

Anderson: Life defined by Taylor Swift

BY DALANEY ANDERSON Seward High School

Thank you, Mr. Axt, for the introduction!

I want to start off by thanking all of our friends, family, and teachers for helping us get to where we are and for being here today. We wouldn't be here without you. In addition, a special thank you goes to our mothers! You have been with us every step of the way. None of us could get through life without all of you. Happy Mother's Day!

It is my honor and privilege to stand before you all today as we celebrate the end of a remarkable chapter in our lives with our high school graduation. For many of us, high school has been a whirlwind of experiences, challenges, setbacks, and successes, but through it all we have grown and learned valuable lessons that have shaped us into the people we are today. We have spent countless hours in the classroom, on the playing field, on stages, and showing up for our multiple clubs, preparing ourselves for this next

chapter in our lives.

When writing this speech, I didn't want to go down the same path as all of the other speeches in the past, so I decided to go with what I know best: making it all about Taylor Swift.

Now you might think it's a little silly that I'm up here talking about Taylor Swift, thinking that you are going to take life lessons from a pop star, but no matter whether you love her or hate her, I believe there are great values and lessons in her lyrics. So here are four lyrics I think she wrote for us, the class of 2024.

"Life is Just a Classroom" from the song "New Romantics."

Now, there may be some of us here today who are ecstatic to be saying goodbye to a literal high school classroom. Some of us are saying goodbye to the classroom forever and jumping into our careers, or joining the military, while others will go back to the classroom when attending their universities, and some, like myself, will forever be in a classroom as we strive to be future



Dalaney Anderson

educators.

It is so important to remember that the learning never stops. Even if you are not being tested over life's challenges, you learn, you try, you fail, and you learn some more. You should never assume that you already know everything and there's no room for growth. There's so much more we still have to learn about ourselves and life. Life is just a classroom!

"Don't you dream impossible things" from Taylor's song "Starlight."

Throughout our high school years, we have

learned so much and planned our futures, and we think we know what path we will take and where we will end. It's easy to think that we are capable of planning out our lives, but life throws curveballs.

There's so much that happens after graduation and so much that changes. No matter where you are in your life, nothing is decided. It's never too late to change what you're doing. With hard work and determination, the sky's the limit. You're the driving force and anything is possible.

"Everything you lose is a step you take. You've got no reason to be afraid" from the song "You're on Your Own, Kid."

One thing I feel is so important to remember when we're going forward with our plans is that no matter what is around the corner, all we can do is make the most of right now.

As my dad has always instilled in me, "Control the controllables." There's no reason to worry about things you can't control. Everything in your life

will work out how it is supposed to. You've got no reason to be afraid.

You know what your passions, interests, and strengths are. Pave the way for yourself. You're going to lose. You're going to mess up. You're going to fail. But don't be afraid.

Look at these moments as a lesson. Every loss, disappointment, and mess-up is an experience. Sometimes, it will take a few moments, but through those, you will find new insights about who you are and what truly matters to you and makes you happy.

So as we stand here today, at the brink of a new beginning, these lyrics "...remember this feeling, I pass the pictures around of all the years that we stood there on the sidelines wishing for right now" from the song "Long Live" resonate with the emotions we are experiencing on this significant day.

Since the beginning, we have been looking forward to right now, our high school graduation. Many of us got a little taste of this moment and the feeling of something big during our Kindergarten graduation, but now we get to walk across a bigger stage with a bigger meaning as we accept our high school diploma. This is the day we've dreamt of for years.

We've been eagerly waiting for this moment in time when we would finally be in the spotlight celebrating our accomplishments, and it's finally here. So, no matter what goals you have set for the future, work hard, and one day, when you accomplish your goal, you will look back and be so proud of how far you have come.

So, Class of 2024, here we are. We have made it through many challenges and created some special memories, and I, for one, will be forever grateful for all of it. As Taylor said in "Invisible," "There is a fire inside you that can't help but shine through." I am excited to see where our fire takes us. I want to leave you with one thing today, if everything fails, Taylor Swift probably has a song about it. Thank

Hostert: Learn outside classroom at school

BY TAYLOR HOSTERT Seward High School

What an honor it is to be selected to speak today and address my peers, their guests, our teacherswho are already planning their summer vacations, and our parents, some of whom are secretly rejoicing in being empty nesters.

Today marks a significant milestone in our lives, a moment we've been eagerly anticipating and perhaps dreading. As we stand on the threshold of adulthood, it's a time for reflection, for celebration, and to look forward to the exciting adventures that await us.

To start, I want to express my heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of my fellow graduates. We've worked hard, faced challenges, overcome obstacles, and grown in ways we never thought possible.

As we bid farewell to high school, it's important to acknowledge the



Taylor Hostert

indispensable support
we've received along the
way. I speak on behalf of
my entire class when I say
thank you to our teachers
and coaches who have
guided us with patience
and wisdom, thank you for
believing in us and helping
us reach our full potential.
Thank you to our families
who have cheered us on,
and stood by us through
thick and thin.

On this Mother's Day, a special thank you goes out to our mothers and to those in the mothering role. Your love and support have meant the world. Happy Mother's Day!

When I sat down to write this speech, I poured my heart and soul onto a Google doc. I wrote about memories and friendship, morality, and all kinds of sappy stuff with some big lesson at the end and I read it back to myself and I thought ... eh! So, I did what any student in my position would do ... I googled "What makes a good graduation speech?" and every example was far too cliche for my taste, so I followed the guidelines of memory lane.

Three things I'll remember about high school
1) my lunch number:
24160; 2) my first detention and only detention:
Ms. Pohl, freshman English, for texting in class...
we've all been there; 3) A memory of my dad and I, in our kitchen, sophomore year, following a golf invitational. I was off on some tangent, yelling, probably crying, overall being

so dramatic (as I have a tendency to do), and I had turned to my dad not for advice, but for a shoulder to cry on. For him to look to me and agree that I was right and whatever was making me angry was wrong, and that I was just his perfect little girl that could do no harm!

To be honest, I cannot even recall the events leading up to that momentous meltdown – what was upsetting me, where we played, what I shot – but I can promise it wasn't very good!

What I do remember is what my dad said to me:

"Schools offer sports to teach you what you cannot learn in the classroom."

I have mulled over this for years and I never fully understood what he meant by that until I started writing this speech.

crack at a district music competition, not getting the grade you felt you should've received, and working through conflict with friends.

Our curriculum has prepared us for the next steps, but it is these experiences that have prepared.

The point he's making isn't specifically about sports, it pertains to clubs, band, musicals, e-sports, FFA, FBLA, SkillsUSA, all numerous and wonderful activities we're all involved

in. Even our friendships! Every laugh we've shared, every tear we've shed, every experience we've had here at Seward High that have shaped us into the individuals that are walking across the stage to accept our diplomas.

It may be cliche but high school has truly taught us more than whats in our textbooks and the lessons were not pounded in our heads via a lecture that prefaced a final exam. We learned the lessons through losing a soccer game, having a voice crack at a district music competition, not getting the grade you felt you should've received, and working through conflicts with friends.

Our curriculum has prepared us for the next steps, but it is these experiences that have prepared us for life. We learned together how to be the people who do the right thing and who are positive, honest, authentic, and confident. We have faced and will continue

to face conflict, as well as defeat, and we will continue to overcome adversity with dignity. As we embark on the next chapter of our lives, let us remember this: success is not measured by the number of Instagram followers we have or the dollar amount in our bank accounts (although we might want those things!) whether we are pursuing a higher education or continuing into the workforce, we are prepared.

High school has provided us with lessons beyond what we have learned in the classroom. So let's thank our teachers and administrators who have walked alongside us, and let's congratulate each other on all of our success and on all the ways we have grown together. We've all heard life begins after high school, so let these lessons of life and success lay the foundation for the exceptional lives we will build. So class of 2024, one last time ... Bluejay Nation, let's fly!



Tanner Beckmann

Hannah Bierbaum

Avery Briggs

Caden Brooks 🔭





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High School seniors, recipients of
scholarships from Cattle Bank & Trust:

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Noelle Geidel
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* Taylor Hostert

Jonathan Jurchen Cole Luebbe Julya Metschke

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Izzy Peetz
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Kretyn Roth

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

Seward High seniors receiving scholarships include, from left: (first row) Hannah Bierbaum, Jon Jurchen, Easton Else, Caden Brooks, Andrew Gendron, Hank Hughes, Kameron Dyer and Lovely Hibbert; (second row) Libby Kratochvil, Callie Breece, Maryn Johnson, Taylor Ball, Adelaide Furr, Madison Kremer, Jaina Johnson, Emmalee Herring and Nicole Kenney; (third row) Domenic Artigas, Drew Collings, Carter Ernesti, Finn Hochstein, Dalaney Anderson, Avery Briggs, Taylor Hostert, Rachel Kuss and Coral Collin; (fourth row) Tanner Beckmann, Nic Classen, Evett Howe, Braiden Herring, Treyton Hobson, Breanna Kearny, Jaxson Bierman, Kenyon Caldwell, Emilee Coffin and Mariya Corner; and (fifth row) Ethan Clodfelter, Emily Bujarski, Tristan Cutshall-Cherry, Dustin Kloppel, Xander Foulk, Braiden Dey, Ava Fisher, Noelle Geidel, Emme Brauer and Gabi Cepek.



Seward High seniors receiving scholarships include, from left: (first row) Layla Sugden, Ona Stutzman, Haylie Sloup, Kyle Peery, Katelyn Svoboda, Sjoen Munk, Jadyn Nelson and Julya Metschke; (second row) Nova Nordmeyer, Abigail Svik, Dylan Read, Dominic Torres, Ella Mohnike, Kreyton Roth, Reggie Sukup, Nolan Stanton and Talan Schaefer; (third row) Cole Luebbe, Jacee Woolsey, Rilyn Luebbe, Kaydon Mueller, Josh Ringler, Matthew Wegman, Kohltyn Lindau, Carl Taylor and Conner Matzke; (fourth row) Izzie Peetz, Chastity Waller, Callie Murphy, Avery Placke, Piper Souchek, Addison Opfer, Katie Rasmussen and Brooklyn Stanek; and (fifth row) Jordan Yates, Nixon Seegebarth and Joslin Stockwell.

