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Seward High seniors graduating summa cum laude are, from left: (first row) Ellen Klintworth and Elianah Wunderlich; (second row) Morgan Kulhanek, Eden Schulz, Olivia Volzke and Emilie Porter; (third row) Emma Lowther, Cameron Olson, Brenna McAdam, Ava Krahulik and Luke Seevers; (fourth row) Audrey Dobesh, Tarryn Hartman, Braden Hiser, Crayton Koranda and Austin Schroeder; and (fifth row) Jenna Blersch, Lyssac Bowans, Broden Cihal, Jacob DeGroot and Nathan Roebke.



Seward High seniors graduating magna cum laude are, from left: (first row) Eli Hiser, Grace Roberts and Vicki Wang; (second row) Lydia Lobmeyer, Kaylie Nelson and Karnie Gottschalk; (third row) Andres Lopez, Nolan Hill and Madison Dominy; and (fourth row) Eli Adams, Tanner Bye, Luke Wegman and Sofia Heaston.

Seward High seniors earn scholarships

Seward High seniors announced their post-graduation plans and received scholarships at honors night May 8. Scholarships and plans are:

- DYLAN ADAMS:** Army Reserve, Montgomery GI Bill - Selected Reserve
- ELI ADAMS:** Brigham Young University - Idaho, Music Education; Magna Cum Laude, BYU Talent Scholarship, Band Boosters Scholarship, Top 10, Roger Davis Fund, Omaha World Herald Academic Program
- JACKSON ANDERSON:** Southeast Community College, Physical Therapy Assistant; Memorial Health Care Systems, Seward Community Scholarship
- NATALIE AXT:** South Dakota State University, Nursing; Cum Laude, SDSU Jackrabbit Scholarship; Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Roger Davis Fund, 4-H, Junior Leaders, Rotary Student of the Month
- MADELYN BALES:** Wayne State College, Music Education; Band Boosters Scholarship, Wayne State College Music Scholarship, Mandy Churchill Memorial Scholarship, Merle and Ila Schluckebier, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, 4-H
- HUNTER BAZELMAN:** Work Force
- LAYNE BENEDICT:** Plum Creek Ag Enterprises, Winfield United
- JENNA BLERSCH:** University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Music Performance; Summa Cum Laude, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Harold and Claire Davisson Memorial, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship
- PAIGE BLOEBAUM:** Southeast Community College, Dental Assistant; Seward Community Scholarship
- LYSSAC BOWENS:** Wayne State College, International Business & Economics; Summa Cum Laude, Wayne State College

- Dean's Excellence Scholarship, Wayne State College Careers Scholars Cooperative Education Scholarship, T.H. Wake Memorial Rotary Scholarship, Seward Rotary Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship
- DHARMA BRAUER:** University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Secondary Education and Dance; UNL Russell and Anne Fuller Legends Scholarship, UNL Opportunity Grant, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship
- BAILEY BROADWELL:** University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Graphic Design; Cum Laude, UNL Husker Traditions Scholarship, UNL Olive Leboundy Scholarship, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Band Boosters Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Seward Arts Council Community Scholarship, Wake Charitable Foundation, Seward Education Association
- EVE BRUMM:** Concordia University, Art Therapy; Concordia University LCMS Church Work Scholarship, Concordia University Achievement Award, Concordia University Lutheran Heritage Award, Concordia University Music Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship
- NOAH BRUMM:** Concordia University, Public Health and Fitness; Concordia Football Scholarship, Concordia University Dean's Scholarship, Concordia University Lutheran Heritage Award, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship
- TANNER BYE:** University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Mechanical Engineering; Magna Cum Laude, UNL Regents Scholarship, Band Boosters Scholarship, Noral D. Wait Estate, U.S. Marine Corps Music Award, Omaha World Herald Academic Program
- THASTA CALAR:** Work Force
- AIDEN CANNADY:** Work Force
- AUSTIN CARUSO:** Southeast Community College, Academic Transfer; Fast Mart, Dean R.

- Rolfsmeier Scholarship
- BRODEN CICAL:** Southeast Community College, Electrical and Electromechanical Technology; Summa Cum Laude, SCC Walter Scott Jr Career Pathway Scholarship, SCC Foundation High School Scholars, SCC Wallace and Kathleen Hare Scholarship, Band Boosters Scholarship, FCSLA Scholarship, Hughes Brothers Inc. SCC Scholarship
- JUSTIN COLE:** Southeast Community College, John Deere Tech; SCC John Deere Tech Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship
- ALEXANDRA CONDE:** University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Nutrition and Health Sciences; Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship, Frieda Dittman Memorial Rotary Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Key Club, Kiwanis
- DREW COVALT:** University of Wyoming, Ag Business - Livestock Management & Ag Education; University of Wyoming Brown and Gold Scholarship, Plum Creek Ag Enterprises, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Junior Jays Scholarship
- CADANCE CRAIG:** Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture - Curtis, Vet Tech; Cum Laude, 2023 Road to Success Scholarship, NCTA Rawson Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship
- JACOB DEGROOT:** University of South Dakota, Pre-Med; Summa Cum Laude, University of South Dakota Coyote Commitment Leadership Scholarship, USD Honors Program, Zabka Family Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship
- AUDREY DOBESH:** University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Music; Summa Cum Laude, UNL Husker Power Scholarship, UNL We are Nebraska Commitment, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Roger Davis Fund, 4-H, Junior Leaders, Seward Youth Golf Foundation
- MORGAN DOBRUSKY:** Workforce

- MADISON DOMINY:** Doane University, Elementary & Special Education; Magna Cum Laude, Doane University Academic Excellence, Doane Perry Scholarship, Doane Hansen Leadership, Top 10, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Seward Education Association Memorial, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Key Club, Rotary Student of the Month Rotary Student of the Year, RYLA, Pepsi Scholarship
- KENDYL DURYEA:** Iowa Western Community College, Social Media Marketing / Communications; IWCC Athletic Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship
- NOAH FIELDS:** Chadron State College, Rangeland Management & Art; Cum Laude, Chadron State Rangeland Management Scholarship, Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Agricultural Scholarship, Chadron State

- Art Scholarship, NE State Fair Scholarships, Nebraska Children's Home Society Dr. Rosalind Morris Scholarship, Roger Davis Fund, Rotary Student of the Month
- RORIE FILBERT:** University of Nebraska - Kearney, Psychology; Cum Laude, UNK Loper Room Scholarship, UNK Board Scholarship, Milford Menno-nite Church Scholarship, The Austin Company Scholarship, Clayton and Lisette Kent Scholarship (The Cross of Life), Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship
- PAYTON FOX:** Southeast Community College, Electrical and Electromechanical Technology; SCC Herman/Matzke Scholarship, SCC Foundation High School Scholars, SCC Larry Shaw Memorial Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship

- AJ FRAZEY:** Concordia University, Elementary Education; Concordia University Football Scholarship, Concordia University Academic Achievement Award, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Seward County Sheriff's Posse, Pepsi Scholarship, Junior Jays Scholarship
- WYATT GIGER:** Central Community College, Diesel Tech
- LARSON GOLDSMITH:** Southeast Community College, Energy Generation Operations; SCC Herman/Matzke Scholarship Fund, SCC Larry Meyer Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Class of 1961, Seward Community Scholarship
- KARNIE GOTTSCHALK:** University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Acting and Education; Magna Cum Laude, UNL Husker Tradition Scholarship, UNL We Are Nebraska Commitment Schol-

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Seward High seniors graduating cum laude are, from left: (first row) Bailey Broadwell and Hannah Peetz; (second row) Rachel Runyan, Natalie Axt and Isabelle VanBeek; (third row) Cadance Craig, Rorie Filbert, Kaylee Loos and Ainsly Hotovy; and (fourth row) Kalen Knott, Micah Hackbart and Noah Fields.

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Karnie Gottschalk	Eden Schulz	Micah Hackbart	Morgan Kuhlhanek
Madison Dominy	Bailey Broadwell	Rachel Runyan	Olivia Volzke
Emma Lowther	Natalie Axt	Larson Goldsmith	

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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Seward High scholarship winners include, from left: (first row) Jenna Blersch, Audrey Dobesh, Natalie Axt, Jaci Hinrichs, Ellen Klintworth, Eve Brumm, Rorie Filbert, Tarryn Hartman and Madison Dominy; (second row) Madelyn Bales, Dharma Brauer, Thomas Hemphill, Bailey Broadwell, Ainsly Hotovy, Alexander Conde, Morgan Kulhanek, Karnie Gottschalk and Lyssac Bowns; (third row) Larson Goldsmith, Kalen Knott, Jacob DeGroot, Eli Hiser, Drew Covalt, AJ Frazey, Micah Hackbart, Nolan Hill, Noah Brumm and Kendyl Duryea; (fourth row) Ryley Hain, Dathan Hall, Broden Cihal, Braden Hiser, Julius Justice, Braden Hartman, Eli Adams, Noah Fields and Tanner Bye; and (fifth row) Mckenna Kisela, Jackson Anderson, Payton Fox, Alexis Howell, Ava Krahulik, Dustin Hurley, Cadance Craig, Sofia Heaston and Crayton Koranda.

SHS scholarships

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arship, UNL Hixson - Lied Fine Arts and Performing Arts Scholarship, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Richard M. Wehrs, Key Club, Kiwanis, Rotary Student of the Month, Pepsi Scholarship, Senior Key

MICAH HACKBART: Wayne State College, Pre-Chiropractic; Cum Laude, Wayne State College Dean's Excellence Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship, Rotary Student of the Month

RYLEY HAIN: Southeast Community College, Ag Management; SCC Foundation High School Scholars, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship, Kroy Vandenberg Memorial Scholarship, Junior Jays Scholarship

DATHEN HALL: Workforce

OLIVIA HANEY: Southeast Community College, Nursin; Seward Community Scholarship

BRADEN HARTMAN: Southeast Community College, Academic Transfer; Seward County Conservation Corporation, Seward Community Scholarship

TARRYN HARTMAN: University of Nebraska - Kearney, Early Childhood Inclusive Education; Summa Cum Laude, UNK Loper Achievement Scholarship, USA Softball Scholarship, Bruce Kilzer Memorial Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship, P.E.O. Seward Chapter, Pepsi Scholarship, Seward Softball Association

SOFIA HEASTON: Doane University, Business; Magna Cum Laude, Doane Perry Scholarship, Doane Soccer Scholarship, Top 10, Union Bank, Seward Cross Makers, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship, Goehner Centennial Players

THOMAS HEMPHILL: Southeast Community College, Academic Transfer - Biology; Band Boosters Scholarship, SCC Foundation High School Scholars, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

NOLAN HILL: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Software Engineering; Magna Cum Laude, UNL Husker Traditions Scholarship, Top 10, Wake Charitable Foundation, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship

JACI HINRICH: Southeast Community College, Academic Transfer - Environmental Sciences; SCC Foundation High School Scholars, Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Glen Tyrrel Memorial Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

BRADEN HISER: Southeast Community College, Manufacturing, Engineering and Technology; Summa Cum Laude, SCC Foundation High School Scholars, SCC Walter Scott Jr Career Pathway Scholarship, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Band Boosters Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

ELIJAH HISER: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Biological Sciences; Magna Cum Laude, UNL David Distinguished Scholar, UNL Career Scholarship, Top 10, Zabka-Perdue

Funeral Home Inc., Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship, U.S. Marine Corps Academic Award, Omaha World Herald Academic Program

