of ourselves.

I started high school full of fire – I was going to win every medal, be the president of every club, get the lead in musical every year, and nothing – and no one – was going to get in my way. I even had someone tell me that I often put my goals ahead of my friendships.

Then, the pandemic hit. And as I found myself sitting alone in my basement doing homework, I realized that I didn't miss the medals, or the meetings, or the leadership titles. I missed having the chance to connect with people. When we came back from our extended spring break, I started trying to connect with others more, because it took being alone to realize how important that



Sophia Birch

was. This led me to the theme of today's speech – Connection matters. It seems to me that everyone does come into our lives for a reason, and because we know them, our lives change for good.

When it comes to high school, no one connected with or taught us more than our teachers. Think back to American History and Mrs. Kontor's very, very strict late work policy. Although we stressed over homework and cried over essays, her emphasis on doing things on time gave us the grit necessary to

put our heads down and get back to work after COVID, leading our cross country team to several championships. Or Mr. Goddard, who published a "Heart to Heart" video on YouTube every week we were in online school. This bit of encouragement was exactly what we needed amidst the chaos and craziness of the pandemic.

And of course, Mrs. Kenney, who has sent us thousands of job opportunities and scholarship emails to help us explore our future. I'd also like to extend a personal thank you to Mrs. Potthoff, who inspired me to chase my dreams and become the person I am today. On behalf of the class of '22, I'd like to thank every teacher that has touched our lives and helped us on our way. The effort you've put into connecting with us has not gone unnoticed.

I'd also like to thank our parents, guardians, and extended families for their role in our high school careers. From driving us to our

club events and sports games, giving us advice, and supporting us even when we were, well, being teenagers, you've done so much for us. We love you. Thank you for helping us make our high school years into something we can be proud of.

And finally, I'd like to thank you, Class of '22. It's been quite a journey from the elementary playground to the graduation stage, and there's no other group of people I'd rather have taken it with. Although it's been a winding – and sometimes bumpy – road, we made it, despite everything, to be standing here today.

But of course, today is about the beginning of the rest of our lives – commencing our futures after high school, and saying a final farewell to our childhoods.

As we turn the page to the next chapters of our stories, it's important that we remember the little moments together that made high school special.

Throughout our time at Milford, the class of

2022 has always made a special effort to reach out to others. One of my favorite memories is from Junior Prom, when half the class stood in a circle and danced together. Carter Roth, you were the *best* hype man.

Another favorite was freshman year musical. According to the people I've talked to, that year was the greatest cast ever. Performing *Newsies* was just a bonus.

We've also come together to create a legacy of accomplishment – this year, our class set the bar high. We've broken several sports records, gone to state in football, cross country, and wrestling, sent ProStart, archery, and FCCLA to nationals, and gone to State Quiz Bowl for the first time in school history.

We also have had quite a bit of academic success, with students planning for their futures in the military, college, or workforce. None of this would have been possible without our support for each other. The communi-

ty aspect of school at Milford is what makes us different, because together, we are stronger than the sum of our parts.

We must take this emphasis on connection into the next stages of our lives. This year, our class decided that our motto would be "Decide what to be, and go be it." It's a line from a song by the Avett Brothers titled "Head Full of Doubt, Road Full of Promise." I think that this reflects the journey that our class is on as we step into the future – while we may be unsure of the road ahead, it's full of promise and good things to come. As long as we remember our community and influence the lives of others in a positive way, we will keep walking down our road full of promise.

Well, class of 2022? We made it. I'd like to wish everyone good luck as we turn our tassels and take this next step into the rest of our lives. Because I knew all of you, I have been changed, for good.

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Spahr: Drive puts story back on track

by Savannah Spahr
Milford High valedictorian

As a student of Milford Public Schools, I have repeatedly witnessed our school motto: “Everyone has a story...make yours worth telling.”

It wasn't until recently that I truly embraced this motto in my own life. For many of us, we looked forward to “the perfect” high school experience. And, despite unexpected obstacles, we wrote our own legacy. Today, I am not here to talk about my story alone but the stories of my fellow classmates: the graduating class of 2022.

To begin, I would like to thank and acknowledge everyone here today, especially our parents, teachers, coaches, and community leaders. Without your unwavering support, facing challenges within the last four years would have been unimaginable. You are the people in our lives that have laid the foundation for our successes, and — without your support

— today would not be possible.