Seward seniors receive scholarships

Seward High seniors announced their post-sec- ane University, Information the following scholarships:

Angellina Allen: Work-

Dalaney Anderson: Washburn University, Elementary Education; Washburn University Softball Scholarship, Washburn University Top Hat Merit Scholarship, Zabka Family, Dean

R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship,

Domenic Artigas: Wayne State College, Music Education; Wayne State College Presidential Scholarship, W. James and Wilma Kroon

Memorial, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship Camden Baldassano: University of Nebraska -Kearney, Art Education; University of Nebraska at

Kearney JJ Thomas Schol-

arship, Don E. Whittemore

Teacher Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship Taylor Ball: Kansas University, Architecture; KU Excellence Scholarship, Top 10 Award, Noral D. Wait Es-

tate, Kiwanis Club of Seward Bryce Bauman: Work-

force **Tanner Beckmann:** Southeast Community College, Radiology Tech; Seward Crossmakers Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholar-

Hali Bicket: Southeast Community College, Nursing; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholar-

ship Hannah Bierbaum: Southeast Community College, Radiology Tech; Southeast Community College Career Academy Scholars, SCC Foundation High School Scholars, SCC Academic Excellence Scholarship, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Seward Band Boosters Scholarship, Dr. Van and Becky Vahle, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Jaxson Bierman: Do-University Board of Trustees, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholar-

Gabriel Blum: Workforce; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Emme Brauer: University of Nebraska - Omaha, **Business**; Dinslage Business and Medical Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholar-

Callie Breece: Heartland Baptist Bible College, Elementary Education; Bruce Kilzer Memorial Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholar-

Avery Briggs: University of Arizona, Nursing; University of Arizona - Arizona Excellence Award, Eastern Star Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

David Brisbane: Work-

force Caden Brooks: Concordia University - Irvine, Kinesiology; Concordia University Tuition Exchange Program Scholarship, Concordia University Athletic Scholarship, Emily Bujarski: Kansas University, Art Education; 2024 Karen K Duncan Scholarship, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Seward Band Boosters Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Emily Bjuarski-Seward Arts Council, Dean R. Rolfsmeier **Scholarship**

Kenyon Caldwell: U.S. Army, Post 9-11 GI Bill

Gabriel Cepek: Unversity of Wyoming, Livestock Business Management; University of Wyoming Brown and Gold Scholarship, Roger Davis Fund

Nicholas Classen: Southeast Community College, Precision Machinery; Robert and Jeannie Jeary, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholar-

Ethan Clodfelter: Uniondary plans and received Technology & Science; Doane versity of Nebraska - Lincoln, Computer Science; University of Nebraska - Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship, University of Nebraska - Lincoln We are Nebraska Commitment Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Emily Coffin: Southeast Community College, Auto Collision Repair Technology; Southeast Community College Herman/Matzke Scholarship, SCC Foundation High School Scholars, Learn to Dream Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Drew Collings: Kansas University, Sports Media; Kansas University Achievement Scholarship, Seward **Education Association Schol**arship, Noral D. Wait Estate

Coral Collins: Concordia University, Elementary Education; Concordia University Regent's Scholarship, Concordia University Women's Track Scholarship, Elks Lodge #80 Durst Family Teaching Scholarship, Top 10 Award, Clayton and Lisette Kent Scholarship (The Cross of Life), Seward Education Association Memorial, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Mariya Corner: Wayne State College, Health Sciences; Wayne State College



Rachel Kuss was named the senior key for the Class of 2024.

Wildcat Promise Scholarship, Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship, Memorial Health Care Systems, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Izabelle Craig: Southeast Community College, Dental Assisting; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Tristin Cutshall-Cherry: Southeast Community

College, Electronic Systems Technology; Give Back, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Braeden Dev: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Animal Science; University of Nebraska - Lincoln Supplemental Scholarship, University of Nebraska -Lincoln CASNR Scholarship, Seward County Farm Bureau Scholarship, Seward County Kennel Club Scholarship, Elmer & Berniece Spahr -Seward County Agriculture Scholarship, Merle and Ila Schluckebier, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Nyapouch Duol: Southeast Community College, Nursing; Wilma Rocker

Mayer Kameron Dyer: Wayne State College, Pre-Dental; Wayne State College President's Commitment Scholarship, RHOP Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Easton Else: UNL, Business Administration / Comp Sci; University of Nebraska - Lincoln JJ Thomas Scholarship, University of Nebraska - Lincoln Husker Traditions Scholarship, University of Nebraska - Lincoln We Are Nebraska Commitment Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Hughes Brothers

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Speakers review time at Malcolm

Good afternoon family and friends of Malcolm graduates,

Today, we stand here 700 days smarter than when we walked on the first day of freshman year. It took us a long time to get to this point, and a lot of memories have been made in the past 4 years. Many dodgeball games played in the gym, lots of tears over chemistry tests, the endless amount of studying, football games, the McDonald's runs after activities, and the DC trips. Of course, we can't forget the times that Cayden and Owin broke tables in Mrs. Walklin's room.

For those of us who have been here since Kindergarten, we've spent a lot longer than 700 days walking these halls and have even more memories that are hard to forget and that we will all miss. Like kindergarten round-up, our first-grade poems we had to recite in front of our parents, the stress of track and field day, heritage school, the fifth-grade music videos, and the total solar eclipse with Mrs. Stahr's science class.

There are a couple of things that I'm pretty sure no one will miss, like the stress of the holocaust presentations, and I know that everyone, including parents, definitely won't miss the hours spent at the kitchen table on IXL.

There are so many things we've accomplished since being here, and continue to accomplish in the future.

ALEX

Band and choir students have been on quite a journey throughout our 4 years. We began as Freshman singing and playing in the gym with masks on. That was definitely a struggle, but we have persevered and continued to refine our talents in musicianship. The band and choir ensembles have consistently performed well at concerts and contests, earning superior scores, often from all 3 judges. Numerous solo and small groups have achieved superiors, as well as the esteemed: Outstanding Performance Award and Honorable Mention. Many individuals have also been selected to perform in All-State ensembles, the most prestigious groups for

high school musicians. In 2023, the band was chosen to perform at the **Bandmasters Association** Convention, an honor only given to a few bands in the entire state each year. The band also played in the State Capitol in 2022. The choir has had the chance to sing with the Concordia Acapella Choir, an excellent group that frequently tours the country. Students from the choir have been selected to sing the national anthem at many state competitions including State Football, Swimming and Diving, and later this summer, State Tennis.

Possibly the most memorable event every year, is the Pops concert. We have always been eager to dress up and sing themes

from popular movies and tv shows of years past. The effort that goes into learning the dances and designing themed costumes has always paid off. The memories of all the concerts, contests, and other performances will surely stay with us for a lifetime.

LILLY

If there is one thing that I have learned about this class in my time here, it is that we are very dramatic. Luckily for us, we have many different places where we can go and express our dramatic sides beneficially. The fine arts have allowed most of the people in our class an aspect of themselves that they would have been unable to express in other experiences, such as singing our hearts out in choir or playing fantasy in One-Act. And luckily, we have proven to be pretty good at them. In One-Act, we were the first Malcolm class to not only attend Class-A State Competitions but for all four years of our high school career, allowing a lot of us the chance to bring home two silver and even one gold state medal. Despite starting our One-Act journey in hell, literally and metaphorically, a lot of us seniors walked off the stage at Norfolk wishing we could continue to be a part of this program. Even with the program ending, the memories and friends that we made along the way will always stay with us. Be it eternally singing a song about being stuck in a board game, the bus rides, or the trips to Pizza Ranch, this program has given us a chance to express ourselves in a way we would have never been able to.

And then, for a smaller group of, probably crazy, students, we have the speech members. Over the four years, we have been able to show our success in talking with other people. Through our high school careers, the six graduating seniors on the speech team have attended state 17 times, including Malcolm's first 4-time state qualifier, some of the first three-event qualifiers, and even one of the first, not only for Malcolm but for Nebraska, 3-time medalist at the state competition. In addition to all attending state this year, all of the senior speeches also medaled at the state competition, in one or more events. Besides winning, we have put many hours a week into perfecting and changing our speeches to be the best that they can be. Along the way, we have made friends, formed relationships, and shared laughs in our wonderful, yet limited time. So, while I say that we are a dramatic class, that drama and excitement has helped not only me, but many of our classmates, form a bond that will hopefully last a lifetime.

ABBY As we continue reminiscing on valuable moments that will stay

in our hearts forever, we



Dalton Amen



Lillian Dalton



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Alex Paider



Camry Sehi will see how successful

our class was in athletics. Throughout our four years, both volleyball and girls basketball have been successful, qualifying for state twice in each sport. We will always remember our team bonding and meals throughout the year. We were proud to be selected for certain showcases for both basketball and volleyball. The Bill Marshal Classic in Grand Island was our favorite because of the experiences at the fair and the games we played. And of course, we will NEVER forget running lines and another conditioning drill we called "champions" together during the worst part of the seasons.

Even though our hard work and dedication have led us to these achievements, we have also had a strong fan base behind us. Many fans made the trips to Kearney and Gothenburg to cheer on our teams and there's no doubt they were always the best dressed. From dads painting themselves blue to our classmates showing up in outfits with an excessive amount of skin showing, Owin will forever be remembered as

the King of the Costumes. Along with our team athletic achievements, we have 5 athletes that will continue their college athletic career. We have one volleyball player, one football player, one softball player, one baseball player, and a rodeo athlete. Through their hard work, determination, and leadership they have led teams to championships and will continue to do this.