AINSLEY HOTOVY: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Bio-Chemistry; Cum Laude, UNL Regents Scholarship, UNL Career Scholarship, Girl Scouts Preparedness Scholarship, Dinslage Business and Medical Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

ALEXIS HOWELL: Northeast Community College, Business; Seward Community Scholarship

DUSTIN HURLEY: Southeast Community College, Livestock Production and Management; SCC Foundation High School Scholars, Briggs Cattle Company, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

MARISA HURLEY: Northeast Community College, Plumbing; Seward Community Scholarship

JULIUS JUSTICE: Southeast Community College, CIT Networking; SCC Foundation High School Scholars, Learn to Dream Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

MAX KELLY: Southeast Community College, Building Construction Technology; Onas C. and Beatrice Hughes, Charles Jirovsky Memorial Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

COOPER KIICHLER: Southeast Community College, John Deere Tech; SCC John Deere Tech Program Scholarship, AKRS

Equipment Solutions, Seward Community Scholarship

MCKENNA KISELA: Southeast Community College, Academic Transfer - Elementary Education; SCC Athletic Scholarship, National Association of County Officials Scholarship, Blue Valley Community Action Scholarship, Sharon Holiday Scholarship, Seward Junior Women's Club, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship, P.E.O. Seward Chapter, Sons of American Legion

ELLEN KLINTWORTH: Concordia University, Chemistry; Summa Cum Laude, Concordia Regents Scholarship, Concordia Music Scholarship, Concordia Lutheran Heritage Scholarship, LCMS Congregational Aid Scholarship, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Band Boosters Scholarship, Dr. Van and Becky Vahle, Dinslage Business and Medical Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship, 4-H, Junior Leaders

KALEN KNOTT: Bryant University, Business Marketing; Cum Laude, Bryant University Dean's Scholarship, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Suhr & Lichty Insurance Agency, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship, Seward Education Association, U.S. Marine Corps Athletic Award, Rotary Student of the Month, Pepsi Scholarship, Junior Jays Scholarship, Lily Gonzalez Memorial runner-up

CRAYTON KORANDA: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Plant and Landscape Systems; Summa Cum Laude, Elks

Lodge #80 Seward High Most Valuable Student, Engler Scholarship, UNL CASNR Change Maker Scholarship, Elmer and Berniece Spahr Scholarship, Blanchard Horticulture Excellence Fund, CVA Member-Ownership Scholarship, UNL Husker Power Scholarship, Nebraska Emerging Leaders Scholarship, Roger C. Schmidt Scholarship/Class of '69, Roger Davis Fund, Goehner Centennial Players, Bluejay Way Community Service

AVA KRAHULIK: Southeast Community College, Radiology Technology/Health Sciences; SCC Foundation High School Scholars, SCC Freshman Tuition Scholarship, Memorial Health Care Systems, Helen Marie Vanderwall Endowed Fund

MORGAN KULHANEK: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Undeclared; Summa Cum Laude, UNL Husker Power Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Chapters Books and Gifts, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship, Key Club

MALACHI LIMBACK: Concordia University, Business; Concordia University Department Scholarship, Concordia University Dean's Scholarship, Concordia University Lutheran Heritage Award, Concordia University Congregations for CU - Nebraska Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship, Seward Education Association

KEIRA LLITERAS: Gap Year - Study in France before attending college; Seward Community

Scholarship, RYLA

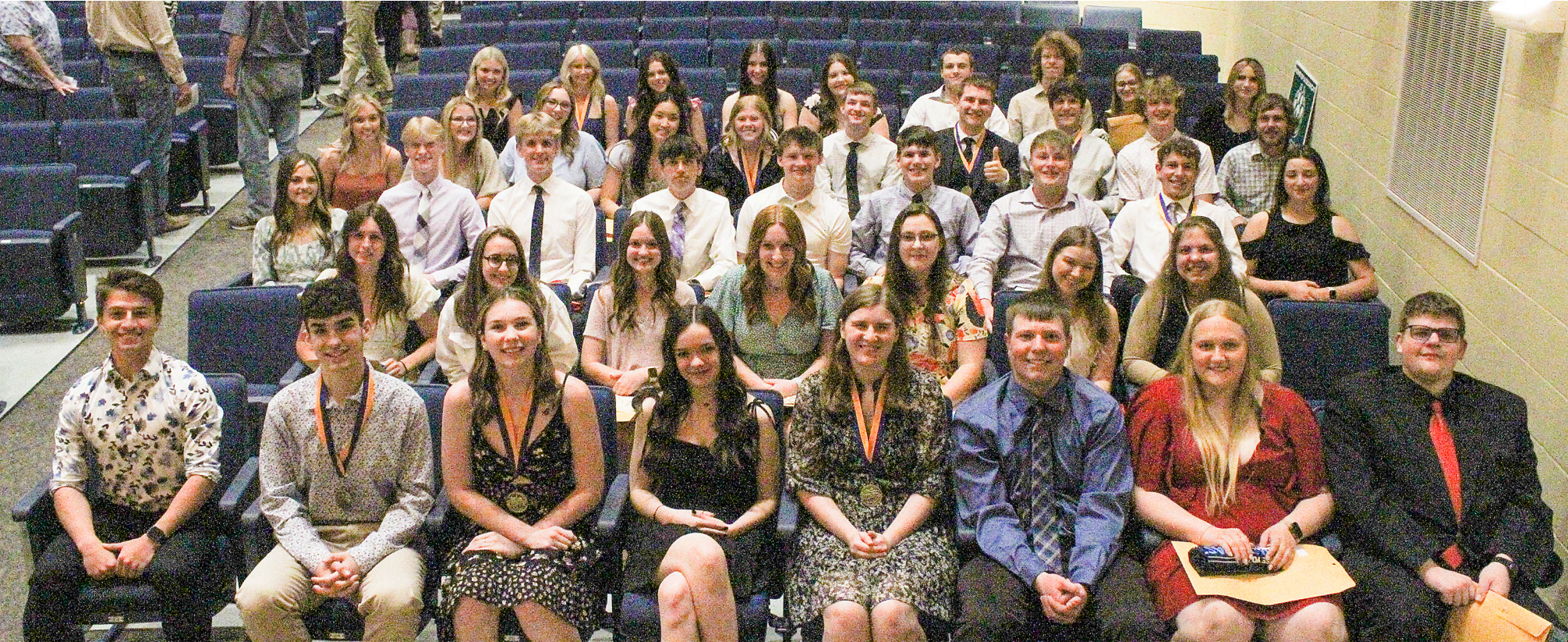
LYDIA LOBMEYER: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Wildlife Management; Magna Cum Laude, UNL Regents Scholarship, UNL CASNR Scholarship, Elks Lodge #80 Grace Metcalf Scholarship, Band Boosters Scholarship, Top 10, Seward Optimist Club, Give Back, Roger Davis Fund, Key Club, Omaha World Herald Academic Program

KAYLEE LOOS: Southeast Community College, Academic Transfer; Cum Laude, SCC Foundation High School Scholars, SCC Freshman Tuition Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship

ANDRES LOPEZ: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Broadcasting and Journalism; Magna Cum Laude, UNL Nebraska Achievement Tuition Scholar, UNL Davis-Chamber Scholarship, We are Nebraska Commitment Scholarship, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Top 10, Dean R. Rolfmeier Scholarship, Key Club, Kiwanis

EMMA LOWTHER: Nebraska Wesleyan University, Music Education; Summa Cum Laude, NWU Board of Governor's Scholarship, NWU Bennett Scholarship, NWU Campus Visit Scholarship, HUGE-NWU Recognition Scholarship, NWU Legacy Scholarship, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Band Boosters Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Roger Davis Fund, Key Club, Kiwanis, Pepsi Scholarship

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Seward High scholarship winners include, from left: (first row) Zach Rohde, Andres Lopez, Emma Lowther, Emilie Porter, Lydia Lobmeyer, Ethan Ostrander, Makenna Nerud and Barrett Nitz; (second row) Nadiya Schrad, Kaylee Loos, Rebecca Suchy, Olivia McMann, Eliannah Wunderlich, Rachel Runyan and Kaylie Nelson; (third row) Dominique Newton, Luke Seevers, Nathan Roebke, Colin Standifer, Tanner Todd, Malachi Limback, Riley Prochnow, Cameron Olson and Keira Llitteras; (fourth row) Kylie Luebke, Tatylene Snover, Isabelle VanBeek, Vicki Wang, Eden Schulz, Alex Tonniges, Austin Schroder, Luke Wegman, Max Summa and Zach Vrbka; and (fifth row) Sophia Turek, Olivia Volzke, Grace Roberts, Brenna McAdam, Amy Sistek, Ethan Woolard, Ben Meehl, Hannah Peetz and Kaitlyn Wolfe.

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KYLIE LUEBBE: Northeast Community College, Animal Science; Northeast Community College Peter Kiewit Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship, VFW, 4-H

JACOB MASON: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Environmental Engineering; Gary Davisson Memorial, Seward Community Scholarship

BRENNA MCADAM: Rockhurst University, Film Arts and Marketing; Summa Cum Laude, Rockhurst 1966 Golden Hawks Scholarship, Rockhurst Hawk Fund, Rockhurst Knapp Scholarship, Rockhurst Women's Dance Scholarship, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Rotary Student of the Month

OLIVIA MCMANN: Nebraska Wesleyan University, Elementary Education; NWU Black and Gold Scholarship, NWU Achievement Scholarship, NWU Campus Visit Scholarship, Volzke, Seward Education Association Memorial, Seward Community Scholarship

BEN MEEHL: Concordia University - Wisconsin, Cyber-Security, Computer Science; Seward Community Scholarship

SETH MEEHL: Workforce

ZOE MORRILL: Southeast Community College, Graphic Media/Design; Seward Community Scholarship

KAYLIE NELSON: Colorado State University, Biomedical and Chemical Engineering; Magna Cum Laude, CSU Green and Gold Scholarship, CSU Honors Scholarship, Walter Scott Jr. College of Engineering; Claude W. Wood Scholarship, Band Boosters Scholarship, Elks Lodge #80 Adam "Curly" & Leata Schwindt Scholarship, Band Boosters Scholarship, Rick Kilzer Memorial Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Seward County TeamMates

MAKENNA NERUD: Southeast Community College, Early Childhood Education; Band Boosters Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship

DOMINIQUE NEWTON: Iowa Western Community College, Musical Theatre; Seward Community Scholarship

BARRETT NITZ: North Dakota State University, Music Education; Band Boosters Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Goehner Centennial Players, VFW Auxiliary, Sons of American Legion

MAKENZIE OLSEN: Seward Community Scholarship

CAMERON OLSON: Nebraska Wesleyan University, Biology; Summa Cum Laude, NWU Honorary Board of Governor's Scholarship, NWU Honorary Legacy Scholarship, NWU Honorary Campus Visit Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Junior Jays Scholarship Lily Gonzalez Memorial

ETHAN OSTRANDER: Southeast Community College, Welding; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Goehner Centennial Players, VFW Auxiliary

HANNAH PEETZ: Northwest Missouri State University, Undeclared; Cum Laude, NWMSU Northwest Merit Bearcat Advantage Scholarship, Band Boosters Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Roger Harpham Performing Arts Scholarship

COOPER PHILLIPS: Work Force

EMILIE PORTER: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Business Administration; Summa Cum Laude, UNL Inclusive Business Leaders Program Scholarship, UNL Husker Power Scholarship, UNL NE Opportunity, NE