Additionally, I would like to extend a special thank you to the other Milford High School students present today. Thank you for accepting our leadership and becoming involved in activities. None of our accomplishments would have been possible without your support, teamwork, and ideas. I cannot wait to see what you accomplish in the future.

Over the course of the last few years, one of the books that fascinated me most was titled “Kaleidoscope.” Its author, Brian Selznick, wrote the book during the pandemic comparing life to a kaleidoscope. He wrote about each unique lens of color capturing a special moment, and how it can shift over time. As I look back through our time here in Milford, I begin to recognize the depth of Selznick's comparison. I can picture the vibrant colors of every classroom, the varying shapes of different objects, and



Savannah Spahr

the singularity of each moment.

When starting my freshman year here in Milford, I aspired to participate in as many sports and programs as I could. As a result of this initial goal, I have earned four year recognition in volleyball, dance team, one act, band, art club, FCCLA, student council, and Key Club.

Although I am grateful for these opportunities, I am not the only graduate to receive these recognitions. During the winter sports season, I

couldn't help but survey this very gym, taking in every single senior banner that decorated these walls. Our class's involvement started in the very beginning. We knew the impact we wanted to have on this school, and we were going to take everyone by storm.

In our sophomore year, we experienced some unexpected turbulence that made many of us question our futures and what we really wanted to get out of our high school experience. We have all faced different obstacles in order to take a seat here today, but one hindrance that we conquered together was the Coronavirus pandemic. As if looking through a kaleidoscope, I can picture the musical and the vibrance of social interactions freezing in time only to return in a different way. It feels as if we blinked and became juniors.

Everyone was back in school with masks and online zoom lessons, taking the precautions necessary to continue

studying, competing, and socializing. We were resilient in our activities by adjusting to this new normal. We spaced ourselves for concerts and wore masks for games and performances. Many of us faced the year one day at a time, taking our futures into our own hands.

Because of this drive and passion, I think that our class motto is fitting. We have decided what we want to be, and we have faced adversity to become it. We have overcome obstacles and forged our way into the future. Over the past year, our class has achieved success in all areas whether that be back to back state championships in cross country, making play-offs in football, earning district runner-up in play production, qualifying for state speech, or traveling to Washington, D.C., for National Prostart. These are a few of the moments captured within our kaleidoscopes of life that will be remembered for years to come.

Overall, our senior year has been fun. I know this seems like a simple way to describe all of the experiences within the past year, but compared to all of the craziness in the early part of our high school career, I'm glad I can say this year was fun. We were the top dogs of the school, leaders of clubs, and strategists planning out our futures. With every slight adjustment to our kaleidoscopes we were also creating our legacy.

I have full confidence that every one of us here today will continue to write our own stories and look towards the future. Whether you have already started working, decided to take a gap year, attend college, or join the military, I know that our experiences over the last few years have prepared us for the road ahead. I am beyond proud to be standing before you today to represent and announce the graduating class of 2022. Thank you.

Scholarships go to Malcolm graduates

Seniors at Malcolm High received the following scholarships:

Abbi Arroyo—Doane University Van Hoy Scholarship and Softball Scholarship

Brayden Boehle—Malcolm Boosters Scholarship, Melvin and JoAnne Lostroh Memorial Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2022 Scholarship, Lancaster County 4-H Scholarship, Farm Credit Services of America Scholarship, Doane University Presidential Scholarship and

Hansen Leadership Award

Ty Brockhaus—Bob Hoyer Cross Country Alumni scholarship, Mark Heidtbrink Memorial Scholarship

Jayce Broughton—Northwest Missouri State Bearcat Advantage and Tower Scholarship

Gracie Burwell—Malcolm Education Association Scholarship, Malcolm Parent Teacher Organization Scholarship, Doane University Board of Trustees Scholarship and Volleyball Scholarship

Abby Cantrell—Malcolm Parents Class of 2023 Scholarship, Malcolm Scholarship Fund, Pepsi Scholarship, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Regents Scholarship

Jacob Clarke—Malcolm Parents Class of 2022 Scholarship, Malcolm TeamMates Scholarship, Lue Heidtbrink Memorial Scholarship, Nemaha County 4-H Scholarship, Dave and Deana Guedhe Scholarship, AQHA Horse of the Year Scholarship, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Husker Power Scholarship, CASNR AG Scholarship, and Opportunity Grant