MADDOX

In our careers as a class, we have qualified for a state tournament 13 different times and have qualified individually 8 other times between cross country, wrestling, and track and field.

As most of you know, the basketball season was extremely successful and we completed many team goals. For the first time in



21 years, the team made it to state. Along with this we were district champions and trailblazer conference third place. This is all credited to confidence, liquidity between the players and coaches, and of course, the LION MEN-TALITY. Our highschool career started with one practice before our first game due to covid, and ended with giving Coach Lew a cold shower that he will remember forever.

Baseball has also been extremely successful. In the past 2 years, 4 of us have qualified for state, coming home with one championship and working for another one this week. As a senior group we have a batting average of .368 with 12 home runs and 70 hits. I guarantee if you ask anyone about our past success, they will accredit it to the coaching and the outstanding hours they have put in whether that be watching opponents, preparing scouts, and game planning. I don't know why for a roster of 30 plus kids, we take the smallest bus possible, but I know for sure that it made for a rowdy environment especially after a big win.

DALTON

The love of my life is in fact not a girl. But rather it's the sport that kept me driving through my highschool years. The past two years our football team has been one of the most dominant things about Clipper athletics. After falling short twice in the quarterfinals, I hope the juniors have just a little bit more salt in their mouths. The expectations for this year were a little mixed.

After a big senior class that graduated last year some people didn't expect us to do very well. But, after going to Yutan and defeating a semi-finalist team, we knew we would be just fine. We were fine because, for us, it has never been about size. We have never been a big class, so we instead worked on other things



Abby Zegar

like our technique. But more importantly, we had the leadership and dedication, the courage and fortitude, the trust and respect. Good teams have great players, but great teams have guys to lead those players and I thought that for what we had, this class did the best at leading.

My sophomore and freshman year, we were always getting at trouble between carb loads and keeping our grades up. These past two years, I don't remember one time we did get in trouble. So if there is one thing you juniors can carry on here at Malcolm it's to lead in the direction of success.

For those of you out there that don't know, this year we broke down all of our practices on hard work. Because it took hard work and a dedicated mind to beat up on each other all week and get better week in and week out. But on game day, we broke it down on family. And just like I said against Chase County, our family does not consist of 34 football players. It includes every single person from the cheer squad cheering on things that make no sense to them. To the band and the fans showing up in the cold and in the heat. I couldn't thank our student section enough and the guys running our chain gang. The best thing about small town football is that wins and losses are done by the whole community.

NATALIE

The family that our cross country team had was like no other. Every second was either spent running in pain or having fun singing, dancing, and messing around with each other. All of Malcolm knew about the cross country team and what would go on. This could be the porta potty fiasco, bush incident, bus rides, or district night. We depended on one another and Faj, supporting and cheering each other on whenever and wherever

we could. Cross country created a family and that family grew with every year that passed. I would talk longer about cross country, but I'll leave that to Pulec.

Softball on the other hand was something different from cross country. Though I was never a part of it, I saw how hard they worked together each year. This was proven by the team making it to state 3 times in the 4 years our class was here. They created a family of their own and shared many memories from high school. Whether this be the hotel room shenanigans, getting muddy at practices, or having fun with the coaches. Overall, softball had many successes and memories to leave here with.

Malcolm Public Schools is the school the OG malcolmites and I have been going to for 13 years. Over this time, we have grown closer, added different students and made new friends throughout our class. While we were all busy doing sports and other activities, we also focused on our education. Our class has always been pretty competitive when looking at grades. Whether this be competing for a high score on MAPS testing or trying to complete 100 multiplication problems in a minute in 5th grade. High school was a big change, but we all grew to be the better version of ourselves. Each class, each test we took and every stressful situation led to this moment. Our class is full of great potential and I can't wait to see where we all end up in the future.

ABBY

Throughout our four years in high school we have learned many life lessons. We have learned respectfulness through Mr. Eich raising his already loud voice when we won't quit talking. Mr. Lew giving us confidence by saying "Be Awesome!" everyday. Mr. Donahue showing us real world problems and having serious conversations with us. Mrs. Watson teaching us how to be responsible and holding ourselves accountable through the countless hours of studying alone. And all of the other teachers who have taught us many important life lessons that we will remember forever. Even though we have been successful in sports, the memories and education we have obtained we will cherish forever.







Scholarships to benefit Malcolm seniors

Malcolm High seniors received the following scholarships:

Dalton Amen: University of NE-Lincoln David Distinguished Scholarship, University of NE-Lincoln We Are Nebraska Commitment Scholarship, University of NE-Lincoln Johnny Carson School of Theatre & Film Scholarship, Malcolm Boosters Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2024, Senior Clipper Scholarship

Scarlett Battles: Malcolm Alumni Scholarship, Mark Heidtbrink Memorial Scholarship

Tekamah Bratrsovsky: University of NE-Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship, Pleasant Dale Auxiliary Scholarship, Malcolm Alumni Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2024 Scholarship, Malcolm Volunteer Fire & Rescue Scholarship

Luci Brockhaus: Nebraska Community Blood Bank Scholarship, Robert Heidtbrink Memorial Scholarship

Jordan Brown: Wayne State College Dean's Commitment Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2024 Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship

Sam Burbach: University of NE-Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship, Melvin Lindner Memorial Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship

Lillian Dalton: Wayne State College Board of Trustees Scholarship, Wayne State College Leadership Scholarship, Bourg Family Scholarship, Malcolm High School Perpetual Scholarship

Keira Farritor: Concordia University Dean's Schol-

arship, Concordia University Softball Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2024 Scholarship, Stephanie Stewart Memorial Scholarship

Isabella Faubion: University of NE-Lincoln David Distinguished Scholarship, Cornhusker State Delegate Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship

Noah Gonyea: Julie Melichar Memorial Scholarship

Ava Helms: Melvin & Joanne Lostroh Memorial Scholarship, Malcolm Alumni Scholarship

Jamison Hoffman: Malcolm Alumni Scholarship, Malcolm High School Perpetual Fund Scholarship

Karter Kinkaid: University of NE-Kearney Law Opportunities Program (KLOP) Scholarship, Nebraska Community Blood Bank, Jill Widick Memorial Scholarship, Malcolm High School Perpetual Fund Scholarship, Malcolm Scholarship Fund

Jhordyn Kirkpatrick: Malcolm High School Perpetual Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2024 Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship

Mattie Kucera: Wayne State College Leadership Award, Wayne State College Dean's Academic Excellence Award, Beverly Carlson Memorial Scholarship-Capital City Kiwanis Club, Malcolm Boosters Scholarship, MYSA Scholarship, Earl & Goldie England Education Scholarship, Malcolm Education Association Scholarship

Thomas Lewis: University of NE-Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship, University of NE-Lincoln College of Engineering Scholarship, Cornhusker State Delegate Scholarship, Pleasant Dale American Legion Scholarship, Kawasaki Motors Scholarship, Malcolm Alumni Scholarship, Malcolm Music Boosters Scholarship, Malcolm Parent Teacher Organization Scholarship

Owin Little: Southeast Community College Foundation Scholarship, Amuse Bouche Culinary Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2024 Scholarship, LaVerne "Lue" Heidtbrink Memorial Scholarship

Maddox Meyer: University of NE-Omaha Regents
Scholarship, University of
NE-Omaha Nebraska Bankers Scholarship, University of
NE-Omaha Baseball Scholarship, James Gray/Dan Holmstead Past Exalted Ruler
Scholarship-Elks Lodge #80,
Wake Charitable Foundation
Scholarship, Kawasaki Motors Scholarship, Don Minnig
Memorial Scholarship, Malcolm Boosters Scholarship

Alex Paider: University of NE-Lincoln Regents Scholarship, University of NE-Lincoln Nebraska Career Scholarship, Bob Hoyer Malcolm Cross Country Alumni Scholarship, Malcolm Music Boosters Scholarship

Madison Pavlik: Wayne State College President's Commitment Scholarship, Malcolm High School Perpetual Fund Scholarship, Malcolm Music Boosters Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2024 Scholarship

Kyley Petersen: Wayne State College Career Scholars Cooperative Education Scholarship, Karen K. Duncan Scholarship, Nebraska Community Blood Bank Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2024 Scholarship, Malcolm Volunteer Fire & Rescue Scholarship, S. Fern Westfall Scholarship

Yazmin Ratzlaff: University of NE-Omaha Harbrock Scholarship, Poverty is Not a Choice Scholarship from the Lincoln Community Foundation, Malcolm Alumni Scholarship, Senior Clipper Scholarship, Stephanie Stewart Memorial Scholarship

Cody Rice: Cattle National Bank Scholarship

Morgan Roof: University of NE-Lincoln Husker Traditions Scholarship, University of NE-Lincoln 1st Responders Pledge, Lincoln Firefighters Benefit Association Academic Scholarship, Malcolm Alumni Scholarship, Malcolm High School Perpetual Fund Scholarship

Luke Schmidt: South Dakota State University Guaranteed Scholarship, South Dakota State Yellow & Blue Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2024 Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship

Madison Schultz: LIBA Foundation Scholarship, Malcolm Boosters Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2024 Scholarship

Anna Schweitzer:
University of NE-Lincoln
Husker Power Scholarship,
University of NE-Lincoln We
Are Nebraska Scholarship,
Cornhusker State Delegate
Scholarship, Susan Buffett
Scholarship, Malcolm Alumni
Scholarship, Malcolm Music
Boosters Scholarship, Malcolm Volunteer Fire & Rescue
Scholarship

Camry Sehi: University of NE-Omaha Habrock Scholarship, Malcolm Alumni Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2024 Scholarship, Malcolm Scholarship

Maya Semerad: Wayne State College Career Scholars Scholarship, Malcolm Parent Teacher Organization Scholarship, Pleasant Dale American Legion Scholarship