State Fair Scholarships, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

RILEY PROCHNOW: Wayne State College, Social Studies Education; Wildcat Promise Scholarship, W. James and Wilma Kroon Memorial, Seward Community Scholarship

TRENTON RERUCHA: Southeast Community College, Building Construction Technology

BRIAN ROBERTS: Currently undeclared; Seward Community Scholarship

GRACE ROBERTS: Creighton University, Health Administration and Public Policy; Magna Cum Laude, Creighton University Presidential Scholarship, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Top 10, Priscilla Lawin Memorial Scholarship/Seward County League of Women Voters, Seward Optimist Club, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Junior Leaders, GPACAC, Rotary Student of the Month

NATHAN ROEBKE: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Mechanical Engineering; Summa Cum Laude, Band Boosters Scholarship, Wake Charitable Foundation, Hughes Brothers Inc. UNL Scholarship, 4-H, Gade Family, Pepsi Scholarship

ZACHARY RONDE: Southeast Community College, Academic Transfer Nursing; Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship

RACHEL RUNYAN: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Emerging Media Arts; Cum Laude, Band Boosters Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Caryl Schulz Performing Arts Scholarship, Rotary Student of the Month

ZACHARIAH TAYLOR SCHILD: Work Force

NADIYA SCHRAD: South Dakota State University, Business; SDSU Nebraska Residency Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship

AUSTIN SCHROEDER: University of Nebraska - Kearney, Sociology; Summa Cum Laude, Kearney Law Opportunities Program Scholarship, UNK Honors Program, Jack and Imo Grant Graff Community, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Rotary Student of the Month

EDEN SCHULZ: University of Utah, Biology; Summa Cum Laude, University of Utah Academic Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Seward Optimist Club, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, U.S. Marine Corps Athletic Award, Pepsi Scholarship

LUKE SEEVERS: Baylor University, Business / Finance; Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Harvey and Trish Johnson, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

AMY SISTEK: Southeast Community College, Nursing; SCC Athletic Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship, Seward Education Association

GAGE SMITH VOSHELL: Gap Year; Seward Community Scholarship

TATELYNE SNOVER: Northeast Community College, Pre-Vet Tech; Northeast Community College Peter Kiewet Scholarship, Northeast Community College Livestock Judging Team Scholarship, Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Goehner Centennial Players, 4-H

COLIN STANDIFER: Concordia University, Biotechnology; Concordia University Academic Achievement Award, Concordia University Men's Track and CC Scholarship, Concordia University Advantage Guarantee Scholarship, Keetoowah Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship



Scholarships from Seward County 4-H went to, from left: (first row) Cindy Wolverton, presenter, Grace Roberts, Ellen Klintworth, Tatelyne Snover and Brittney Emerson, presenter; (second row) Audrey Dobesh, Natalie Axt and Kylie Luebbe; (third row) Nathan Roebke and Madelyn Bales; and (fourth row) Luke Wegman, Zach Vrbka and Tim Winkelman, presenter.

LEVI STANTON: Work Force

REBECCA SUCHY: Southeast Community College, Agriculture Education; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

MAX SUMMA: Wayne State College, Math Education; Wildcat Promise Scholarship, Dr. Van and Becky Vahle, Don E. Whittemore Teacher Scholarship

TANNER TODD: Wayne State College, Criminal Justice; Wayne State College Presidential Scholarship, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Seward Education Association

ALEX TONNIGES: University of Nebraska - Kearney, Political Science; UNK Jay Hill Political Science Scholarship, UNK Law Opportunities Program Scholarship Alternate, Wake Charitable Foundation



Centennial Players scholarships went to, from left: (front row) Sofia Heaston and Tatelyne Snover; and (back row) Barrett Nitz, Ethan Ostrander and Crayton Koranda.

SOPHIA TUREK: Doane University, Biology; Doane University Athletic Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship

SPENCER TWO CROW: Southeast Community College, Academic Transfer; Seward Community Scholarship

ISABELLE VANBEEK: Northeast Community College, Academic Transfer - Early Childhood Development; Cum Laude, Volzke Funeral Home, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

MAKENZIE VANDENBERG: Southeast Community College, Early Childhood Education; Timpfe Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

OLIVIA VOLZKE: Bryan College of Health Science, Nursing; Summa Cum Laude, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Sweasey Community Scholarship, Roger Davis Fund, Ridgewood Health

ZACKARY VRBKA: Southeast Community College, Electrical and Electromechanical; 4-H Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, 4-H, Gade Family



The Seward PEO gave scholarships to, from left, Mckena Kisela, Tarryn Hartman and Melissa Luebbe, presenter.

HOLLIEJEAN WALLER: Concordia University, Early Childhood Education; Concordia University Departmental Scholarship, Concordia University LCMS Church Work Scholarship, Concordia University Achievement Award, Concordia University Lutheran Heritage Award, Wilma Rocker Mayer

VICTORIA WANG: Boston University, Biomedical Engineering; Magna Cum Laude, Boston University Scholarship, Boston University Charles River Housing Scholarship, Top 10, Elmer and Bernice Spahr by Jim Spahr family, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, Ridgewood Health, Omaha World Herald

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KATHERINE WEBER: CRAVE

LUKE WEGMAN: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Biology; Magna Cum Laude, UNL Career Scholarship, UNL David Distinguished Scholarship, Band Boosters Scholarship, Top 10, Elmer and Bernice Spahr by Jim Spahr family, Seward Optimist Club, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, 4-H, Junior Leaders, Gade Family, Pepsi Scholarship, Seward Youth Golf Foundation, Brandon Urban Memorial

STEPHEN WISEMAN: Erich and Joyce Helge, Seward Community Scholarship

KAITLYN WOLFE: Apprenticeship, Tattoo Artist

ETHAN WOOLARD: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Chemistry; UNL Husker Traditions, Seward Community Scholarship, American Legion Post 33

ELIANAH WUNDERLICH: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Mechanical Engineering; Summa Cum Laude, UNL Peter Kiewit Scholarship, BNSF Scholarship, Nebraska Emerging Leadership Scholarship, UNL Husker Traditions Scholarship, Band Boosters Scholarship, Juliana Steinheider Duncombe Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship



Grace Roberts received the GPACAC Scholarship.

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Roebke: School is for connections

BY NATHAN ROEBKE
Seward High School

What is school for?
What is school for?
This is the question that I posed to myself probably as early as third grade. I probably said something along the lines of “I hate school, what’s the point anyways?” My mom probably responded something like, “oh honey, to teach you to shut up.”
What is school for?
I decided to ask some teachers and students and I got a variety of answers. One teacher said that the point of school is to provide students with the information they need to survive in daily life. One student that I asked said that the point of school is to make sure that all citizens are given the same opportunities to succeed. However, none of these answers really satisfied me.



Nathan Roebke

When I was in eighth grade, I watched a YouTube video called “What is school for?” Now in this video the narrator concludes that school is ultimately pointless. The narrator also goes on to elaborate how some of the greatest political, mathematical, and literary minds of our time, either didn’t attend school or dropped

out at a young age. Now, I thought that this video was really something, so I decided to show my eighth grade science and math teacher this video in the hopes that she would then share it with the rest of the class.
Of course she hated it. She thought that the video was incorrect and as she put it, had “missed the whole point of school.” Missed the whole point of school? What did she see that I didn’t? My eighth grade self couldn’t believe what she had told me, and I was still left with one question, what is school for?
But I’m getting ahead of myself, Class of 2023, we did it, right? And what a crazy four years it has been, might I add. A presidential election, a multi-country war, and, of course, a worldwide pandemic, it has certainly been an unforgettable

time for all of us.
Of course I have been doing quite a bit of reminiscing as of late. At the start of the year I made a checklist of all the activities I was in so that I could count down my “lasts” as I called them. Of course my list doesn’t look the same as any of yours, but I’m sure we can all relate to this, right? Last football game, last band competition, last volleyball game slowly turned into last basketball game, last show choir competition, last speech and eventually last musical, last soccer game, last track meet. Finally we are left here, the last item on that list, the last last.
But with all of this reminiscing that I was doing, something somehow brought me back to eighth grade, to a video that I watched in eighth grade. I eventually found this video again

and watched with bated breath. What is school for? After I was finished watching, my jaw was on the floor, I couldn’t believe that I was left with the same conclusion that my science teacher had come to all those years before, he really had missed the entire point of school.
So what was it then? What was the answer that I had longed for for the entirety of my academic career? What is school for?
School is for this. No, not graduation or this exact moment, but this memory, the knowledge that we will be able to look back on our time here, and do it with a smile. Sorry Mr. Royuk, but I don’t know if I will remember how to derive in 10 years time, and Mr. Montag, I don’t think I will remember how to adjust a cash balance ledger. But I

will always remember Mr. Fields telling us to fill out our PLP’s. I will remember those grueling hot practices where I formed friendships that will last a lifetime. I will remember cheering on the Seward Bluejays from the student section. And I will ALWAYS remember Seward United getting its first win in three LONG years. That is what school is for.
There is a quote from a TV show that has stuck with me recently. It comes after the main character parts ways with a companion seemingly forever. He says “In this ever changing world, all that we have are the connections that we make.” So let me be the first to say thank you, class of 2023. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for all of the memories, moments, experiences, and connections.
Thank you.

Gottschalk: Not goodbye, but thank you

BY KARNIE GOTTSCHALK
Seward High School

I realize that I overthink a lot . . . and how to format this speech is no different! So I want to let you all know that this speech is, in fact, typed in MLA format — with a works cited page with just my name on it! So I have all of my bases covered.
Good afternoon to my fellow 2023 classmates to our much anticipated graduation ceremony!
And welcome parents, family members, loved ones, and faculty and staff of Seward High. I also want to say thank you to everyone here, because each of you have made this moment possible and have impacted each of the graduates who sit here today.
I am honored to be standing in front of you all as we celebrate years together of learning, connecting, and staying up until one a.m. crying trying to figure out how to write a geometrical proof that determines how two triangles are the same.
Throughout our time

in high school, we have had the opportunity to grow and learn about the people we are as we have endured countless trials and challenges. It’s hard to believe high school is only four years, because sometimes it feels like we have encountered lifetimes side by side.
As I was planning out my speech, I kept hitting a roadblock because I realized I couldn’t express all the thoughts I had regarding all of the amazing peers I have in this class.
I don’t know how to say goodbye. How can I when I have been with most of you for 12 years and you have all helped shape me into the person I am today? I realized I simply can’t. So instead of saying goodbye, I’m going to say thank you.
Thank you for all of the amazing moments during homecoming spirit weeks. Thank you to all of the people who helped create the best visions for our homecoming hallways, which we later realized that maybe our ambitions were a little too high for