Ethan Coker—Robert Heidtbrink Memorial Scholarship, Malcolm Music Boosters Scholarship, Midland University Football Scholarship

Kennedy Cole—Bob Hoyer Cross Country Alumni Scholarship, Pleasant Dale American Legion Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2022 Scholarship, Northwestern College Presidential Scholarship, a

Track Scholarship, a Stand Out Leadership and Mission Scholarship, and Moritz NE Scholarship

Braden Crosby—Ottawa University Academic and Football Scholarships

Braxton Dalton—Malcolm Parents Class of 2022 Scholarship, Kawasaki Motors Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship, Wayne State College Board of Trustees Scholarship and Growing Together Cooperative Education Program Scholarship

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Malcolm students remember school days

Jenna Westerbuhr

So, we're finally here. The years seemed to go so fast, but somehow at the same time go by in slow motion. I'm so proud of all of us for powering through to get to this point, and I know all of us are going to go on to do great things in life.

It's such a weird feeling to know that this is the end of an era, the beginning of a new season of life, that starts when we walk out of here at the end of today. So I'd like to transition with a really cheesy, but extremely relevant quote, from Michael Josephson: "Take pride in how far you've come. Have faith in



Jenna Westerbuhr

how far you can go. But don't forget to enjoy the journey."

Lauren Shafer

Our first year of high school, the year it all began. New friends, lots of games, and becoming the babies of high school, freshman year went by in a flash. The addition of the crazy Martyrs clan brought a quick detention and a new "String Cheese Club" to Malcolm. Our class slowly started turning into academically driven individuals.

The cutthroat game of Spoons in Health ended with Braxton flying over a table and our competitive spirit came to the surface. With high expecta-



Lauren Shafer

tions, each of us began to feel the pressure of high school, but we persevered. At the end of freshman year, each of us felt a little more confident and prepared for the next three years ahead of us.

Katy Duong

Sophomore year started out like any typical year except with our new reptile addition in Spanish class, Choo Choo, who was Ethan dressed up as a turtle. Compared to Freshman year, we were able to relax a little after getting a feel of what high school was all about. That wasp in Mr. Gore's
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Katy Duong

Malcolm scholarships

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Jordan Denton—MYSA scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2022 Scholarship, Midland University Basketball Scholarship

Kiana Dostal—Malcolm Boosters Scholarship, Malcolm High School Perpetual Fund Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship, Nebraska Community Blood Bank Scholarship, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Regents Scholarship and Career Scholarship

Katy Duong—Malcolm Parents Class of 2022 Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship, Malcolm Scholarship Fund, Susan Buffett Scholarship, Youth Salute Emerging Leaders Scholarship, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Regents Scholarship

Alora Ferguson—Malcolm Alumni Scholarship, Malcolm Music Boosters Scholarship, Malcolm Parent Teacher Organization Scholarship, Duncan Aviation Scholarship, University of Nebraska-Kearney KHOP Scholarship

Danielle Fortik—Senior Clipper 1 Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2023 Scholarship, Music

Boosters Scholarship, Elks Lodge Bowlers Scholarship, Mel Shoemaker Drama Scholarship, University of Nebraska-Kearney Regents Scholarship and KHOP Scholarship

Carman Kinkaid—Cattle National Bank Scholarship, Malcolm Class of 2022 Parents Scholarship, Malcolm High School Perpetual Fund Scholarship, University of Nebraska Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship

Katie Lewis—Malcolm Alumni Scholarship, Malcolm Parent Teacher Association Scholarship, Malcolm Music Boosters Scholarship, Stephanie Stewart Memorial Scholarship, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Regents Scholarship

Hana Maddox—Jones National Bank/Wake Charitable Foundation Scholarship, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship and We Are Nebraska Scholarship

Kali Maytum—South-east Community College Foundation Scholarship

Cyrena Miller—Pleasant Dale American Legion Scholarship, Senior Clip-

per 2 Scholarship, University of Nebraska Omaha Dean's Scholarship

Morgan Miller—Malcolm Fire and Rescue Department Scholarship, Nebraska Community Blood Bank Scholarship

Kale Nordmeyer—Driven to Succeed Scholarship, Malcolm Alumni Scholarship, Concordia University Regent's Scholarship and Football Scholarship