Natalie Shafer: University of NE-Lincoln David Distinguished Scholarship, University of NE-Lincoln We Are Nebraska Scholarship, Malcolm Music Boosters Scholarship, Malcolm Parent Teacher Organization Scholarship, Malcolm Scholarship, Malcolm Scholarship Fund

Ethan Stenger: Malcolm High School Perpetual Fund Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2025 Scholarship

Nathan Swenson: University of NE-Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship, University of NE-Lincoln CASNR Scholarship, Malcolm High School Perpetual Fund Scholarship, Bob Hoyer Malcolm Cross Country Alumni Scholarship

Bryce Teut: Southwestern Oklahoma State University Rodeo Scholarship, NHSRA Reserve Athlete of the Year Award, NHSRA Shorty Team Roping Reserve Champion Header Award, Malcolm High School Perpetual Fund Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship

Noah VanEvery: Concordia University Dean's Scholarship, Concordia University Football Scholarship, Malcolm High School Perpetual Fund Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship

Ava Wharton: Laramie County Community College Dean's Scholarship, Spirit of America Federal Credit Union Scholarship, 4-H Teen Council Scholarship, 4-H Council Scholarship, Malcolm High School Perpetual Fund Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship

Bricen Wilkie: University of NE-Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship, Prairie Soldier Chapter Matching Scholarship, Malcolm Boosters Scholarship, MYSA Scholarship, MASA Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2025 Scholarship

Cayden Witzel: University of NE-Lincoln David Distinguished Scholarship, Cornhusker State Delegate Scholarship, Everfi Credit Worthy Scholarship, Malcolm High School Perpetual Fund Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship

Delaney Wollberg: University of NE-Lincoln Husker Traditions Scholarship, University of NE-Lincoln We Are Nebraska Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2024 Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship

Abby Zegar: Dakota Wesleyan Achievement Scholarship, Dakota Wesleyan Volleyball Scholarship, Everfi Credit Worthy Scholarship, Malcolm Boosters Scholarship, MYSA Scholarship, Malcolm Education Association Scholarship, Malcolm Music Boosters Scholarship, Malcolm Parents Class of 2024 Scholarship, Senior Clipper Scholarship

SHS scholarship winners



Concordia Academy students at Seward High are, from left: (first row) Emily Bujarski, Jaina Johnson and Layla Sugden; (second row) Jon Jurchen, Nic Classen, Drew Collings and Gabi Cepek; (third row) Rachel Kuss, Matthew Wegman and Josh Ringler; (fourth row) Taylor Ball, Evett Howe, Easton Else and Xander Foulk; and (fifth row) Sjoen Munk, Caden Brooks, Hank Hughes and Kameron Dyer.



Seward County 4-H scholarships went to, from left: (first row) Julya Metschke, Callie Murphy and Jacee Woolsey; (second row) Braeden Dey and Matthew Wegman; and (third row) Cole Luebbe and Hank Hughes. The Gade family scholarships went to Braeden Dey, Cole Luebbe and Jacee Woolsey.



The Seward PEO presented three scholarships. Pictured are, from left: (front row) Hannah Bierbaum, PEO Seward Chapter; Julya Metschke, PEO STAR; and Coral Collins, PEO Seward Chapter; and (back row) presenters Melissa Luebbe and Janni Hansen.



From left, Julya Metschke, Layla Sugden, Sjoen Munk and Madison Kramer were honored by the Omaha World-Herald Academic Program. Sugden and Metschke received honor-

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Taylor: Class of 2024 is next generation

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BY ALLYSON TAYLOR Milford High Valedictorian

Good afternoon everyone. I am beyond honored to be standing here today representing the class of 2024 as valedictorian.

Whether in this room or not, numerous people played a part in the success of each one of us here today. On behalf of the class of 2024, I would like to thank each parent of the seniors for the countless hours of work you have put toward bringing us to this point in our lives. Your dedication to our success has not gone unnoticed.

Alongside our parents, I want to send special thanks out to each teacher who assisted one or all of us throughout the years. Whether you taught us the ABC's, the value of a quarter note, how to do a proper push-up, or how to



Allyson Taylor

derive numbers and letters during calculus, you each pointed us in the direction you believed to be the best direction for our lives and never hesitated to hold us accountable to be the best versions of ourselves.

Last but not least, I want to thank the underclassmen and those who graduated in the years before us. Each of you played moment used to be the an important role in our unimaginable future." lives. Underclassmen, vou supported us as we pursued our goals and gave us your best in and outside of competition. As well as the underclassmen, I want to thank the ones who are now alumni that showed us the value in being a senior at this high school. Thank you for being such shining examples and now friends.

While today is about celebrating our accomplishments, it is also about what lies ahead for the ones that walked into this room today as students and will walk out alumni. We all have uniquely sculpted futures that we are only just beginning to discover, but as we start our journeys I want to remind you of something that Mr. Mo told us at the beginning of the year. He said that, "This present

As much as we know this to be true, it didn't quite fully sink in until the final few weeks of this school year. While this quote offers encouragement to accomplish your dreams, it also shows us how important the present can be.

The future doesn't become great because you thought it should be, it becomes great because of what you did in the present. As we step out into the world of college, workforce, and military it is important to give everyone and everything genuine respect, effort, and grace, no matter the circumstance.

We are the next generation. It is up to us to bring new life and joy to whatever life throws at us, but within all of that uncertainty, make sure

you always have someone or something to catch you when you fall. Find that thing that makes you want to stay just five more minutes, the thing that fills you with the most unimaginable joy every day, whether that be taking over the family farm, welding at a big corporation, saving someone's life with medicine, or taking the reins in a production.

Because in the end, it doesn't matter how much you make or what car you drive, because even if you make millions of dollars and have the nicest house on the block, if you don't find genuine joy in what you have chosen to be the center of your universe, you will never be satisfied. If you need proof, just take a look around you.

I truly believe that we have had two of the greatest examples of genuine people present with us

everyday. Phil Goddard and Kevin Wingard are these two people. There was never a moment where any of us could have doubted that they genuinely loved what they did, and they made sure to let you know that. We have one of the greatest honors as the class of 2024. We not only get to graduate beside our peers but we get to graduate alongside these two individuals. No other class will get that chance.

So as each of you walk out of here today ready to become your own individuals, I ask you to remember where you came from and know that this school and support system did genuinely care about you, and now it's up to each one of us to go out and find out what brings each one of us genuine joy. Thank you.

Milford seniors earn scholarship money

Milford High seniors announced their college plans and received the following scholarships:

Camdon Alaniz: Southeast Community College, Milford, Electrical Technology; Southeast Community College: Herman/Matzke Scholarship Fund.

Jaidvn Bell: Kansas State University, News and Sports Media; Milford Schools Foundation: Cheryl Austen Leavitt, Liz Wood, General Endowed Scholar-

Leah Blake: Southeast Community College, Milford, Respiratory Therapy Milford Schools Foundation: Aaron & Liz Crabtree, Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home, Carol Wurst Friedli Stauffer Endowed Scholarship.

Abigail Brinkmeyer: Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, Film & Media Studies, Production; Milford Schools Foundation: Aaron & Liz Crabtree, Barbara Hunsberger, Tammy & Justin Salyer; Washington University: Questbridge Scholarship; Seward County 4-H Council Scholarship, Seward County 4-H Foundation Scholarship.

Sally Burkey: Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Nurse Anesthetist; Milford Schools Foundation: Charlene R. (Stauffer) Gutierrez, Wake Charitable Foundation, Dorothy Bender Endowed Scholarship; SCC: Learn to Dream Scholarship, Foundation High School Scholars Award, First Generation Scholarship; Susan T. Buffett Scholarship; TeamMates New Generation Scholarship.

Cale Burkhardt: Northeast Community College, Welding Technology; Milford Schools Foundation: Hughes Brothers, Inc., Pleasant Dale PTO Endowed Scholarship, Milford American Legion Post 171.

Jaxson Clark: Undecided, Business Administration; Milford Schools Foundation: Heyen Tax & Accounting, Inc., Troyer Insurance Inc., Colleen Kay (Hans) Kramer Endowed Scholarship; UNL: Husker Traditions Scholarship, We Are Nebraska Commitment RES; SCC: Foundation High School Scholars

Award, First Generation Scholarship, Career Academy ScholarsAward; Oral Roberts University: Golden Eagle Scholarship; University of New Mexico: Amigo Scholarship, New Mexico Opportunity Scholarship; Houston Christian University: Academic Scholarship; Tiffin University: Men's Volleyball Scholarship; University of Tulsa: First Time Entering Freshman Scholarship.

Austin Cox: Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Graphic Design; Milford Schools Foundation: Beth Green, Russell Kremer, Milford American Legion Post 171; SCC: Foundation High School Scholars Award.

Gavin Dunlap: University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Finance; Milford Schools Foundation: Gerry Dunlap, Kiwanis Club of Milford, Harold H. & Patricia M. Wergin Endowed Scholarship; UNL: Regents Scholarship, Nebraska Business Honors Academy, Entrepreneurship Catalysts Scholarship; University of Kansas: KU Excellence Scholarship; UNO: Regents Scholarship; MHS Academic Athlete Scholarship, MHS Booster Club Sportsmanship Scholarship; MHS Student Council Scholarship; William Webermeier Memorial Scholarship.

Dakota Gomez: Southeast Community College, Milford, CRAVE; Milford Schools Foundation: Robert & Nora Ficke, Beth Green. Clara Morefield/Milford Auxiliary Unit 171 Endowed Scholarship.

Amber Gurnsey: Entourage Institute of Beauty & Esthetics, Esthetician; Milford Schools Foundation: Valorie Halsey, Milford American Legion Post 171, Michael A. Boden, Lt. Colonel Retired Endowed Scholarship; Milford Fire & Rescue Firefighter's Scholarship.

Morgan Havlat: Theater Arts Preparatory School, Las Vegas, Nevada, Dance; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Sheryl Piening Keller, In Memory of Gwen Friedli Hershberger; Theater Arts Preparatory School Scholarship; Dean College: Joan Phelps Passadino School of

Dance.