Karnie Gottschalk

our skill caliber. But hey, the effort was there.
Thank you for all of the times we had to cram our way through the crowded hallways . . . where I’m pretty sure we all saw our lives flash before our eyes at least once.
Thank you for all of the late night football games. And for the moments before chaos when we all knew full well that things were going to get crazy when we saw those members of the drum line march toward the student section.
Thank you for the prom and homecoming

dances where we showed each other who could truly pop and lock it.
I know there are so many more, and each of you have your own “thank you” memories of your different activities, classes, sports, and clubs.
And now here we are, sitting next to one another, wearing these funky looking hats, basking in the fact that we made it to this exact moment. Each of us with our own unique experiences that have shaped our paths and yet brought us to this moment together. We should be proud of ourselves for the struggles we each have personally had to endure to be here.
As we move into the future, filled with uncertainty, we are faced with never ending possibilities that we aren’t yet sure how to navigate. That thought brought me back to my first day of Kindergarten. I had on a great outfit (or my memory says I did :) and I remember feeling excited and hopeful. However, this quickly changed as I walked into

my new classroom and immediately started to bawl my eyes out. I tried clinging to my mom in hopes she would take me home. But instead she sent me into the classroom and ran down the hall and out the building. (Pretty sure it didn’t actually happen that way, but again, it’s how my memory recalls it.) But I do remember feeling alone and scared. But I was also able to find my footing as I met my new classmates. The people who were going to go on this same 12 year journey as me. And then, I felt less alone.
Which brings me to now. Many of us are so ready for what’s to come. And with every new adventure comes the reality of new challenges yet unfaced. But I know these struggles won’t diminish our resilience or courage. Instead of being blinded by the struggles, let them be an opportunity to grow and learn about the person you are becoming.
I will forever be grateful for my mom’s forceful hand on that first day of school. But as I

stand here now I realize that I need to be my own forceful hand. This next chapter is when we learn how to push ourselves into these new and uncomfortable situations because this is when we are truly able to live our own lives. Great things can happen when you harness the courage to trust in yourself and the strengths you possess. So as we encounter these next steps in our lives, have fun, embrace every possibility, and radiate confidence.
As we anticipate these new moments of the future, I hope we are able to face new opportunities with courage and treat new people with kindness. Thank you class of 2023 for creating so many memories in my life that I know will last a lifetime.
I thought it would be fitting to end this speech with a quote from Winnie the Pooh “How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.” Thank you for making this goodbye hard, but let’s also remember to make this new hello worthwhile.



Mackenzie Vandenberg received a scholarship from Timpte Manufacturing. Presenting the award is Jeff Klamar, vice president of supply chain.



Kylie Luebke received a scholarship from the Seward VFW, presented by Lucas Brown.

Congratulations, scholarship winners



Mckenna Kisela and Barrett Nitz received scholarships from the Sons of the American Legion.

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SSG Brian Ylvisaker of the U.S. Marine Corps (front left) presented awards to, from left: (front row) Eden Schulz and Kalen Knott for athletics; and (back row) Eli Hiser for academics and Tanner Bye for music.



The Seward Education Association presented scholarships to, from left: (front row) Amy Sistek, Bailey Broadwell and presenter Laura Goracke; and (back row) Kalen Knott, Malachi Limback and Tanner Todd.



Janice Peery, center, presented scholarships from the VFW Auxiliary to Barrett Nitz, left, and Ethan Ostrander.



Rotary Scholarships were presented to, from left: (first row) Rachel Runyan, Grace Roberts, Brenna McAdam, Madison Dominy and Brady Johnson, presenter; (second row) Micah Hackbart, Karnie Gottschalk and Natalie Axt; and (third row) Austin Schroeder, Kalen Knott and Noah Fields. Madison Dominy was named the Youth Rotarian of the Year.



Pepsi Scholarships went to, from left: (first row) Tarryn Hartman, Karnie Gottschalk, Nolan Hill and Kalen Knott; (second row) Madison Dominy, Eden Schulz and Nathan Roebke; and (third row) Luke Wegman, Emma Lowther and AJ Frazey.



Ridgewood Health gave scholarships to, from left, Olivia Volzke, Jeanne Schoen, presenter, and Vicki Wang.



Key Club representatives presented scholarships to Seward High seniors May 8. Pictured are, from left: (first row) Ross Briggs, Noah Fields, Bailey Broadwell, Ashlee Rickert and Dave Dobbertien; (second row) Aly Conde, Karnie Gottschalk, Morgan Kulhanek and Madison Dominy; and (third row) Emma Lowther, Andres Lopez and Lydia Lobmeyer.



Karnie Gottschalk was named the 2023 Senior Key.




Rachel Runyan, left, received the Caryl Schulz Performing Arts Scholarship, and Hannah Peetz received the Roger Harpham Performing Arts Scholarship.



Kaylie Nelson received a scholarship from TeamMates, presented by Josh Fields.

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The Seward Youth Golf Foundation gave scholarships to Audrey Dobesh and Luke Wegman. Wegman also received the Brandon Urban Memorial Scholarship.



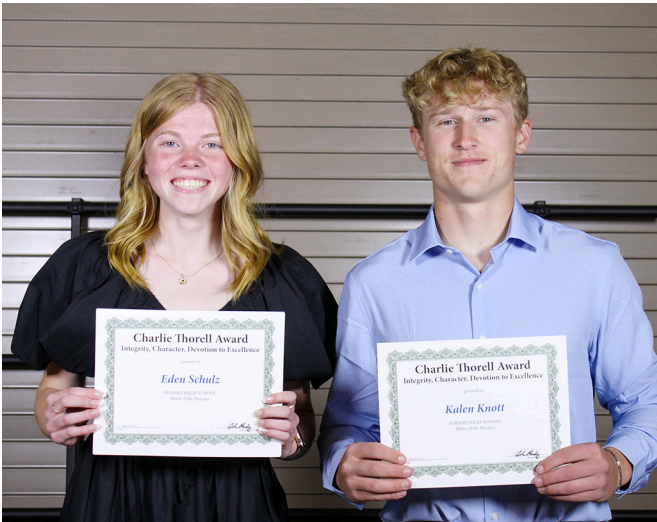
Tarryn Hartman received a scholarship from the Seward Softball Association.



The Junior Jays presented scholarships to, from left: (front row) Drew Covalt and Ryley Hain; and (back row) AJ Frazey, Cam Olson, Mike Langner, presenter, and Kalen Knott.



Kalen Knott received the George Smutny Award for excellence in track and field.



Charlie Thorell Award winners are Eden Schulz and Kalen Knott.



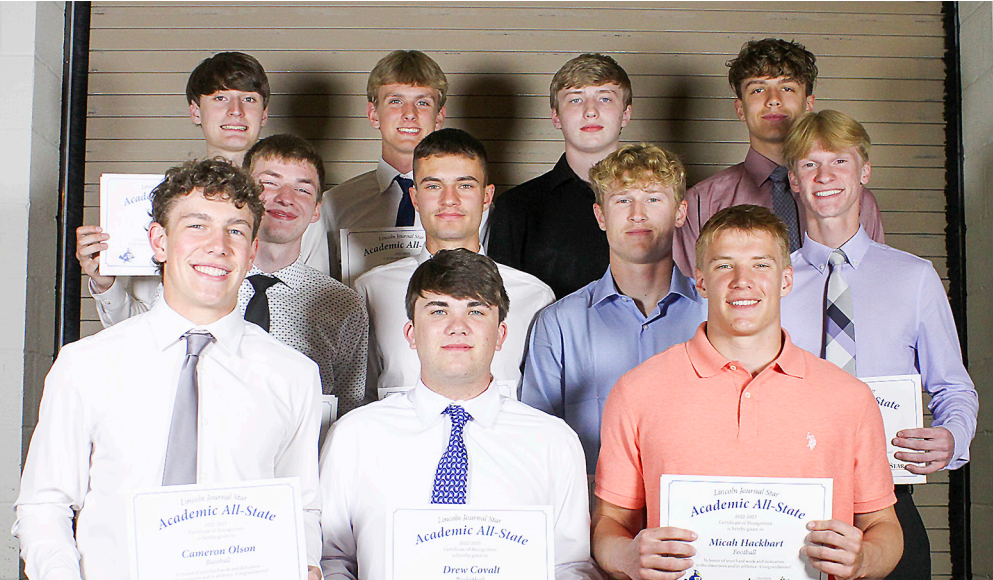
The Lily Gonzalez Memorial Scholarship went to Cam Olson, left. Mike Langner presented the award, and Kalen Knott was the runner-up.



The Ralph Bowmaster Award went to, from left: (first row) Sofia Heaston and Eden Schulz; (second row) Eli Hiser and Nolan Hill; and (third row) Dustin Hurley, AJ Frazey and Luke Wegman. Honorees participated in three sports each year all four years of high school.



Lincoln Journal Star all state honorees are, from left: (first row) Mckena Kisela and Audrey Broadwell; (second row) Kaylie Nelson, Vickie Wang and Jaci Hinrichs; (third row) Grace Roberts, Ava Krahulik and Olivia Volzie; (fourth row) Natalie Axt, Karnie Gottschalk and Cadance Craig; and (fifth row) Keira Llitteras, Tarryn Hartman, Madison Dominy and Audrey Dobesh.



Lincoln Journal Star all state honorees are, from left: (first row) Cam Olson, Drew Covalt and Micah Hackbart; (second row) Alex Tonniges, Broden Cihal, Kalen Knott and Luke Seevers; and (third row) Tanner Bye, Nathan Roebke, Noah Brumm and Jacob DeGroot.



AJ Frazey received a scholarship from the Seward County Sheriff's Posse. Pictured with him are, from left, Barb Rinne, Kathy Rohren and Amy Salisteian.



Ryley Hain received the Kroy Vandenberg Pride in Your Ride Memorial Scholarship.



Lydia Lobmeyer received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship organization.



Crayton Koranda received the Bluejay Way Scholarship.

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Eickhoff: Graduation means change

BY NOLAN EICKHOFF
Milford High School

Good afternoon. I would like to begin by thanking our wonderful faculty, staff, board, alumni, parents, and fellow students. We never could have gotten this far without all of your love, dedication, and support.

I would also like to thank my classmates in the class of 2023 – thank you all for an amazing 13 years here at Milford. In addition, I want to give a massive thank you to the people in the back who are broadcasting this event to all those who were not able to attend in person – for the past five years, that’s been me back there.

Graduation is a time



Nolan Eickhoff

of change for everyone. It marks the end of grade school and the beginning of our futures, whether that be in college, the military, or the workforce. We have all followed the same general path up

until this point, but now it’s time for us to go our separate ways and live our own lives. This is truly the beginning of us taking control of the pen and writing our own stories – let’s make them all worth telling. It’s also a time of change for parents as we start to leave the nest and go out into the world.

These last few years have been tough on all of us. We lost out on part of our freshman year because of the pandemic, we had mask mandates throughout our sophomore year, and we’ve all struggled through classes just to make it through to the end. And now we’re here: the end. The end of high school, the end of seeing our little class family every

day, and for many of us, the end of living here in Milford. None of us know for sure where our lives will take us, or where we’ll be in another 10 or 20 or 50 years.

But that’s the fun of life: it’s unpredictable. We can never truly know what is coming up next. Don’t be afraid of leaving your comfort zone and exploring who you are and what you can become and achieve. So after we spend the next hour listening to people talk and the rest of the weekend celebrating, it’s time for us graduates to get out there and begin living our lives.

For all of high school, we’ve been hearing the school motto over and over: Everyone has a story, make yours

worth telling. A lot of us haven’t really thought about it all that much, but up until now, we’ve been writing our stories with a lot of help. Maybe your teachers or parents or siblings told you what to write, maybe you weren’t allowed to make your handwriting any bigger or smaller.

To borrow a line from Dr. Mowinkel, many of us feel like every line of every page of our story has to be filled, so we never take the time to look around and reflect on what we’ve already written. And remember: every story has a bad part, every story has a downfall, and that’s what makes your stories worth telling.