Elisa Paider—Malcolm Music Boosters Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2022 Scholarship

Olivia Raben—Malcolm Parents Class of 2022 Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship, Malcolm Scholarship Fund, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Regents Scholarship

Griffin Schroeder—University of Nebraska Lincoln Husker Power scholarship

Cora Schweitzer—Earl and Goldie England Education Scholarship, Pleasant Dale Legion Scholarship, Malcolm Alumni Scholarship, Malcolm Boosters Scholarship, Music Boosters Scholarship, Fern Westfall Memorial Scholarship, Northwest

Missouri State Bearcat Advantage Scholarship, Distinguished Scholar Award, and a Softball Scholarship

Kailey Seitz—ECNC conference scholarship, Pleasant Dale American Legion Scholarship, Malcolm TeamMates Scholarship, Southeast Community College Foundation Scholarship and Career Academy Scholarship

Lauren Shafer—Malcolm Parents Class of 2022 Scholarship, Malcolm High School Perpetual Fund Scholarship, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Regents Scholarship and CASNR Scholarship

Antonio Sims—Bob Hoyer Cross Country Alumni Scholarship, Wayne State College Wildcat Excellence Award

Luke Walters—Malcolm Parents Class of 2022 Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship, Wayne State College Dean's Scholarship and Growing Together Careers Scholarship

Jenna Westerbuhr—Malcolm Parents Class of 2022, Malcolm Scholarship Fund, Pepsi Scholarship, University of Nebras-

ka-Lincoln Regents Scholarship

Cooper Witte—Malcolm Parents Class of 2022 Scholarship, Julie Melichar Memorial Scholarship, University of Nebraska-Kearney Career Scholarship, the Loper Achievement Award, a Freshman Room Scholarship, and a College of Business and Technology Scholarship

Reagan Wondercheck—Malcolm Boosters Scholarship, MYSA Scholarship, Malcolm Alumni Scholarship, Jill Widick Memorial Scholarship

Connor Zegar—Malcolm Booster Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2022 Scholarship, Nebraska Blood Bank Scholarship, Buena Vista University President's Scholarship, Multicultural Scholarship, and an Honors Scholarship

Gavin Zoucha—Malcolm Booster Scholarship, Kawasaki Scholarship, Senior Clipper 2 Scholarship, Wayne State College Board of Trustees Scholarship and Growing Together Scholarship

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Malcolm speech

(continued from page 25) room never seemed to buzz off though. Half way through second semester, everything took a turn. I guess we could all agree we were a bit excited to go virtual and wake up exactly at 8, teachers could always tell from our crazy bed hair. Next thing we knew, two weeks like Mr. Lew had said turned into two full years of Covid.

Kiana Dostal

We needed a lot of endurance to get through junior year. Maybe a Monster energy drink helped us through it as Caleb would say while banging his head against the lockers. Whether it was watching Ty run around Hunt's portable trying to kill a bee with a textbook or seeing that bird fly directly into Eich's window, we got through it all with a smile on our faces. Maybe not when we were taking the ACT at school though. That was a terrible precursor to our first prom and red carpet. Finally, we made the scary but anticipated transition into our final year of high school.

Abby Cantrell

Throughout the past four years, we have overcome many obstacles and made several memories along the way. Senior year taught us that a VSCO girl's



Kiana Dostal

Hydro Flask can be dangerous, especially when it falls directly into Cooper's head at 5 in the morning. Next, Braxton and Alora taught us the importance of short lives and why they truly matter. The most important thing that I took away from senior year and high school as a whole is that time flies when you're having fun. Don't get caught up with the little things in life, live every day like it's senior skip day, have all the fun you want, and ALWAYS go to the waterpark.

Connor Zegar

Overall, the Malcolm High School class of 2022 is a very competitive group with many different talents, one of which being our gifted athletes. We have had several athletes break Malcolm records and several more who look to compete collegiately after high school. We



Abby Cantrell

had 41 class members participate in high school sports, and our class made over 15 state appearances and many district championships. We look forward to seeing how our 13 college recruits can perform and compete at the next level. On the other hand, I hope that our class decides to pursue their athletic talents further by participating in the extracurricular, competitive, yet fun intramural sports that each university has to offer.