Brooke Henriksen: Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Psychology; Milford Schools Foundation: Larry & Donna Heyen, Cheryl Austen Leavitt, General Endowed Scholarship.

Damien Henson: Undecided, Undecided; Milford Schools Foundation: Michael Lemmert, Waste Connections, Inc., Carol Wurst Friedli Stauffer Endowed Scholarship.

Emma Hershberger: Concordia University, Elementary Education; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Joyce Caleca Endowed Scholarship, Karen Kremer Scholarship; Concordia University: Dean's Academic Scholarship, Dance Scholarship; FCCLA Nebraska Blood Bank Scholarship; Milford Jr./Sr. High Staff "Jeans for a Buck" Education Scholarship.

Sydney Hill: Wayne State College, Pre-Pharmacy; Milford Schools Foundation: Verlyn Dunlap, Jill Stutzman, Gene & Evelyn Fougeron Endowed Scholarship; Wayne State College: RHOP Scholarship, Presidential Scholarship; Seward County 4-H Council Scholarship, Seward County 4-H Foundation Scholarship; Pleasant Dale American Legion: Louise C. Klintworth Scholarship.

Ren Jensen: Workforce, Undecided

Sirius Jolly: Southeast Community College, Milford, ElectroMechanical Technology; Milford Schools Foundation: Delroy L. Hemsath, Stelling Carpentry LLC, Wake Charitable Foundation, Larry Lee Shaw Family Scholarship; SCC: Learn to Dream Scholarship.

Connor Kapperman: Southeast Community College, Milford, CRAVE

Alexandria Keib: University of Nebraska, Kearney, Early Childhood Inclusion; Milford Schools Foundation: Christy Leichty, Shirley Heckman Endowed Scholarship, Karen Kremer Scholarship; UNK: Loper Achievement Award; Susan T. Buffett Scholarship; TeamMates Osborne Opportunity Fund Scholarship; Milford Jr./Sr. High Staff "Jeans for a Buck"

Education Scholarship. Caleb Kleint: Workforce, Undecided

Colby Klug: Southeast Community College, Milford, John Deere Technology; Milford Schools Foundation: Roland Miller, Pleasant Dale Men's Club Endowed Scholarship, Trevyn Roth Endowed Scholarship.

Conner Kohout: University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Agriculture Systems Technology; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Brandon & Shelly Mowinkel, Donna & Neil Wurst Scholarship; **UNL:** Husker Traditions, CASNR Scholarship; Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Agriculture Scholarship; Elmer and Bernice Spahr Scholarship; Farm Bureau Scholarship; Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) Scholarship; National FFA Scholarship; BNSF Railway Company Collegiate Scholarship; William Webermeier Memorial Scholarship.

Ella Kranz: Doane University, Graphic Design; Milford Schools Foundation: Verlyn Dunlap, Seward Cross Makers, Dorothy Bender Endowed Scholarship; Doane University: Theatre Scholarship, Choir Scholarship.

Karis Kratochvil: Northeast Community College, Veterinary Technician; Milford Schools Foundation: The Austin Co., Marla Shaw, Pleasant Dale PTO Endowed Scholarship.

Brody Mach: Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Welding Technology; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Stelling Carpentry LLC, 1969 Milford Football State Championship Team Endowed Scholarship; SCC: Foundation High School Scholars Award.

Ava Maple: Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Radiology Technology; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Mitch & Kylie Kubicek, Mitch Wingard Endowed Scholar-

ship. Clara Maple: Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Nursing; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Susan K. Burkey, Mitch Wingard

Endowed Scholarship. **Addisyn Mowinkel:**

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Agribusiness; Milford Schools Foundation: Aaron & Liz Crabtree, Farmers & Merchants Bank, Kiwanis Club of Milford, Janet Rowland Endowed Scholarship; UNL: Husker Power Scholarship, Lincoln CASNR Scholarship; Milford FBLA Scholarship; SCC: Foundation High School Scholars Award, Academic Excellence Scholarship; Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 - Agriculture Scholarship; Nebraska Softball Foundation Scholarship; Region 1 Principal Association Scholarship; Optimist International of Denton Oratorical Scholarship; Pleasant Dale American Legion Scholarship; The Charles A. Alseth Yankton College Scholarship.

Hunter Oborny: Southeast Community College, Milford, Electrical Technology; Milford Schools Foundation: Cattle Bank & Trust, Kevin & Becky Wingard, Donna & Neil Wurst Scholarship; Nebraska Wesleyan University: President's Scholarship.

Kasen Petsch: Central Community College, Hastings, Welding Technology; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Kiwanis Club of Milford, Brandon & Shelly Mowinkel; CCC: Advanced Design/Welding Endowed Scholarship, Joshua Michael Hedlunch Scholarship.

Chloe Pierce: Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Practical Nursing; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Memorial Health Care Systems, Janet Rowland Endowed Scholarship; AKRS Jumpstart Scholarship; Pleasant Dale American Legion Scholar-

Paige Riley: University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Business, Interior Design; Milford Schools Foundation: Heyen Tax & Accounting, Inc., Dale Hall Endowed Scholarship, Colleen Kay (Hans) Kramer Endowed Scholarship; UNL: Husker Power Scholarship, We Are Nebraska Commitment Scholarship; Karen K. Duncan Scholarship; Pleasant Dale American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship.

Shelby Rosburg: Southeast Community College, Beatrice, Horticulture & Turf Grass Management; Milford Schools Foundation: Terry & Leanne Hauder, Trevyn Roth Endowed Scholarship, Clara Morefield/Milford Auxiliary Unit 171 Endowed Scholar-

Riley Ross: Wayne State College, Criminal Justice; Milford Schools Foundation: Larry & Donna Heyen, Heather Kadavy, Gene & Evelyn Fougeron Endowed Scholarship; Wayne State College: Presidential Scholarship, Career Scholars Cooperation Education Scholarship, Salvation Army D.J.'s Hero Scholarship; Lincoln Elks BPO DOES Drove #4 Schol-

Madison Roth: Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Medical Laboratory Technology; Milford Schools Foundation: The Austin Co., Farmers & Merchants Bank, TJ Meyer Endowed Scholarship; SCC: Foundation High School Scholars Award, Academic Excellence Scholarship; Timpte Scholarship; Milford Mennonite Church Scholarship; MHS Booster Club Sportsmanship Schol-

John Sage III: Workforce, Pasture2Table Farm

Kisa Schauer: Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Nursing; Milford Schools Foundation: Memorial Health Care Systems, Seward Cross Makers, Louise & Eugene Welsch Endowed Scholarship; SCC: Learn to Dream Scholarship.

Sarah Spahr: United States Naval Academy, Biology/Pre-Medicine; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Kiwanis Club of Milford, Michael A. Boden, Lt. Colonel Retired Endowed Scholarship, Harold H. & Patricia M. Wergin Endowed Scholarship; United States Naval Academy Scholarship; University of Nebraska - Kearney: Academic Scholarship, Athletic Scholarship; University of Omaha: Academic Scholarship, Athletic Scholarship; Hastings College: Academic Scholarship; Buena Vista University: Academic

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Ross: Always have place to come back to

BY RILEY ROSS Milford High School

Welcome, ladies, gentlemen, proud parents, esteemed faculty, and of course, the legendary class of 2024. We finally got here, and you are sitting here before me probably thinking, "YES! It's finally over!" But slowly, the questions start creeping

What am I going to do with my life? Is this really where I am meant to be? Do these people actually like me, or are they faking it? What is my purpose in life? Can I really make a difference? Do I really want this for myself? What if I can't make it out there in the world? What if I don't live up to my parent's expectations?

As you sit here before me, there are probably many of you who ask themselves these questions every day. You ask yourselves these difficult questions hoping to come up with a new and innovative answer that you haven't thought of before.

Stop asking yourself these questions, because tomorrow doesn't matter. What matters is the chance to celebrate this success that we have achieved, but remember that we didn't get here by ourselves. Thanks to the foundation of support that surrounds us, whether we know them well or not, there was always someone behind the scene, making sure you and I could get to where we are today. So remember to thank those who have given up their time to help you along the

To the parents who stayed up long hours helping with our mountains of homework, attending our plays, watching us grow, and being there as someone we could talk to or rant to about our struggles, thank you.

To the teachers who taught us everything we



Riley Ross

know, pushed us past our limits, prepared us as much as they could for the future, and helped shape us into who we are, thank

To the students who have created a community within the school that has allowed us to thrive and become people who we want to be, thank you.

And of course, to the band and Mr. Goddard, who have taken time out of their days to perform at games, play at pep rallies, and be here today to perform for our graduation ceremony, thank you.

Without the help and support each and every one of you provided us, not all of us would be here today, so thank you once again.

After today, we will part ways, from each other and from the community we have built together. Some of us may stay friends and meet each other often, and others will leave to explore the world and never turn back.

As we leave this building and go on with our lives, there are bound to be happy times, sad times, times where we just want to sleep, to start anew, and times when we have no idea how to proceed and attempt to struggle through it on our own.

Time will pass, seasons change, and people come and go, but some things will always remain constant: the support from these people around us and the happy memories made in our previous years. As you look back on these years some of you may remember the time in fifth grade when we were part of the living history museum, the many extravabandzas we performed our hearts out, or even the time when we had to go to the elementary because of a gas leak.

If there comes a time when you start to question yourself and the direction your life is going, remember the constants. Everyone will go through tough times, some more than others, it is inevitable. Instead of falling into the abyss of negative thinking that attaches itself to hardship, change vour perspective. Take the difficulties and challenges to turn yourself into a stronger person.

Experience as many happy occasions as possible, and choose to remem-

ber those. If you do, you can become the next generation of constants. You can become the constant for someone else who will go through difficulties. But remember, even if you are old and gray, if you need help in any way, you can come back here, you can come back to the constant support of this place, you can come back to your happy memories.