To quote Mac Pollock, who wasn’t able to attend

today, "It’s not about being perfect. If you want to learn to appreciate the sun, you have to know what it’s like when it rains."

In our stories, today marks a chapter break. Today, we will leave this building for the first time not as students, but as alumni. The section we’ve been writing comes to an end. Take some time to look back at the previous pages, look at what you’ve written.

Don’t be afraid to mark some things with a red pen, but what’s there cannot be changed. Don’t let that hold you down, but use it as inspiration and motivation for what’s to come. Let’s start writing our stories.

Thank you, Milford.

Wissenburg: Story still to come but memories key part of it

BY AUTUMN WISSENBURG
Milford High School

Thank you. First off, I want to thank everyone who’s come today to support our graduating class of 2023: our teachers, the school board, our friends and families, and especially our underclassmen.

Now, I’m sure most of you know who Mrs. Kontor is. I was one of the many seniors in her second semester healthy lifestyles class, and one of our final assignments was to submit a memorable quote that we would like to share with our classmates. Mine was this: "How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard." This is a quote I’ve been thinking a lot about this year, especially with my many 'lasts' that I have had to face, and I’m sure many of my fellow graduates can relate.

Like every graduating class, we are on the threshold of a new chapter — one with a drastically different look. For roughly 12 years of our lives, we have had the same schedule: wake at 7, go to school from 8 to 3, maybe stay a little later for practice, and go home. It’s a tight schedule that we rarely stray from and follow for approximately eight months of each year.

And by Monday, while the rest of our school is continuing with this pattern, we will have taken our first step towards a different layout. And it’s upsetting, in a sense. It’s scary and sad and a little relieving, but it’s still a goodbye. A difficult one that’s going to take some getting used to. But the familiarity will come. It always does.

Many of us have also had to say goodbye to our various clubs, activ-



Autumn Wissenburg

ities, and sports. For me, this was my last year of competitive softball, and my last year as a member of the Milford choir. It was my last year of FFA competitions and as a Milford FFA officer. This year was the end of my four-year speech career, and on April 29, I shot my last arrow as a Milford archer.

No one really prepares you for this part of graduating — the 'last times.' They teach you about financial aid and resumes and scholarships, but they rarely tell you how you’re supposed to react when, after four or six years, you’re just done. I will never step on those black boxes again, or sing on that auditorium stage, or give a 10-minute speech about the global sand shortage.

And part of me is excited for the new stories I will write in college and the new clubs and groups I will join, but that anticipation doesn’t erase the fact that I have practically lived in these halls. I have met some of my closest friends through these activities. I have made countless memories — from nerf gun fights at Christmas meetings to midnight cast parties in drive-ways, I have been bless-

ed with a vibrant collage of love, laughter, and the occasional car-ride-karaoke that sounds closer to a flock of banshees. Whether the moments were good or bad, they have shaped who we are today, and their memories will continue to direct our lives and our paths as we grow.

Finally, and most painfully, we are saying goodbye to our family and friends. And I’m not just referring to each other as we break apart onto our separate paths. I’m referring to our underclassmen. I know we tease you all a lot, maybe make a few too many jokes about you being younger, but you have truly made this senior year worth it. And I can’t begin to express how proud I am of all my underclassmen friends that have been with me throughout these terribly turbulent eight months.

Next year, some of you will be the ones walking across the stage. Some of you will still be sitting in the audience. No matter how close you are to this next chapter, know that you are what makes this so difficult. Especially those of you that are also younger siblings. As

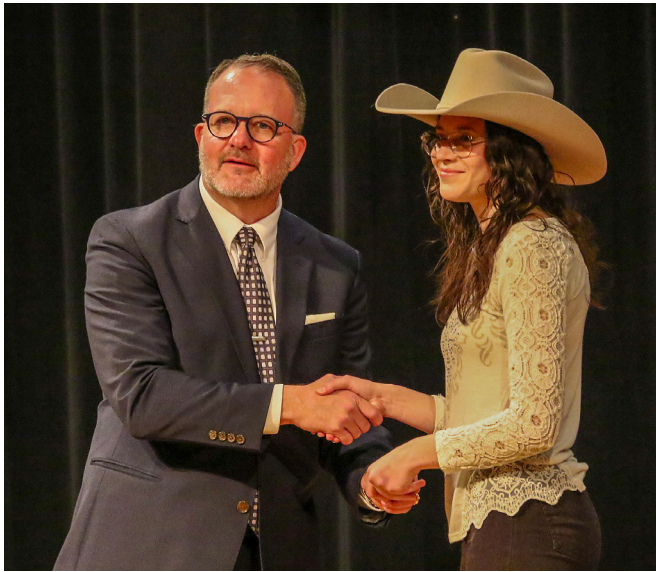
older siblings, it is our responsibility to tease you and make your life difficult for the fun of it, but no matter what, we love you. And on behalf of us that are moving farther away for college, I’m sorry that we won’t be there as often to watch you grow up. It’s not the same watching it through facebook posts and snapchat stories, but I promise, even if we’re six and a half hours away, we’ll be there the second you need us.

The quote that I chose is often missattributed to Winnie-the-Pooh. In reality, variations of it have existed throughout literature and media. But, wherever it comes from, it remains just as true. I’ve tried to do it today, but words will never properly explain just how grateful I am to be able to relate to this quote.

Words could never describe just “How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.”

So teachers, coaches, family, and friends — thank you for making this next step so hard to take. And thank you for being here today to love and support us and make it just a little bit easier to bear.

Milford honors students



Phil Goddard presents an award to Anna Gurnsey at Milford Honors Night on May 8.



Sgt. Peter Guidry presents Corbin Mackey with an award at Milford Honors Night on May 8.

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Shanna Meyer, back, hugs Kaitlin Kontor after presenting her the TJ Meyer Legacy Scholarship May 8.



Reice Stutzman tears up as he receives the Phyllis Philson Memorial Scholarship at Milford's Honors Night on May 8.



Autumn Wissenburg, Bo Kepler and Kaitlin Kontor received the William Webermeier Memorial Scholarship at Milford's Honors Night on May 8.

Scholarships go to Milford Class of 2023

Milford High seniors received the following scholarships:

CAYDEN BAKER: Southeast Community College - Milford, Diesel Technology; Milford Schools Foundation: Jim Daws Trucking LLC, Milford American Legion Post 171, Michael A Boden, Lt. Colonel Retired Endowed Scholarship; Missouri Western State University: Griffon Guarantee Scholarship; Seward VFW Post #4755 Scholarship; Kroy Vandenberg's Pride in Your Ride Memorial Scholarship.

ELIZABETH BELL: Southeast Community College - Lincoln / University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Mechanical Engineering; Milford Schools Foundation: Hughes Brothers, Inc., Stelling Carpentry LLC, Dorothy Bender Endowed Scholarship; SCC: Freshman Tuition Scholarship, Foundation High School Scholar; Pleasant Dale American Legion Scholarship.

CHARLES BENNETT: Workforce, Walmart Team Lead Manager

KATHRYN BLAKE: Northeast Community College, Veterinary Technology; Milford Schools Foundation: Larry & Donna Heyen, Marla Shaw, Trevyn Roth Endowed Scholarship; SCC: Learn to Dream Scholarship.

AMY BOUSQUET: College of Hair Design - Lincoln, Cosmetology; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Valorie Halsey, General Endowed Scholarship.

SAMARRA CASTILLO: Southeast Community College - Lincoln, Nursing; Milford Schools Foundation: Robert L. Wergin, M.D., Wake Charitable Foundation, Janet Rowland Endowed Scholarship; SCC: Learn to Dream Scholarship.

TENNACEE CRUMRINE: Peru State College, Elementary Education; Milford Schools Foundation: Milford American Legion Post 171, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Louise & Eugene Welsch Endowed Scholarship; Peru State College: Career Scholarship.

CARLY DONOGHUE: Northeast Community College, Business; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Cattle Bank & Trust, Dorothy Bender Endowed Scholarship.

KALEB EICKHOFF: Concordia University, Secondary Education; Math; Milford Schools Foundation: Beth Green, Larry & Donna Heyen, Joyce Caleca Endowed Scholarship; Concordia University: Academic Scholarship, Congregations

for Concordia Scholarship, Concordia Departmental Scholarship, Lutheran Heritage Award, Concordia Grant.

NOLAN EICKHOFF: Simon Fraser University, Linguistics; Milford Schools Foundation: Earl Fosler, Seward Cross Makers, Dale Hall Endowed Scholarship; Simon Fraser University: International Excellence Entrance Scholarship; 4-H Foundation Scholarship; 4-H Council Scholarship; Seward County Jr. Leaders Scholarship.

MORRELL ELLWOOD: Nebraska Wesleyan University, Fine Arts; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Wake Charitable Foundation, Pleasant Dale PTO Endowed Scholarship; Nebraska Wesleyan University: Black & Gold Scholarship, Campus Visit Scholarship, N.W.U. Achievement Scholarship.

REBECCA FREEMAN: Morningside University, Forensic Science; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Memorial Health Care Systems, Clara Morefield/Milford Auxiliary Unit #171 Endowed Scholarship; Morningside University: Dean Scholarship, Athletic Grant, Achievement Award; Folds of Honor.

NELSON GIRMUS: Concordia University, Physical Education; Milford Schools Foundation: Beth Green, Karen Kremer Scholarship Fund, Carol Wurst Friedli Stauffer Endowed Scholarship; Concordia: Academic Scholarship; MHS Academic Athlete Scholarship.

ANNA GURNSEY: Southeast Community College - Milford, Auto Collision; Milford Schools Foundation: Barbara Hunsberger, Stelling Carpentry LLC, Maury Family Endowed Scholarship; SCC: Learn to Dream Scholarship.

JOSIE HANSEN: Southeast Community College - Lincoln, Dental Assistant; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Kiwanis Club of Milford, Justin & Tammy Salyer.

GAVIN HARMS: Southeast Community College - Lincoln, Business Management/Business Communications; Milford Schools Foundation: Delroy L. Hemsath, Heyen Tax & Accounting, Inc., General Endowed Scholarship; SCC: Foundation Scholarship; Emmanuel Landing Servers Scholarship.

KOLBY JOHNS: Workforce

KAYTLIN KEILIG: Southeast Community College - Lincoln, Paramedic; Milford Schools

Foundation: Kevin & Becky Wingard, Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home, Dale Hall Endowed Scholarship; SCC: Learn to Dream Scholarship; Milford Firefighter's Scholarship.

BO KEPLER: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Software Engineer; Milford Schools Foundation: Greg & Jessica Dunlap, Harold H. & Patricia M. Wergin Endowed Scholarship, Pleasant Dale Men's Club Endowed Scholarship; Denton Dollars for Scholars; William Webermeier Scholarship.

DANE KOLB: Southeast Community College - Lincoln, Welding; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Hughes Brothers, Inc., Shirley Heckman Scholarship Fund; (MWELD) Welding Technology Scholarship; Beth-El Community Church Scholarship.

KAITLIN KONTOR: Concordia University, Physical Education or Business; Milford Schools Foundation: Cattle Bank & Trust, Seward Cross Makers, Gene & Evelyn Fougerson Endowed Scholarship; Concordia University: Regents Scholarship, Basketball Scholarship; Doane University: Academic Scholarship, WBB Athletic Excellence; Hastings College: Ambassador Scholarship, Basketball Scholarship; Morningside University: Presidential Scholarship, Athletic Scholarship, ACT/SAT Incentive Scholarship, Travel Visit Grant; UNL: Husker Power Scholarship; MHS Booster Club Sportsmanship Scholarship, MHS Academic Athlete Scholarship; TJ Meyer Legacy Scholarship; William Webermeier Scholarship.