Alora Ferguson

Our senior class is certainly athletic, but we've also excelled in the fine arts. Among our achievements are appearances at state drama, and speech, as well as receiving top marks in choir and band. You may find it interesting that 74% of our class is involved in more than one activity



Connor Zegar

and 30% in four or more activities.

It's one thing to be smart, but it's another to learn from our mistakes.

Pro tip: when caroling at the mall, make sure you're within sprinting distance of the exit. Also double check ALL and I mean ALL props before leaving the Galley, otherwise you might end up forgetting the fire ... again. And lastly (speaking from personal experience) never under any circumstances chase the geese at the zoo, or you'll be the one getting chased.

I think it's safe to say that wherever we go, we are sure to make waves, and I can't wait to see what we all do in the future.

Katie Lewis

Our high school days have been filled with countless accomplishments, lessons learned,



Alora Ferguson

and most importantly memories made. Although I'm sure for most of us it feels like just yesterday we were walking into our classrooms for the first day of kindergarten, Malcolm's senior class of 2022 has finally made it to graduation.

This is, of course, a major accomplishment for all of us. The amount and work and effort that each graduate has put into their education these past 13 years is quite commendable. But we couldn't have done it alone. Throughout our entire high school career we have been supported by an incredible community.

I have always considered myself very fortunate to have been able to learn and grow in a school like Malcolm. And so I would like to thank the parents, family members, upper and



Katie Lewis

underclassmen, staff, and administration who have helped the class of 2022 flourish.

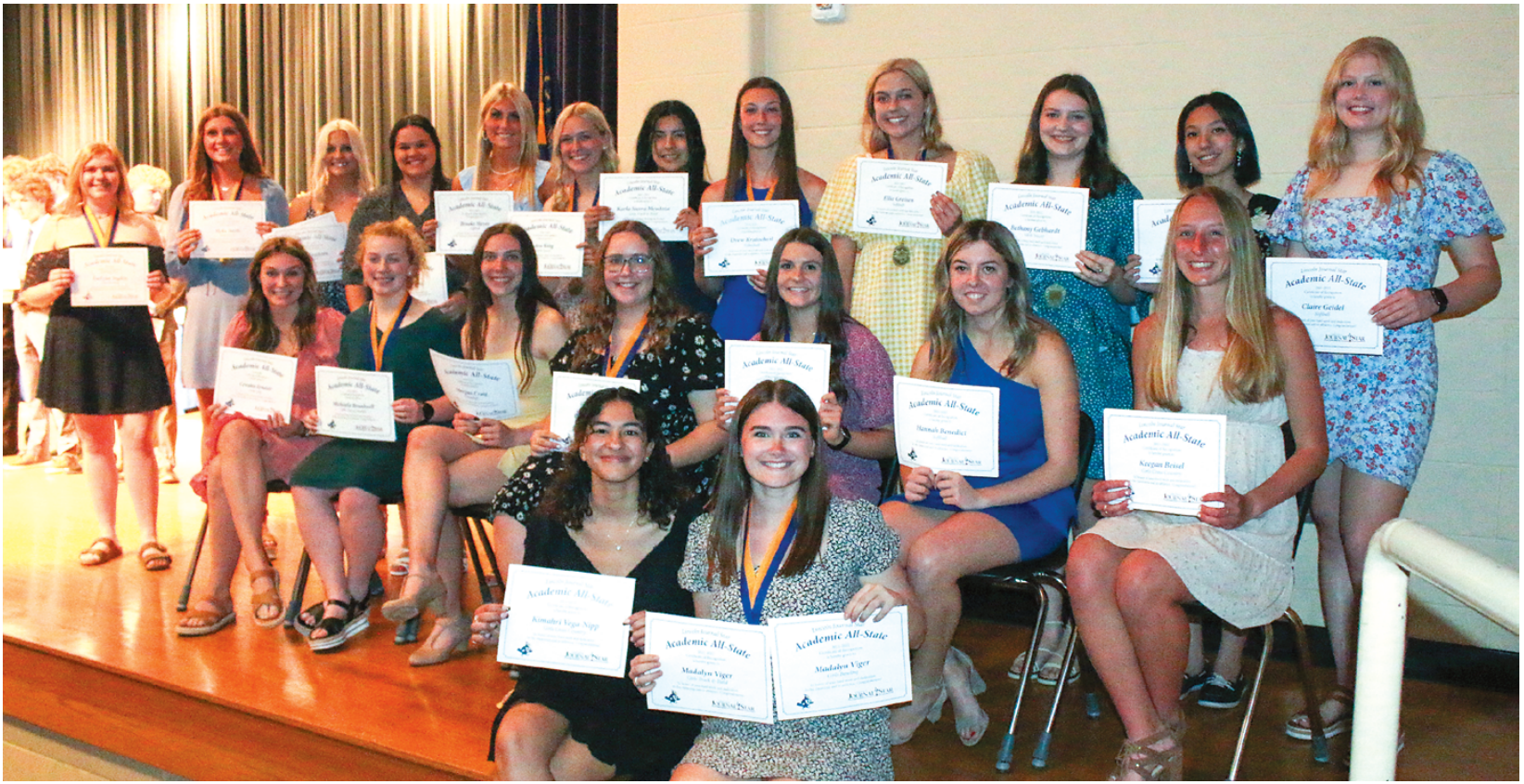
In addition to this, I would like to especially thank all of the teachers who have taught us over the years. American historian Henry Adams once said, "A teacher affects eternity: they can never tell where their influence stops."