The constants are what allow us to lead a fulfilling life, so if there is ever a hard time, look back on your happy memories. Look back on the memories of Mr. Goddard's jokes during every performance, or the class coming together to play kickball at recess, because some things never change.

As we conclude this chapter of our lives and move on to accomplish our desires, we can leave without anxiety, knowing that there is always some place to come back to.



Milford High seniors received scholarships during honors night May 6.

Milford

Continued from 6B Scholarship; Concordia University: Academic Scholarship; Knights of Columbus Scholarship; MHS Academic

Athlete Scholarship. Macy Stutzman: Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Radiology Technology; Milford Schools Foundation: Aaron & Liz Crabtree, Tom Troyer, TJ Meyer Endowed Scholarship; SCC: Foundation High School Scholars Award, Academic Excellence Scholarship; Denton Dollars for Scholars Award; Lincoln Elks Lodge #80 Scholarship; Kroy Vandenberg's Pride in Your Ride Memorial Scholarship.

Reice Stutzman: Bryan College of Health Sciences, Bachelors of Science in Nursing; Milford Schools Foundation: Seward Co. Conservation, Robert L. Wergin, M.D., Louise & Eugene Welsch Endowed Scholarship; MHS Student Council Scholarship; Bryan College of Health Sciences: Bryan Blue Scholarship; Phyllis Philson Memorial Scholarship; Ridgewood Healthcare Scholarship.

Allyson Taylor: Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa, Secondary Education in Vocal/Instrumental Music; Milford Schools Foundation: Milford Elementary Fourth Graders, Joyce Caleca Endowed Scholarship, Phil Goddard Scholarship; Northwestern College: Peale Academic Scholarship, Music Scholarship, Theater Scholarship; Robert & Edith Miles/Georgia Kalmbrunn Scholarship; Nebraska Elks Association Scholarship; William Webermeier Memorial Scholarship; Milford Jr./Sr. High Staff "Jeans for a Buck" Education Scholarship.

Logan Tejral: Workforce, Welding; Milford Schools Foundation: Terry & Leanne Hauder, Kevin & Becky Wingard, Pleasant Dale Men's Club Endowed Scholarship; Central Community College: Lindsay Welding.

Jackson Toovey: Arizona State University, Graphic Design; Milford



From left, Gavin Dunlap, Allyson Taylor and Connor Kohout received the Webermeier Scholarships at Milford High's honors night.

Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Dennis Stauffer, Dale Hall Endowed Scholarship; Seward Church of Christ Scholarship. Keenan

Troyer Concordia University **Business Administration** Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Cattle Bank & Trust, 1969

Milford Football State Championship Team Endowed Scholarship; Concordia University: Achievement Award, Football Scholarship;

Exeter Feeders and Breeders Scholarship; Milford Mennonite Church Scholarship.

Mackenzie Watenpaugh: Nebraska Wesleyan University, Double Major: Psychology and Athletic Training; Milford Schools Foundation: Farmers & Merchants Bank, Shirley Heckman Endowed Scholarship, Maury Family Endowed Scholarship; Nebraska Wesleyan University: Honorary President's Scholarship, N.W.U. Achievement Scholarship, Campus Visit Scholarship, Multi-Student Scholarship, P-Wolf Priority Scholarship; Nelnet Scholar Program; York General Scholarship; Seward County Sheriff's Posse Scholarship; Ridgewood Rehabilitation and Care Center Scholarship.

Joslyn Wolf: Southeast Community College, Lincoln, Radiology Technology; Milford Schools Foundation: Cheryl Austen Leavitt, Becky Tejral, Larry Lee Shaw Family Scholarship.

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Hoffschneider: High school small dot on map of life

BY CORA HOFFSCHNEIDER Centennial High School

Freshman year was a lot like pulling into a gas station for the very first time ... not sure what to do or where we belonged. I'm sure we all have felt this exact feeling at a gas station.

Embarrassing enough, I went through this situation when I was tasked with fueling up my car for the first time alone at a gas station. All the sudden I got to there and somehow forgot what side of my car the tank is on, I began to cirlce the pumps looking like a crazy stalker, then once I got it figured out, I had an awful time trying to get my card out of the reader because my nails were too long.

We all get confused and are unsure where our place is. When we figure it out and get situated in high school, teachers begin filling us up with all of the knowledge and experiences they can before we are off to our next destination. When the fuel tank is full, it's time for us to leave and continue our vovage.

As we move onto this next journey in our lives, whether that may be pursing a degree in college. going to serve our country, or entering the highly demanding workforce, we'll all be doing something different. We will no longer bump into this exact group of people trying to get into our lockers, we won't smirk at these faces walking down the hallway,



Cora Hoffschneider

and we no longer can use the excuse of seniority to underclassmen.

As we are about to become the most recent class of graduates from Centeimial High School, let us not forget about our time

spent within these walls. The walls that once had tiny plastic ducks snuck into the cracks by a mysterious classmate, the walls that we decorated year after year for homecoming, the walls we posed in front of before school dances for a picture with our friends, the same walls that have held together the place where we met the exact requirements for us to graduate today

On behalf of the Centennial Class of 2024, we owe a massive thank you to many people in our lives. To our parents, guardians, and families, thank you for being some of our biggest supporters. The support and push needed during the months of filling out scholarships, studying for final exams,

and all of our challenges faced during these years ... no matter what, you were there for us. To our teachers, you all have been our guides during these years full of essays, experiments, and assignments. You've taught us to advocate for ourselves, that it's OK to ask questions, and to learn from our mistakes.

We will meet new friends on our route, and we will pursue new and exciting adventures and opportunities. But, the future won't always go as expected. We may drive through many potholes in our path or have a fender bender along the way.

Class of 2024, it is important that we remember to not let the setbacks get ahold of us. Rather, we must turn the setbacks

we've encountered into comebacks, just like our speaker at the athletic banquet told us!

Right now, our future is unwritten for the most part. It is up to us to do with that what we want! So, go get that degree! Get accepted into nursing school! Go join the military! Do what you want, and make it great!

Just like stopping at a gas station, high school is only a dot on the map of our life, but so beneficial and vital. So, class of 2024, take what you have learned through our time spent at Centennial High School and go do great things! Thank you.

Centennial seniors receive scholarships

Centennial High seniors received the following scholarships:

Lillian Butzke: Wayne Area Lion's Club State Career Scholars Program, Wayne State Scholarship, Utica Alumni Association, Hughes Brothers, Inc., Jacqueline Paxson Memorial, Kelly Heser Memorial, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Seward **County Conservation** Corp., Carlene E. Svoboda Family Trust, Centennial **Education Association**

Jarrett Dodson: Centennial Wrestling Club Scholarship, Beaver Crossing Volunteer Fire Dept.

Trevor Fehlhafer: Goehner-Centennial Players, First Bank of Utica, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Utica Area Lion's Club, Joyce Schriner, McAndrew and Ihde Memorial Scholarship

Ava Fischer: UNK Board of Regents, Girls State Scholarship, BCBS Health Science Scholarship, R-HOP, American Legion Auxiliary Health Care Professional Scholarship, UNK Health Science Room, J.J. Thomas Scholarship, Cattle National Bank, American Legion Auxiliary #49, Memorial Health Care Systems, Centennial Booster Club, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Utica Area Lion's Club

Rilev Grant: Volzke Funeral Home and Volzke Memorials, Glenn Well-

Kayla Grantski: Utica Fire Auxiliary **Emalee Hawley:** First

Bank of Utica, Glenn Wellmann, Patricia J. Cradick Alternate, Joyce Schriner

Alex Hirschfeld: University of Nebrask-Lincoln NFUND Scholarship, Waco Volunteer Fire Dept., Joyce Schriner, Centennial Booster Club, Paul C. Geis Memorial, Utica Area Lion's Club

Cora Hoffschneider: University of Nebraska-Lincoln Board of Regents, Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship, York County 4-H Outstanding Senior Scholarship, Nebraska 4-H Foundation Murdoch Home and Ranch Supply, Cornhusker Girls State Delegate, Plum Creek Seed Services, York PEO Chapter HH, Cornerstone Bank Career in Ag Day Scholarship, Husker Harvest Days Scholarship, Centennial FFA Alumni Scholarship, York **Community Foundation** Hirschfeld Family Scholarship, York Area Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness, Soaring for C! Character Scholarship Award, York County Farm Bureau, **Greckel Construction**

Co. LLC, Joyce Schriner, Centennial Booster Club. Thomas C. Miller, Utica

James Hoffschneider: Eudece Jones, The Seward Cross Makers, Utica Area Lion's Club, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Joyce Schriner

Bryson Hornbacher: Hastings Crimson Scholarship, Cornerstone Bank, Wake Charitable Foundation and Jones Bank Scholarship, Centennial Booster Club, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Vera Rolfsmeier Designated Fund

Savannah Horne: Youth Salute, Girls State Regional Scholarship, American Legion Auxiliary Healthcare Professional Scholarship, Fillmore County Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship, Exeter Knights of Columbus, College of St. Mary Academic and Athletic, Heisman High School Scholarship School Winner, Kerri Bartholomew Scholarship, Centennial Booster Club, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation

Libbie Kubicek: Utica Lodge No. 96-A.F. and A. M., TeamMates, Centennial FFA Alumni Scholarship, Prairie Roots Child Development Center, York General Scholarship, York County 4-H Council Scholarship, Kerri Bartholomew Scholarship, Centennial Booster Club, Glenn Wellmann, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust

Kate Luebbe: The Theodore and Mary Bohrman Scholarship, Joyce Schriner, First Bank of Utica, Larry and Jacqueline Paxson Scholarship, Centennial Booster Club, Vera Rolfsmeier Designated Fund, Centennial Education Association

Cole Matzner: Kroy Vandenberg Pride in Your Ride Memorial, Glenn Wellmann

Rylee Menze: Stueven Health Science Scholarship, Cattle National Bank, Centennial Booster Club, Glenn Wellmann, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer **Family Foundation Trust**

Kaylea Moore: Russ and Anita Raybald Memorial Scholarship, Glenn Wellmann, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family **Foundation Trust**

Karley Naber: NIAAA Scholarship, K-Hop Program, UNK Distinguished Scholar Award, Utica Alumni Association, First Bank of Utica, Centennial Booster Club, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Vera Rolfsmeier Designated

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Moore: High school diploma means it's time to be adult

BY KAYLEA MOORE Centennial High School

Ladies and gentlemen and class of 2024, 1 first want to congratulate this year's class and thank our supporters: parents, siblings, teachers, and friends. The characters in our lives that coach and cheer us on. Without them, we wouldn't have reached this moment sitting in this gymnasium.