ANDREW LYON III: University of Nebraska - Lincoln / Nebraska Army National Guard ROTC, Engineering; Milford Schools Foundation: AKRS Equipment, Christine Truhe, 1969 Milford Football State Championship Team Endowed Scholarship.

CORBIN MACKEY: United States Army, Montgomery G.I. Bill.

ELIZA MCGUIRE: Undecided, Criminal Justice; Milford Schools Foundation: Greg & Jessica Dunlap, Donna & Neil Wurst Scholarship, TJ Meyer Endowed Scholarship.

TANYA MILLER: Concordia University, Psychology or Education; Milford Schools Foundation: Barbara Hunsberger, Jeff & Melissa Luebbe, Carol Wurst Friedli Stauffer Endowed Scholarship; Concordia University: Dean's Scholarship, Basketball Scholarship, Lutheran Heritage Award, Concordia Grant, Congregations for CUNE; Doane University: Academic Scholarship, Basketball Scholarship; Hastings College: Academic Scholarship, Basketball Scholarship; Milford Jr./Sr. High Staff "Jeans for a Buck" Education Scholarship.

HUDSON MULLET: Wayne State College, Secondary Education; Math; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Jeri Weber, TJ Meyer Endowed Scholarship; Wayne State College: Dean's Excellence Scholarship; UNL: Husker Power Scholarship; Beth-El Community Church.

CADEN NELSON: Workforce, Nelson Contracting

CHASE NITZSCHE: Southeast Community College - Milford, HVAC; Milford Schools Foundation: Larry & Donna Heyen, Brandon & Shelly Mowinkel, 1969 Milford Football State Championship Team Endowed Scholarship; Milford Menno-nite Church Scholarship; Nebraska Equipment Scholarship; MHS Booster Club Sportsmanship Scholarship.

MCCONAUGHY POLLOCK: Greenville University, Illinois, Business Management, Economics; Milford Schools Foundation: Heyen Tax & Accounting, Inc., Pleasant Dale Men's Club Endowed Scholarship, Larry Lee Shaw Family Scholarship Fund; Greenville University: Mosaic Diversity Scholars Program Scholarship.

ELANA PRENTICE: Nebraska Wesleyan University, Pre-Veterinary Medicine; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Kevin & Becky Wingard, Harold H. & Patricia M. Wergin Endowed Scholarship; Nebraska Wesleyan University: Board of Governors Scholarship, HUGE-NWU Recognition Scholarship, Achievement Scholarship, Access NWU Scholarship, NWU Teammates Scholarship, Campus Visit

Scholarship, Prairie Wolf Priority Scholarship; Teammates New Generation Scholarship; Pleasant Dale American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship.

ORLANDO RAKOW: Southeast Community College - Milford, HVAC; Milford Schools Foundation: Waste Connections US, Inc., Michael A. Boden, Lt. Colonel Retired Endowed Scholarship.

MEKENZIE RILEY: Southeast Community College - Lincoln, Early Childhood Development; Milford Schools Foundation: Dragonfly Café & Bakery, Roland Miller, Karen Kremer Scholarship Fund; SCC: Learn to Dream Scholarship.

MYLEE ROTH: Southeast Community College - Milford, Undeclared

PARKER ROTH: Workforce, County Line Electrical

TAYLOR ROTH: Southeast Community College - Lincoln, Business; Milford Schools Foundation: Susan K. Burkey, Memorial Health Care Systems, Louise & Eugene Welsch Endowed Scholarship; SCC: Freshman Tuition Scholarship, Foundation High School Scholar; Peter R. Marsh - Silent Servant Award Scholarship; MHS Student Council Scholarship; Pleasant Dale American Legion Scholarship.

HANNAH SCHILZ: Peru State College, Criminal Justice Counseling; Milford Schools Foundation: Verlyn Dunlap, Kiwanis Club of Milford, Donna & Neil Wurst Scholarship Fund; Peru State College: Dean's Scholarship, Academic Scholarship, Athletic Scholarship; Northwestern Missouri State University: Green & White Advantage Scholarship, NWMSU Scholarship; Nebraska Community Blood Bank Scholarship; Milford Jr./Sr. High Staff "Jeans for a Buck" Education Scholarship.

MARA JADE SHEPARD: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Fine Arts; Digital Arts; Milford Schools Foundation: Charlene R. (Stauffer) Gutierrez, Barbara Hunsberger, Larry Lee Shaw Family Scholarship Fund; UNL: We Are Nebraska Commitment, Opportunity Grant.

ALEC SHOOK: Peru State College, Criminal Justice; Milford

Schools Foundation: American Legion Post 171, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Maury Family Endowed Scholarship; Peru State College: Corrections Leadership Scholarship.

CAMILLE STAUFFER: Cloud County Community College, Education & Coaching; Milford Schools Foundation: Verlyn Dunlap, Barbara Hunsberger, Janet Rowland Endowed Scholarship; CCCC: Athletic Scholarship; Ernest G. and Ellen E. Briggs Scholarship.

MADISON STUTZMAN: Southeast Community College - Lincoln, Business; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Kiwanis Club of Milford, Shirley Heckman Scholarship Fund; Nebraska Equipment Scholarship.

CONNOR TROYER: Southeast Community College - Beatrice, Livestock Management; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Tom Stauffer, Trevyn Roth Endowed Scholarship; SCC: Foundation Scholarship; Exeter Feeders and Breeders Scholarship.

TRYSTON TYNER: Workforce

TREYSON WALKOWIAK: Northeast Community College, Video Production; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Kiwanis Club of Milford, Gene & Evelyn Fougerson Endowed Scholarship.

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Marty Baker presents his grandson Cayden Baker with a scholarship at Milford's Honors Night on May 8.

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Karsyn Broders

Addyson Hanson

Lucas Christensen

Hayden Frank

Tyler Thieman

Ethan Wollberg

Speakers share thoughts on class’s success

Extracurricular activities big

Success comes in many forms. Whether it's earning the graae on the test you studied hard for or becoming a state champion. It could be making the varsity teams or even just finishing your homework before the school day ends. Each day we strive and work to succeed at whatever we do, but the path to success looks different for everyone. There isn't one "right way" to succeed.

Throughout our high school career, Addy and I have taken different paths to success. From when we like to complete our work to how we spend our free time, the differences are endless.

Our differences begin at school. From the time we were little, it was clear Karsyn and I worked differently. Karsyn is more likely to choose to work independently and I, on the other hand, prefer to work in groups. Karsyn also refuses any position less than dictatorship.

When it came to choosing classes - Addy was more likely to choose a class like Art for a brain break. I was more likely to load up my schedule with the most difficult classes offered. Even outside of school, we are different. Karsyn loves to pack her schedule full of events until she barely has any time for sleep. She has been known to priotitize almost anything over making the time for eating, sleeping, and showering. In contrast, Addy goes to bed at 8:30 every night.

Where we are the most different is with our time management. Addy likes to get her assignments done with plenty of time to spare. Karsyn, on the other hand, likes to start the assignments the day of, even if she has had three weeks to work on it. We would have started writing this speech yesterday if it were up to me.

Despite our clear differences, Karsyn and I have still ended up in the same place, given the opportunity to speak on behalf of our clafs today. This just goes to show that success looks different to everyone. With differing values and personalities, each person has a unique path to success. If you achieve what you want to and are ultimately happy, then anyone can find success.

At the end of it all we must remember that success is subjective. No one besides you can measure your success. What are you going to cliange to-day in order to improve yourself for tomorrow? How are you going to make a difference in the lives around you?

In front of you today there are 49 more stories of success. Forty-nine dlfferent paths that have been taken and found their way to successfully graduate high school, which is just the first step for many of us.

Malcolm High School has given each of us many opportunities to succeed. Without the investment poured into our education by our teacher~ none of us would be here today. Lessons we have learned in high school will continue to shape us for the rest of our lives.

In the meantime, we must thank the place we came from. So thank you for the insanely long email addresses.

Logging out,
karsyn.broders@mps148.org
addyson.hanson@mps148.org

Lucas Christensen

Saying that our class is filled with good athletes is an understatement. As a class we led many of our sports teams to state qualifying positions and placements. While not all of us went as far as we wanted to, we should not be discouraged or disappointed by the many accomplishments we have made along the way.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible achievements that our class has accumulated over the years ...

Our 2023 class has been a member of 13 state tournament teams throughout our four years.

Our softball team made state every year, girls basketball three times, cross country three times, volleyball one time with their incredible year this year, football once with our first undefeated regular season record since 1999, and baseball once in only our second year as Malcolm. Their next game will be on Monday in the state tournament. Through all those teams, we have also sent nine entries to the state meet at Omaha Burke, including five entries in this year's championships, and in total we had three wrestlers qualify for the wrestling state tournament.

While many of our achievements can be credited to hard-work and determination, it would be unfair to not thank the many fans and student sections that cheered us on along the way. Some of the most memorable student section themes that I remember include our cowboy theme, where many of the boys, myself included, walked into Pinnacle Bank showing as much skin as possible with our jean shorts and cropped flannels. Or when we are up by 30 in our home football game, and we can't help but notice Tyler jumping

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Speakers review class history

Colt Reiling

Elementary

First off we would like to thank everyone who has, or at least tried to, teach us what we need to know for our future. From learning each other's names those first few weeks to writing about our favorite whales in Amen's class and finally we did learn cursive. I don't know how many people remembered, but they tried.

We may not have always enjoyed what we did but they taught us some many valuable lessons that we still might be learning today. Without those first elementary teachers putting us on the right path we might all be different people here today. For that, I say from the bottom of my heart, even though it may never show from your students, Thank you for everything you have and will continue to do.

Luke Beckman

Middle school

Then we got into middle school and, boy, was that a change for us. We went from having two different teachers and two different classrooms in a year, that were most of the time connected or not very far apart, to having many different classes in many different rooms with multiple different teachers. This was the first thing that middle school had prepared us for.

The teachers were great at helping us adjust to this difference. They allowed us to settle down and really gave us some leeway at times. Dealing with our class as in junior high must have been a little trying at times, but none of our teachers ever lost their cool and we made it through without causing too much trouble.

Our teachers in junior high did a really good job of preparing us for the next step into high school. They taught us many life skills along with the daily lessons that helped us in high school. At the time the papers and essays seemed hard, but looking back I am glad that our teachers gave us those challenges.

Oliver Day


High school

Finally we made it to high school which has been the most memorable experience of our lives.

Coming into Freshman year we displayed a sense of pride and excitement for new opportunities. Our teachers helped to push us towards greatness, and showed us the importance of responsibility. When Junior year hit many of us started to focus on our plans after high school.

I speak for all of us when I say thank you teachers for helping us prepare for our futures. Some of us spent our time in shop classes with Mr. Christensen and the legendary Mr. Berry. Others filled their schedules with fun electives with Mr. Lew and Señor Edwards. We also appreciate the teachers of our CORE classes with Mr. Eich and Mrs. Pulec.

Finally, we would like to thank Mrs. Frank and Mrs. Watson for the opportunities to take dual credit classes through sec to get a head start on college. Our teachers have always watched over us from kindergarten until now and they deserve some gratitude. Thank you, teachers.