As we begin this new chapter in our lives we will enjoy countless victories, but we will also face challenges. Because of you, and your dedication to our education, the Malcolm senior class of 2022 is ready to take on the world. Although our futures have yet to be determined, I am confident that no matter what, this class will be successful in maintaining the legacy of greatness that is Malcolm High School.

Well done, Class of 2022

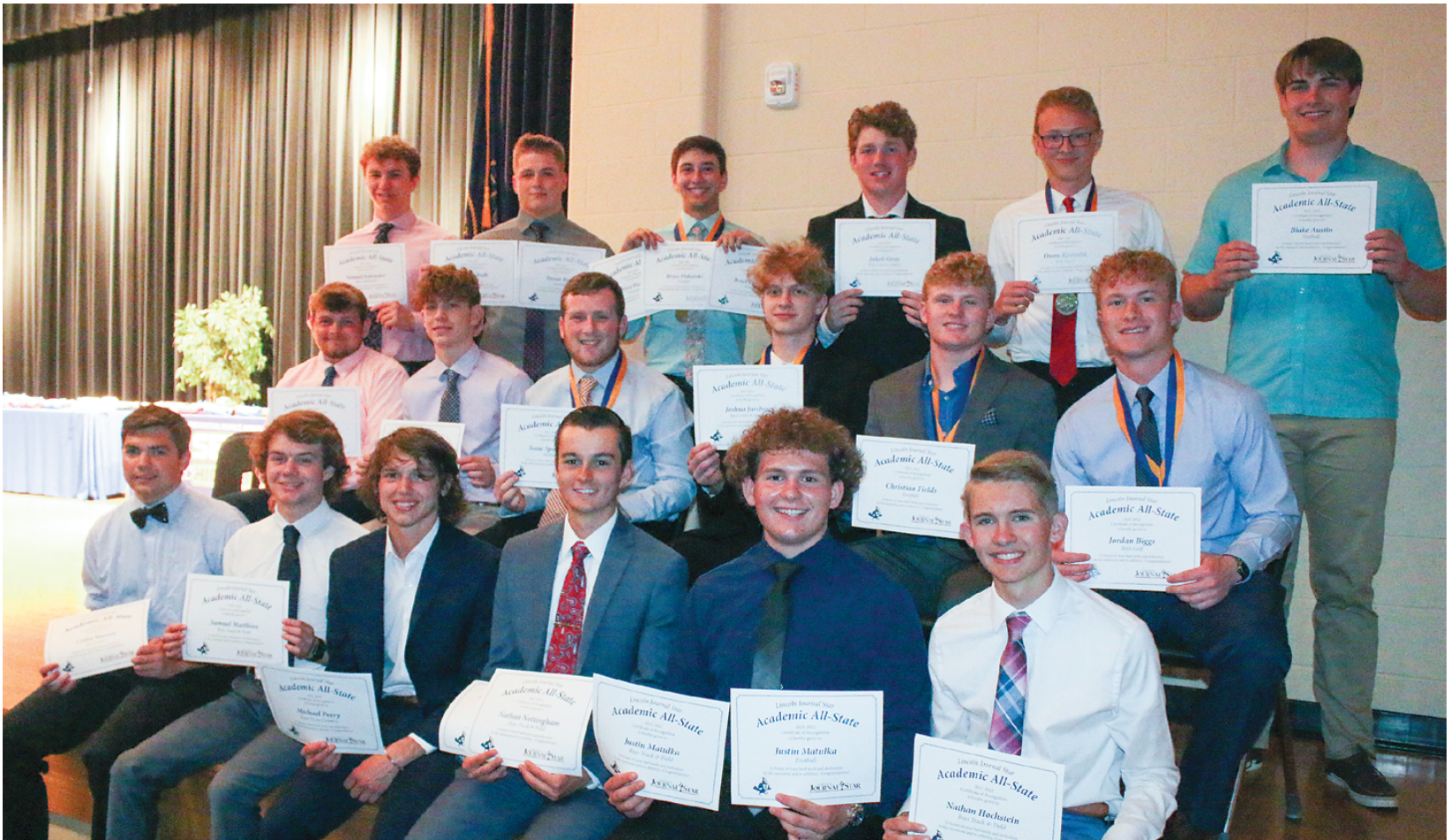
Seward seniors honored for athletics, academics