This is the moment we have been anticipating since the beginning of our academic careers. The moment we get all dolled up to receive a piece of paper that reads: "Good job now, go be an adult."

Good job

Go be an adult A sentence that comes with both anxiety and excitement, it acknowledges that we aren't and never will be the same people we once were. We are forever changed and will be forever changing.

We aren't the same freshmen who walked into the front lobby four years ago wearing masks, robbed of their last semester of junior high due to a pandemic. We persevered over this sudden event and used it as a building block to begin our high school journey together.

We aren't the same sophomores who explored new activities, sports, and brand-new classes. We established ourselves in

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Kaylea Moore

our friendships, mingled with the upperclassmen, and worked to find a sense of identity.

We aren't the same juniors who realized we were getting older and needed to "lock in" for next year, while also planning for Prom, working, sports, concerts, and finishing up any volunteer hours. We mentally prepared ourselves for our last summer as high school students.

Today, we aren't the same seniors that began in 2023, counting down the number of schoo | days left and endlessly thinking. We look into the unknown area between now and the rest of our lives, that we call the future.

Now, we are going to be adults, a combination of every memory, lesson, mistake, achievement, and person imprinted onto us. A collage of the

ever-adapting version of ourselves we've been since birth.

We've grown from this small dependent newborn with the whole world ahead of us, to a hopefully not-so-small, independent adult with the whole world ... still ahead of us. And that's an amazing and beautiful experience, to be able to change into who we are today while still having time to discover more of ourselves. Continue to grow our personalities, our relationships, our careers, our hopes, and our dreams.

And if no one has said this to you yet, I'll say it now. I am proud of you. Of every last one of you.

I am proud of how far you've come and the obstacles you've faced, whether in public or private. And I am sure these lovely folks who came out today to watch this precious moment unravel, and the people who couldn't be here today, are and necessary for us to proud of you too.

Proud of how we handled the last years together as a class and watched how we've all improved. The memories we've made with one another, the fun interactions. These small moments of joy that left a piece of us, forever altered. We've built up to this moment and now here it is! We took our past and used it to guide into our present and now, our

The future won't go as expected, it's not a linear path just as these last four years haven't been. Just like in the future, It may take us longer to achieve progress in our lives and there will still be setbacks. We may lose our way entirely or take different paths. And that is OK. It's more than OK to have bumps in the road or go offroading completely. But, challenges aren't anything new to us, we are a resilient set of individuals, who continue to be adaptive and continue to

Because without growth, we wouldn't be here today, waiting for that piece of paper telling us to be what we already are, graduates, achievers, scholars, workers, and dreamers. Adults. We may not be the same kids we once were, but it doesn't mean they aren't still there

Change is inevitable, see all that life has to offer. We get only one spin around the world, so let's make the most of it.

I want to thank the class itself, for being a part of each other's academic journeys for the past several years. And I would like to thank the audience for being here to support these students.

May the class of 2024 continue to grow into the best human beings we can be. Thank you.





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Dietrich Erks: Southeast Community College, **Building Construction; Onas** C. and Beatrice Hughes, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Carter Ernesti: Northeast Community College, Diesel Tech - Ag; Northeast Community College Scholarship, State of Nebraska **Tuition Reimbursement** Scholarship, AKRS Equipment Solutions, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Ava Fisher: Central Community College, Academic Transfer; Kelly Jo Vervelde Scholarship, Dinslage Business and Medical Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Fernanda Flores Leyva: Southeast Community College, Accounting; Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship, Wake Charitable Foundation and Jones Bank

Alexander Foulk: Doane University, Music Education; Doane University Presidential Academic Scholarship, Doane University Band Scholarship, Doane University Music Enhancement Scholarship, Doane University Walter Waas Scholarship, Seward Band Boosters Scholarship, Eastern Star Scholarship, Mandy Churchill Memorial Scholarship, Roger Davis Fund

Adelaide Furr: Abilene Christian, Interior Architecture; Abilene Christian University Entrepreneur Scholars Award, Abilene Christian University Art and Design Scholarship, Abilene Christian University A.B. Barret Award Scholarship, Concordia University Tuition Exchange Program Scholarship, Dr. Van and Becky Vahle, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Noelle Geidel: Concordia University - Wisconsin, Rehabilitation Science; CU Wisconsin Presidential Scholarship, Concordia University Tuition Exchange Program Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Bell Chiropractic, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholar-

Andrew Gendron: University of Nebraska -Lincoln, Business; University of Nebraska - Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship, University of Nebraska - Lincoln We are Nebraska Commitment Scholarship, University of Nebraska - Lincoln Opportunity Scholarship, Harvey and Trish Johnson, Edward Jones Scholarship

Jaidyn Gerson: Santiago Canyon College, Political Science; Seward County League of Women Voters, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholar-

Krystyn Harris: High Point University; Exercise Science

Thunder Hayek: U.S. Marine Corps, Post 9-11 GI

Kianna Hellbusch: Southeast Community College, Academic Transfer; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholar-

Braiden Herring: Northeast Community College, HVAC; Eugene P. Lee Memorial HVAC

Emmalee Herring: Southeast Community College, Early Childhood Education; SCC Foundation High School Scholars, Learn to Dream Scholarship, Volzke Funeral Home, Seward Community Scholarship

Lovely Hibbert: Iowa Western Community College, Physical Therapy Assistant; Iowa Western Community College Women's Softball Scholarship, Iowa Western



The Youth Rotarians of the Month in 2023-24 are, from left: (first row) presenter Matt Dominy, Layla Sugden and Maryn Johnson; (second row) Julya Metschke, Jadyn Nelson and Piper Souchek; (third row) Conner Matzke and Rachel Kuss; and (fourth row) Sjoen Munk, Matthew Wegman and Hank Hughes. Metschke was named the Youth Rotarian of the Year.

Community College Women's Track Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Treyton Hobson: Southeast Community College, Machine Tool and Die; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholar-

Finn Hochstein: Hutchinson Community College, Environmental Science / Education; Hutchinson Community College Baseball Scholarship, Nebraska Orthopedic Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Zabka-Perdue Funeral Home Inc., Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Taylor Hostert: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Business Law; University of Nebraska - Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship, University of Nebraska - Lincoln Committed Nebraska Resident Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Suhr and Lichty Insurance Agency, Dr. Van and Becky Vahle, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Evett Howe: Kansas State, Electrical Engineering; Kansas State Wildcat Non-Resident Award, Kansas State Carl R. Ice School of Engineering Scholarship, Top Award Richard M Weh

Hank Hughes: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, **Business Administration:** University of Nebraska - Lincoln Husker Power Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Seward Junior Women's Club, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Aireonna Huntsman: Workforce; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Brody Johnson: Work-



Pepsi has donated scholarship money to Seward High, and the money is given to students selected by the SHS staff based on leadership, cooperation, involvement, industry, and service to or on behalf of our school. Winners are, from left: (first row) Dalaney Anderson, Coral Collins and Layla Sugden; (second row) Ona Stutzman and Drew Collings; (third row) Kohltyn Lindau and Evett Howe; and (fourth row) Hank Hughes, Rachel Kuss and Sjoen Munk.

Jaina Johnson: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Advertising and Public Relations; University of Nebraska - Lincoln Speech Scholarship, University of Nebraska -Lincoln Emerging Leader Scholarship, University of Nebraska Housing Credit Scholarship, University of Nebraska - Lincoln Nebraska Promise, Optimist Oratical Contest Scholarship, Seward Band Boosters Scholarship,

Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholar-

Maryn Johnson: Chadron State College, Rangeland Management; Chadron State College Community Scholars Award, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Family of Lawrence Beckler, TH Wake Memorial Rotary Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Jonathan Jurchen: Concordia University, Chemistry and Mathematics;

Concordia University Dean's Scholarship, Concordia University Lutheran Heritage Scholarship, Concordia University Men's Track / Cross Country Scholarship, Seward Band Boosters Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Andrew and Jacque Hansen

Breana Kearney: Gap Year, Esthetician; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship see **SEWARD**, page 10B

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MADISON KRAMER

Madison Kramer was named a Presidential Scholar can-

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didate.

Fund, Waco Community Scholarship, Waco Volunteer Fire Dept.