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Scholarships presented to Malcolm seniors

- Malcolm High seniors received the following scholarships:
- ALANEA BABB:** Peru State College RHOP Scholarship, Peru State College Softball Scholarship, Malcolm Fire & Rescue Scholarship, Malcolm Perpetual Fund Scholarship

LUKE BECKMAN: University of NE-Lincoln Regents Scholarship, Seward County 4-H Council Scholarship, Seward County 4-H Foundation Scholarship, Platte River Charity Shoot Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship, Malcolm High School Perpetual Fund Scholarship, Malcolm Scholarship Fund Award

KALEB BOYCE: Friends University Presidential Scholarship, Friends University Fine Arts Scholarship, Friends University Sebts Jazz Scholarship, Earl & Goldie England Education Scholarship, Malcolm Music Boosters Scholarship, Malcolm Parent Teacher Organization Scholarship

JOSEPH BROCKHAUS: Bob Hoyer Cross Country Alumni Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2024 Scholarship

KARSYN BRODERS: Wayne State College Board of Trustees Scholarship, Senior Clipper 2 Scholarship, Malcolm Music Boosters Scholarship, Pleasant Date Legion Auxiliary Scholarship, Wake Charitable Foundation Scholarship

EMMA BROWN: Doane University Perry Academic Scholarship, Doane University Legacy Award, Doane University Women’s Basketball Scholarship, Crete Carrier Corporation Scholarship for Dependents, Malcolm High School Perpetual Fund Scholarship, Malcolm Scholarship Fund Award, Malcolm Parents Class of 2024

LUCAS CHRISTENSEN: Doane University Perry Academic Scholarship, Doane University Hansen Leadership Award, Doane University Football Scholarship, EverFi Credit Worthy Scholarship, Saunders County Livestock & Ag Association Scholarship, Gabby Matthes Memorial Scholarship, Malcolm Boosters Scholarship, Malcolm Alumni Scholarship, Malcolm Class of 2023 Parents Scholarship, Kawasaki Scholarship

ELLANA COKER: Nelson Family Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship

JONATHAN COOK: University of NE-Lincoln CEHS Freshman Scholarship, William B. & Virginia Rolofson Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship, Malcolm Alumni Scholarship

OLIVER DAY: University of NE-Lincoln Regents Scholarship, Cattle National Bank Scholarship, Malcolm Perpetual Fund Scholarship, Malcolm Scholarship Fund Award

LAURYN ENGLAND: Concordia University Regents Scholarship, Concordia University Volleyball Scholarship, Malcolm Alumni Scholarship, Malcolm Booster Club Scholarship, Malcolm Education Association Scholarship, Malcolm TeamMates Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2023 Scholarship

DEREK ERICKSON: Coe College Trustee Scholarship, Coe College Impact Award, Coe College Sustainability Scholarship

ALYSSA FORTIK: University of NE-Kearney Loper Achievement Award, University of NE-Kearney Softball Scholarship, University of NE-Kearney Cooperating School Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2023 Scholarship, Nebraska Community Blood Bank Scholarship

HAYDEN FRANK: Concordia University Regents Scholarship, Concordia University Basketball Scholarship, Concordia University Lutheran Heritage Award, TeamMates Future Generation Scholarship, NSIAAA Scholarship, Ed Johnson Memorial Basketball Scholarship, Evelyn Reid Memorial Scholarship, Malcolm Booster Club Scholarship, MYSA Scholarship, Don Minnig Memorial Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2023 Scholarship, Malcolm Scholarship Fund Award, Malcolm TeamMates Scholarship

PARIS GUSTAFSON: Southeast Community College Freshman Tuition Scholarship, Southeast Community College Foundation Scholarship, Malcolm Alumni Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship

ADDYSON HANSON: University of NE-Kearney Regents Scholarship, Ralston FOP Scholarship, Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Scholarship, Wauneta V. Peterson Scholarship, Senior Clipper 1 Scholarship, Malcolm Education Association Scholarship, Malcolm Scholarship Fund Award

AIDAN HARDIN: Southeast Community College Walter Scott Jr. Career Pathways Scholarship, Julie Melichar Memorial Scholarship

SIDNEY HOLLIDAY: University of NE-Lincoln Commitment Scholarship, University of NE-Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship, Pleasant Dale American Legion Scholarship, Clipper Senior 2 Scholarship

BAILEY HRABAN: University of NE-Kearney Cheer Scholarship, Malcolm Music Boosters Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship

HALSTEN HUTCHINGS: Nebraska Wesleyan University Black & Gold Scholarship, Nebraska Wesleyan University Achievement Scholarship, Nebraska Wesleyan University Legacy Scholarship

DREW JOHNSON: Nebraska Wesleyan University Board of Governors Scholarship, Nebraska Wesleyan University Achievement Scholarship, Nebraska Wesleyan University Legacy Scholarship, Nebraska Wesleyan University Huge Recognition Scholarship, Julie Melichar Memorial Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2023 Scholarship

COOPER KOEPPEN: Joe Kresser Memorial Scholarship (NE EMS Association)

KARTER KOPECKY: Iowa Western Community College Trap Scholarship, Melvin & Joann Lostroh Memorial Scholarship, Melvin Lindner Memorial Scholarship

ANTHONY KOUMA: Midland University Academic Scholarship, Midland University Football Scholarship, LaVerne “Lue” Heidtbrink Memorial Scholarship, Malcolm Alumni Scholarship, Fern Westfall Scholarship

SOPHIA LANNIN: Peru State College Career Scholarship, Mark Heidtbrink Memorial Scholarship

REGGIE LAWSON: Wayne State College Dean's Excellence Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship

BRAELYNN LOTTMAN: Malcolm Fire & Rescue Scholarship, Pleasant Dale American Legion Scholarship, Malcolm TeamMates Scholarship

EMMA MEYERS: University of NE-Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship

COLT REILING: University of NE-Lincoln Regents Scholarship, Nebraska Cattlemen's Scholarship, Platte River Charity Shoot Scholarship, Seward County 4-H Scholarships, Malcolm Boosters Scholarship, Malcolm Class of 2023 Parents Scholarship, Malcolm Scholarship Fund Award

KEEGAN ROBINSON: University of NE-Lincoln Commitment Scholarship, University of NE-Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship, University of NE-Lincoln Emerging Leaders Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship

ELLIOTT ROBOTHAM: Malcolm Fire & Rescue Scholarship, Malcolm Alumni Scholarship, Robert Heidtbrink Memorial Scholarship

DIAMOND SEDLAK: Avila University Academic Scholarship, Avila University Volleyball Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2023 Scholarship

PAIGE SMITH: University of NE-Lincoln Husker Traditions Scholarship, University of NE-Lincoln Commitment Scholarship, University of NE-Lincoln N-Fund Scholarship, Malcolm Parent Teacher Organization Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2023 Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship

JOSH STEWART: Steph Stewart Memorial Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship

BRIAN STREETER: University of NE-Lincoln Nebraska Promise Grant, TeamMates Osborne Opportunity Scholarship, Malcolm Parent Teacher Organization Scholarship, Nebraska Community Blood Bank Scholarship

TYLER THIEMAN: University of NE-Omaha Regents Scholarship, Malcolm Music Boosters Scholarship, Bob Hoyer Cross Country Alumni Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2023 Scholarship, Pleasant Dale American Legion Scholarship, Malcolm High School Perpetual Scholarship

ETHAN WOLLBERG: University of NE-Lincoln Regents Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2023 Scholarship, Malcolm High School Perpetual Scholarship

ZANE ZOUCHA: University of NE-Kearney KHOP Scholarship, University of NE-Kearney Health Science Explorers Room Scholarship, University of NE-Kearney Distinguished Scholar, LEGENDS Wrestling Scholarship, Louise Klinkworth/Pleasant Dale American Legion Scholarship, Malcolm Boosters Scholarship, Bob Hoyer Cross Country Alumni Scholarship, MYSA Scholarship

Malcolm speakers

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around in a blown up chicken costume. Who knew our mascot was truly a chicken?

Most importantly, I cannot forget our workout theme and Anthony boxing a Milford student during halftime of the girls’ district basketball game. I definitely know who I am NOT choosing in a fight. Through all of our games and competitions, I cannot thank you fans, supporters, and the Malcolm high schoolers enough for your continued support these last four years.

Hayden Frank

To continue, through our four years of determination and dedication in athletics, many of us have been fortunate to receive the opportunity to continue our sport on to the next level. We have two football players, two football players, two basketball players, a volleyball player, a baseball player, two cheerleaders, and two trap-shooters. In total that is 12 athletes that have planned to take their talents to their next institutions.

Through all the success, it is nice to look back and think about the funny and memorable times throughout our sports. Whether it's finishing sprints in our summer conditioning at 8 a.m., looking back and seeing Lucas hunched over throwing up whatever he ate that morning. Like "Good morning to you too." Or Colt running around the defense in our playoff game against Fremont Bergan and their defense going, "Well there goes fire hydrant."

One of the best memories has to be our "accidental" combined carb load with Elmwood Murdock at Pizza Ranch. And Jake, I don't think any of us will ever look at vanilla ice cream the same. Sports over these four years have created some of the best memories that any of us could

ask for during our high school careers.

Fine Arts

Tyler Thieman: (clears throat obnoxiously) Now, as the two most athletic people in the class, we would like to talk about the thing that we all REALLY want to hear about: the fine arts. I would say only the few and true are a part of this cult, but at a small school like Malcolm almost every person is in some way involved in the fine arts. Most people in our class have either participated in Choir, Band, One Act, or Speech.

Although we have not just participated. We have excelled. We have been incredibly successful in each and every one of these activities. From being part of state championship winning teams in both one act and speech to performing at the state capital in choir and band, we have played pinnacle roles in the success of Malcolm's fine arts programs. Fine arts is usually for those who are not necessarily built for sports, but at Malcolm everyone, even star athletes, find a place in this ... crowd.

Ethan Wollberg: The first side of the fine arts includes speech and drama. Our class has been at the forefront of each. Having several state champions in speech and the Class-A best actor is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to accomplishments in the two. We were the first class to not only qualify for a class-A state tournament, but also win a Class-A state tournament. We have incredibly diverse talents, from musicians in the pit to actors on stage to brute behind the curtains. Easy to say there was a target on our backs. Furthermore, our class excelled in speech, having several members of state medaling teams and several state personal medals. Our class allowed many produc-

tions and competitions in Speech and One Act to flourish.

Tyler: The other half of the fine arts programs at Malcolm take place year round. The talented students in our class have allowed the music programs at Malcolm to thrive. In both band and choir, throughout our four years, our full choir and band ensembles have been chosen to perform at some of the venues of highest honor in Nebraska. During our freshman year, the choir was chosen to perform at the state capital.

The year after, the band received the same honor. Along with these selections, this year, the band was selected to perform at the Nebraska Bandmasters' Association Convention. This is the highest honor that a high school band in Nebraska could be selected for. Along with selections, our bands and choirs have brought home several superior scores at district music competitions. These selections and honors for full ensembles are very impressive, although, our class has also

achieved many solo and small group superiors at district music competitions, along with bringing home a multitude of Outstanding Performance Awards.

Throughout the last four years, our class has pushed the music programs at Malcolm to success.