Lincoln Journal Star academic all-state recognition went to Seward seniors, from left: (first row) Mahri Vega-Nipp and Maddie Viger; (second row) Cevahn Ernesti, Michaela Broadwell, Morgan Craig, Remi Christensen, Jordyn Collins, Hannah Benedict and Keegan Beisel; and (third row) RaeLynn Sugden, Myka Smith, Ellie Sagehorn, Lauryn Parra, Brooke Meyer, Ava King, Karla Sierra Mendoza, Drew Kratochvil, Ellie Greisen, Bethany Gebhardt, Audrie Davis and Claire Geidel.



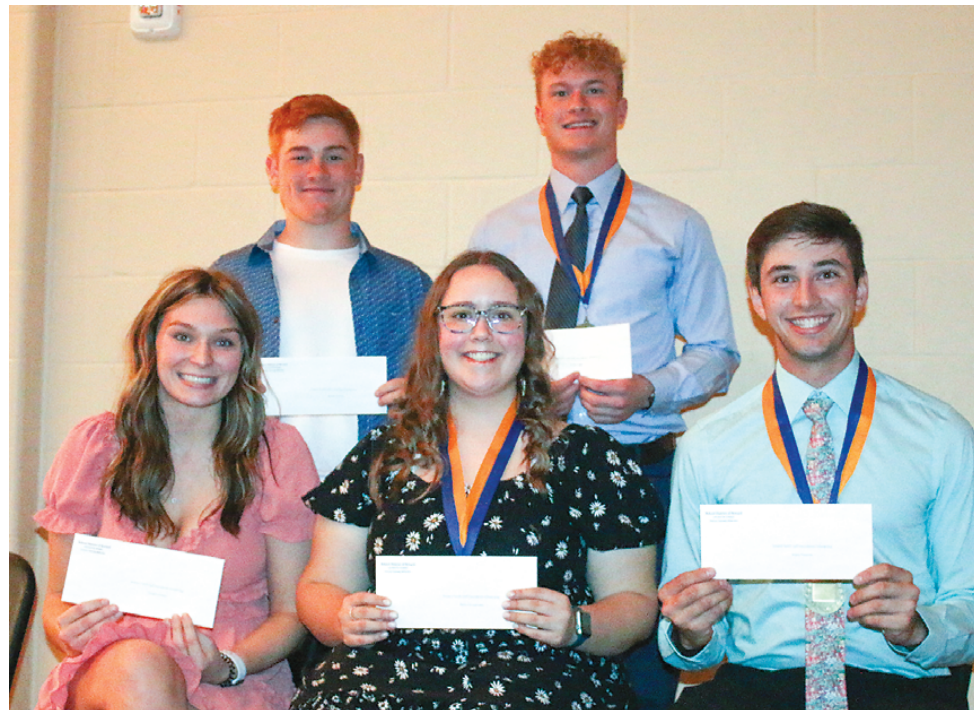
Nathan Nottingham received the George Smutny Award, given for excellence in track and field.