Hayden: Even with all of our class's achievements, in sports and fine arts, our growth over the years has gone beyond winning, breaking records, and personal achievements. We've grown our discipline,

even though our parents may not say so, our leadership, our tough mindsets, our perseverance, and ultimately, our character. What we have learned in our years of competing will only help us in our future endeavors and to push us to new heights as we continue past Malcolm.

Class, your dedication, passion, and hard work has been a true inspiration to your peers and the many generations to come here at Malcolm.

Garcia: Mistakes help learn

BY RACHEL GARCIA
Centennial High School

"How do I write a graduation speech?" is fifth in my search history. Number four was "how do I cope with graduating?" Third was "how do I downsize my closet when moving?" Second, "how often do I have to call my parents?" and most recently, I searched "what do we do now?"

A question that has been ringing in the back of our heads since we were 5. Our kindergarten teachers asked us "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Well, an astronaut, of course. I want to be just like my mom. I want to help people. To be a firefighter! To help provide a better life for my family. To farm. To be a millionaire.

As the curtain closes on our high school career, many of us still don't know the answer to this daunting question. But we have found others that helped us find a step in the right direction.

Not a single one of us here today has done it alone. We are each a patchwork quilt of those who have loved us, those who have believed in our futures, those who



Rachel Garcia

showed us empathy and kindness or told us the truth even when it wasn't easy to hear. Those who told us we could do it when there was absolutely zero proof of that.

Someone read stories to you and taught you to dream and offered up some moral code of right and wrong for you to try and live by. Someone tried their best to explain every concept in this insanely complex world to the child that was you, as you asked a bazillion questions like “how does the moon work” and “why can we eat salad but not grass.”

And maybe they didn't do it perfectly. No one ever can. Maybe they aren't with us anymore, and in that case

I hope you'll remember them today. If they are here in this gymnasium with us, I hope you'll find your own way to express your gratitude for all the steps-and missteps that have led us to this common destination.

I am not anyone you should be asking advice from. But, I'm put here in this position to do so. And I don't really know how to give advice to the classmates sitting in front of me. We are all so different, but somehow there's words that will resonate with all of us. So I guess here I go:

You have worked and struggled and sacrificed and studied and dreamed your way here today and so, you know what you're doing. You'll do things differently than I did them and for different reasons.

But, life can be heavy, especially if you try to carry it all at once. Part of growing up and moving into new chapters of your life is about catch and release. Like fishing! Which I don't know too much about, but I'm sure plenty of you guys do.

Anyways, I guess what I mean by that is, you need to know what things to keep, and what things to release. You

can't carry all things, all grudges, and all those updates on your ex boyfriend or girlfriend. Decide what is yours to hold and let the rest go. Oftentimes the good things in your life are lighter anyway, so there's more room for them. You get to pick what your life has time and room for.

We are led by our gut instincts, our intuition, our desires and fears, our scars and our dreams. And you will screw it up sometimes. So will I.

Hard things will happen to us. We will recover. We will learn from it. We will grow more resilient because of it.

In your life, you will inevitably misspeak, trust the wrong people, under-react, overreact, hurt the people who didn't deserve it, overthink, not think at all, self sabotage, create a reality where only your experience exists, ruin perfectly good moments for yourself and others, deny any wrongdoing, not take the steps to make it right, feel very guilty, let the guilt eat at you, hit rock bottom, finally address the pain you caused, try to do better next time, rinse,

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Members of the Centennial High chapter of National Honor Society are, from left: (first row) Jacob Warm, Jayde Gumaer, Sam Ehlers, Ryan Richters, Jake Fehlhafer, Paul Fehlhafer, Devin Slawnyk, John Fehlhafer, Shawn Rathjen, Matthew Hoops and Clinton Turnbull; (second row) Savannah Horne, Alex Galavez, Samara Ruether, Averie Stuhr, Saige Scheele, Catelynn Bargaen, Ella Wambold, Grace Schernikau, Kaylea Moore, Libbie Kubicek and Natalie Sams; and (third row) Cora Hoffschneider, Cambria Saunders, Ellie Tempel, Krislyn Greene, Madison Brandenburgh, Keelie Bronson, Kate Luebbe, Ava Fischer, Rachel Garcia, Cora Payne and Karley Naber.

Centennial seniors receive scholarships

Members of the Class of 2023 at Centennial High School received the following scholarships:

- MADISON BRANDENBURGH:** Roger H. & Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust
- KEELIE BRONSON:** Waco Volunteer Fire Department, Centennial School Foundation, Volzke Funeral Home, Waco Community Foundation, UNK Board of Regents
- GARRETT CAST:** Beaver Crossing United Methodist Church, American Legion Auxiliary - Beaver Crossing, Biltott Scholarship Fund, Sacred Heart Altar Society - Beaver Crossing, Roger H. & Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust
- CONNOR CLOUSE:** First Bank of Utica, Glenn Wellmann Memorial, Roger H. & Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Myrtle Cradick Memorial, Patricia J. Cradick Memorial, SCC Foundation Scholarship
- XAVIER ETTWEIN:** Beaver Crossing United Methodist Church, Kelly Hesel Memorial
- JOHN FEHLHAFFER:** First Bank of Utica, Utica Area Lions Club, Centennial School Foundation, Hughes Brothers Inc., Roger H. & Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Dean R. Rolfsmeier, Joyce Schriener Trust, Utica Fire Auxiliary, Concordia Dean's Scholarship, Concordia

- Football Scholarship, Concordia Lutheran Heritage Award, Utica Fire and Rescue, Lean Harder Memorial Scholarship
- KALI FICKEL:** Greckel Construction Co. LLC, Rolling Hills Supply Scholarship, Colt's Corral in Memory of Daniel M. Sullivan, Roger H. & Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Utica Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Centennial FFA Alumni Scholarship, Thomas C. Miller, Ag Society
- ALEXANDRIA GALAVEZ:** Wesleyan Board of Governors, N.W.U. Achievement Scholarship, Wesleyan Campus, P-Wolf Priority, Vaughan People of Color, Access N.W.U., York General Hospital, Kerri Bartholomew, Wake Charitable Foundation
- RACHEL GARCIA:** Roger H. & Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Dean R. Rolfsmeier, The Seward Crossmakers, Utica Women's Club, Carlene E. Svoboda, Centennial Booster Club, Teammates New Generation, Nebraska Community Blood Bank, Simpson Music Major, Cowles Fellowship Scholarship
- KRISLYN GREEN:** Colt's Corral in Memory of Daniel M. Sullivan, Cattle Bank and Trust, Dean R. Rolfsmeier, Volzke Funeral Home, Kerry's Restaurant & Catering Scholarship
- JAYDE GUMAER:** Bennett Family Scholarship, Centennial School Foundation, Seward County Conservation Corporation, Joyce Schriener Trust,

- Centennial Booster Club, Utica Fire Auxiliary, Utica Area Lions Club
- KEENAN KOSEK:** Roger H. & Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Patricia J. Cradick Memorial - Alternate, McAndrew and Ihde Memorial Scholarship, Waco Community Foundation Scholarship, Centennial Booster Club, Myrtle Cradick Memorial, Alan & Dorothy Farley, SCC Foundation High School Scholars, Centennial Wrestling Club, Seward Jr. Jays Scholarship
- MAJ NISLY:** Centennial School Foundation, Roger H. & Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Joyce Schriener Trust, Centennial Booster Club, Hasting Football Scholarship, Ringland Scholarship
- KIMBERLY NITZ:** Beaver Crossing United Methodist Church, Beaver Crossing Chamber of Commerce
- SHAWN RATHJEN:** American Legion Post #178 Beaver Crossing, Memorial Health Care System, Dean R. Rolfsmeier, Centennial Booster Club
- MICAH RICHTERS:** Lyle and Doris Davis, First Bank of Utica, Utica Area Lions Club, Utica Alumni Association, Joyce Schriener Trust
- SAMARA RUETHER:** Beaver Crossing United Methodist Church, Sacred Heart Altar Society - Beaver Crossing, Kerri Bartholomew, Centennial School Foundation, Memorial Health Care System, Chadron State College Dean's Scholarship

- CAMBRIA SAUNDERS:** Waco Volunteer Fire Department, Centennial School Foundation, Roger H. & Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Waco Community Foundation Scholarship, Thomas C. Miller, Centennial Booster Club, Centennial Education Association
- BRECKIN SCHOEPP:** Beaver Crossing United Methodist Church, Farmers and Merchants Bank - Beaver Crossing, Roger H. & Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Kelly Hesel Memorial, Goehner Centennial Players
- KENZIE STECKLY:** Beaver Crossing United Methodist Church, John and Virginia Davis, Roger H. & Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Goehner Centennial Players, Beaver Fire Department
- ELIZABETH TEMPEL:** 2022 Youth Salute Scholarship Winner sponsored by the Greater Omaha Council Bluff Area Council on Youth Leadership to University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Top Youth Leadership Medal sponsored by National Council for Youth Leadership at Centennial High School, Youth Salute Scholarship to Nebraska Wesleyan University, World Food Prize Scholarship to University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2023 Martha and Don Romeo Scholarship from the Nebraska Association of Fair Managers and the Romeo Family, 4-H Council, 4-H Foundation, Alan & Dorothy Farley (In memory of Douglas Dey), Paul C. Geis Memorial,

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Turnbull: School=cross country

BY CLINTON TURNBULL
Centennial High School

We made it! Only took us 13 years but we can say we finally made it! And more significantly we made it through the last four hardest years. To me, high school can be compared to a cross country race. At the start of the race, everyone is nervous and unsure of what the race ahead holds just like when we were all scared, little freshmen. Whether it be joining our first high school sports teams or participating in band or one act, every one of us ventured in with caution. Another thing that happens in the first part of the race is that you're not quite sure who your competition is going to



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be yet. I still remember standing in the hallway waiting for lunch, having to watch all of the seniors go by with their food, trying to stand with your friends. And finding a lunch table freshman year has to be top five best moments of high school.

Now the first and second miles are like our sophomore and junior years. You are finally finding your place and getting comfortable with the people around you. Sophomore year is where most of us really found our friend group and started to make some good memories with all of them. I'll share a few of them from our second and third years of high school. We all have to take a moment to remember the class's poor driving skills. Connor drove into the fence of the parking lot. Ellie high centered her car on the parking log, don't ask me how. And half of the girls in the class of 2023 have totaled their cars at some point. We all remember when Devin Nave fell off the treadmill at top

speed. Now we get to the last stretch of the race. The last half mile is like our senior year. You cannot wait for the race to finally be over, but you blink once and before you know it, you're sprinting towards the finish line trying to muster up one last throb of motivation to get over that line. This whole last year, we have had to write plenty of essays, college research, and of course the endless list of scholarships to fill out. Well, today I congratulate the Centennial class of 2023 for finally crossing that finish line. You all put in the work for four years and you deserve this diploma! So like I do after every great race, let's go celebrate!

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repeat. And I'm not gonna lie, these mistakes will cause you to lose things. I'm trying to tell you that losing things doesn't just mean losing. A lot of the time, when we lose things, we gain things too. My experience has been that my mistakes led to the best things in my life. And being embarrassed when you mess up is part of the human experience. Getting back up, dusting yourself off and seeing who still wants to hang out with you afterward and laugh about it? That's a gift. So as long as we are fortunate enough to be breathing, we will breathe in, breathe through, breathe deep, and breathe out. So, the scary news: you're on your own now. But the exciting news is you're on your own now. I hope you know how proud I am to share this day with you. We're doing this together. Thank you. Inspiration from Taylor Swift's 2022 NYU Commencement Speech

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