Lincoln Journal Star academic all-state recognition went to Seward seniors, from left: (first row) Collin Warren, Sam Matthias, Michael Peery, Nathan Nottingham, Justin Matulka and Nathan Hochstein; (second row) Gracen Sommerer, Traetyn Schaefer, Isaac Spotanski, Joshua Jurchen, Christian Fields and Jordan Biggs; and (third row) Sam Schroeder, Trevor Ruth, Bryce Piskorski, Jakob Gray, Owen Kraulik and Blake Austen.





The Seward Softball Association presented scholarships to, from left, Claire Geidel, Ellie Greisen and Drew Kratochvil.



Seward Youth Golf Association scholarships went to, from left: (seated) Cevahn Ernesti, Remi Christensen and Bryce Piskorski; and (standing) Ashton Koetter and Jordan Biggs.

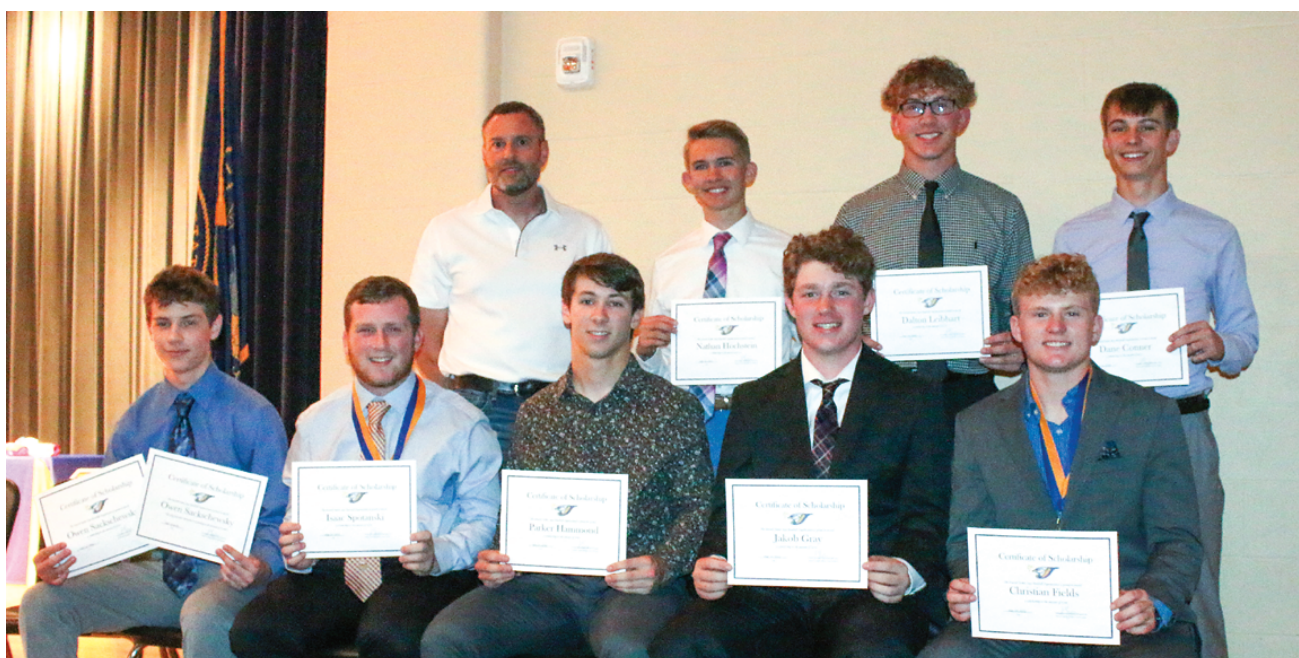


Jim Placke, center, presented the Brandon Urban Scholarship to Bryce Piskorski, left, and Jordan Biggs.

Pictures of the Central Conference academic all-conference honorees, academic decathlon and all-state spring honorees may be found in the Independent.



Keegan Beisel, left, and Gavin Sukup received the Charlie Thorell Award.



The Seward Junior Jays presented scholarships to, from left: (seated) Owen Sackschewsky, Isaac Spotanski, Parker Hammond, Jakob Gray and Christian Fields; and (standing) presenter Mike Langner, Nathan Hochstein, Dalton Leibhart and Dane Conner. Owen Sackschewsky was also given the Lily Gonzalez Memorial.



Matthew Flyr, left, and Bryce Piskorski received the Ralph "Bow" Bowmaster Award.