Cora Payne: R-HOP Nursing, Healthcare ALA Scholarship, York General, Centennial FFA Alumni Scholarship, Cattle National Bank, American Legion Auxiliary Unit #49, St. Patrick's Alter Society. Myrtle Cradick Scholarship, Patricia J. Cradick, Centennial Booster Club, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Vera Rolfsmeier Designated Fund, Utica Area Lion's Club, Heisman High

School Scholarship School Winner

Molly Prochaska: 2024 Cecil Albert Recruitment Scholarship, First Bank of Utica, Memorial Health Care Systems, Centennial Booster Club, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust

Dalayni Rhodes: Susan Thompson Buffett, TeamMates, York State Bank-Gresham Branch, Volzke Funeral Home and Volzke Memorials, Robert L. and LaRue L. Pollock, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust

Mallory Rozendal: Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust, Joyce Schriner

Benjamin Sams: Concordia Dean's Scholarship, Corncordia Music Scholarship, The Class C -All State Performance

Garrison Schernikau: Beaver Crossing Volunteer Fire Department, American Legion Auxiliary-Beaver Crossing, Beaver Crossing Chamber of Commerce, Lyle and Doris Davis, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Beaver Crossing

United Methodist Church, Centen-

nial Wrestling Club Scholarship

Shyann Smith: Cornhusker State Delegate, Husker Power

Scholarship, CEHS Freshman Scholarship

Cyrus Songster: Biltoft Scholarship Fund, Thomas C. Miller, Alan and Dorothy Farley in memory of Rex Lux, Centennial School Foundation, Centennial Wrestling Club Scholarship

Trayton Stewart: UNL Student Scholarship, Beaver Crossing Volunteer Fire Dept., Beaver Crossing United Methodist Church, Wake Charitable and Jones Bank Scholarship, Laurichte Petersen American Legion Post #359, Carlene E. Svoboda Family Trust

Friend - Preston Knollenberg

Aquinas - Gianna Frasher

Raymond Central - Adelyn Heiss, Lillyana Bartels

Brylie Streit: Beaver Crossing United Methodist Church, Kelly Heser Memorial, Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust

Ariel Stuhr: Roger H. and Patricia J. Meyer Family Foundation Trust

Jackson Wellman: Husker Power Scholarship, Loper Achievement Award, Wayne State Dean's Excellence Award, Allen and Dorothy Farley, Centennial Booster Club, Joyce Schriner, Rolling Hills Supply Scholarship

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Malcolm - Maddox Meyer

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Centennial - Bryson Hornbacher, Trayton Stewart East Butler - Reese Kozisek

Bishop Neumann - Grace Chohan **Jones**Bank

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Nicole Kenney: Doane University, Software Engineering; Doane University Presidential Academic Scholarship, Doane University Band Scholarship, Doane University Vocal Scholarship, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Seward Band Boosters Scholarship, Seward Education AssociationScholarship, Robert and Jeannie Jeary, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Dustin Kloppel: Southeast Community College, Diesel Ag; Learn to Dream Scholarship, Erich and Joyce Helge, Class of 1961, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Breken Kocian: Southeast Community College, Radiology Tech / Phlebotomy; Memorial Health Care Systems, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Derek Kouma: Morningside University, Army Reserve, Business and Spanish; Morningside University Academic Presidential Scholarship, Morningside University Music Grant, Morningside University ACT Incentive Scholarship, Morningside University Travel Visit Grant

Michael Kouma: Workforce; Zimbelmann Family, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Madison Kramer: University of Nebraska - Omaha, Molecular and Biomedical Biology and Environmental Science; University of Nebraska - Omaha Regents Scholarship, UNO Honors Scholarship, Top 10 Award, Noral D. Wait Estate

Libby Kratochvil: Nebraska Wesleyan University, Undeclared, Nebraska Wesleyan Board of Governors Scholarship, Crossmakers Scholarship, Seward Band Boosters Scholarship, Top 10 Award, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Rachel Kuss: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Pre-Health; University of Nebraska - Lincoln Husker Traditions Scholarship, University of Nebraska - Lincoln We Are Nebraska Commitment RES, FFA Future Leaders Scholarship, Noral D. Wait Estate

Kohltyn Lindau: South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, Aerospace Engineering; South Dakota School of Mines and Technology Cooper Scholarship, Rick Kilzer Memorial Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Cole Luebbe: Southeast Community College, Diverse Agriculture; SCC Foundation High School Scholars, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Briggs Cattle Company, Plum Creek Ag Enterprises, Roger C. Schmidt (Class of 1969)

Rilyn Luebbe: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Animal Science; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Conner Matzke: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Business Administration; University of Nebraska -Lincoln O & G Kammerer Scholarship, Wake Charitable Foundation and Jones Bank

Julya Metschke: Decision Pending, ; National Honor Society Scholarship, Horatio Alger Scholarship, Elks Lodge #80 Jack Morgan Jensen Scholarship, Seward GFWC Scholarship, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Seward Band Boosters Scholarship, Top 10 Award, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Gary Davisson Memorial, Frieda Dittman Memorial Rotary Scholarship, Kiwanis Club of

Seward, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Ella Mohnike: Southeast Community College, Academic Transfer; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Kaydon Mueller: Midland University, Education; Midland University Wrestling Scholarship, Class of 1953, Seward Community Scholarship

Sjoen Munk: Colby College, Chemistry; Colby College Weiland Welcome Scholarship, Elks Lodge #80 Vi Berst/Sam Carter/James Rakers Scholarship, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Top 10 Award, Noral D. Wait Estate

Callie Murphy: Southeast Community College, Early Childhood Education; SCC Foundation High School Scholars, Chapters Books and Gifts, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, alt Hughes Brothers Inc. SCC Scholarship

Collin Nagel: Apprenticeship, Plumbing

Jadyn Nelson: Southeast Community College,
Electro-Mechanical Automation; Walter Scott Jr. Career
Pathway Scholarship, SCC
Foundation High School
Scholars, Friends of Choral
Music Scholarship, Bike Ride
Across Nebraska Scholarship,
Nebraska SkillsUSA Scholarship, Proteus Scholarship,
Hughes Brothers Inc. SCC
Scholarship

Miles Nolan: Gap Year, Studio Art

Nova Nordmeyer: Southeast Community College, Dental Assisting; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Addison Opfer: Midland University, Nursing; Concordia University Tuition Exchange Program Scholarship, Seward Education Association Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Roger Davis Fund

Kyle Peery: University of Nebraska - Kearney, Finance; University of Nebraska - Kearney Regents Scholarship, UNK College of Business & Technology Living Learning Scholarship, Top 10 Award, American Legion Post 33, Elmer and Bernice Spahr by Jimmy Spahr family, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Izzie Peetz: University of Nebraska - Omaha, Aviation; Seward Band Boosters Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Avery Placke: College of Hair Design, Esthetics; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Katie Rasmussen: University of Nebraska - Omaha, Nursing; Roger Davis Fund

Nursing; Roger Davis Fund **Devyn Rathjen:** Workforce

Dylan Read: Wayne State College, Business; Wayne State College Wildcat Commitment Scholarship, Wayne State College Career Scholars Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Union Bank and Trust, Seward Community Scholarship

Joshua Ringler: Concordia University, Agricultural Science; Concordia University Regent's Scholarship, Concordia University Lutheran Heritage Scholarship, Concordia University Congregations Scholarship, Concordia University Agricultural Studies Scholarship, Concordia University Football Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Roger C. Schmidt (Class of 1969), Winfield United, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Brian Rolfsmeyer:



Seward High students earning magna cum laude were, from left: (first row) Matthew Wegman, Izzie Peetz, Brooklyn Stanek, Ona Stutzman, Gabi Cepek and Jordan Yates; (second row) Hannah Bierbaum, Dalaney Anderson, Caden Brooks and Taylor Ball; (third row) Callie Breece, Rachel Kuss, Xander Foulk, Josh Ringler and Kohltyn Lindau; and (fourth row) Andrew Gendron, Easton Else, Kameron Dyer and Carter Ernesti.

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Kretyn Roth: Rosedale Bible College, Music Education / Business; Rosedale Multiply Scholarship, Levy Miller Mission Scholarship, Friends of Choral Music Scholarship, Benevolent Board Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Roger Davis Fund, Wake Charitable Foundation and Jones Bank

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Talan Schaefer: Southeast Community College, PowerSports Technology; Seward Community Scholarship

Samuel Schrad: Nebraska National Guard, Montgomery GI Bill

Nixon Seegebarth: Southeast Community College, Land Surveying; Southeast Community College Herman/Matzke Scholarship, SCC Foundation High School Scholars, SCC Academic Excellence Scholarship, Southeast Community College Frank & Edith Wilsey Memorial Scholarship, Seward Education Association Scholarship, Charles Jirovsky Memorial Scholarship, Seward County Conservation Corp., Seward Community Scholarship

Chase Sheldon: Workforce; Seward Community Scholarship

Khassidy Shiner: Workforce

Chloe Simmonds: Peru State College, Business

Haylie Sloup: Concordia University, Middle
Level Education; Concordia
University Dean's Scholarship, Concordia University
Departmental Scholarship,
Concordia University Lutheran Heritage Award, Concordia University Church Work
Scholarship, Congregations
for Concordia Scholarship,
Wake Charitable Foundation
and Jones Bank

Piper Souchek: Doane
University, Business Administration; Doane University
Community Award, Doane
University Legacy Scholarship, Doane University
Tuition Exchange Scholarship, Seward Band Boosters
Scholarship, Seward Rotary
Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship

Brooklyn Stanek: University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Pre-Health; Noral D. Wait Estate

Nolan Stanton: Wayne State College, Exercise Science; Wayne State College Wildcat Promise Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship

Joslin Stockwell: Southeast Community College, Academic Transfer; Seward Community Schol-



Seward High seniors earning summa cum laude were, from left: (first row) Coral Collins, Layla Sugden and Libby Kratochvil; (second row) Julya Metschke and Kyle Peery; and (third row) Evett Howe, Madison Kremer and Sjoen Munk.



Seward High graduates with distinction, cum laude, were, from left: (first row) Avery Briggs, Nicole Kenney and Katelyn Svoboda; (second row) Drew Collings and Katie Rasmussen; (third row) Noelle Geidel, Ava Fisher and Rilyn Luebbe; and (fourth row) Ethan Clodfelter, Hank Hughes and Finn Hochstein.

arship

Ona Stutzman: Concordia University, Undeclared; Concordia University Dean's Scholarship, Concordia University Women's Basketball Scholarship, Karen K Duncan Scholarship, Elmer and Bernice Spahr by Jimmy Spahr family, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Layla Sugden: University of Nebraska - Kearney,
Business and Political Science; University of Nebraska - Kearney KLOP Scholarship,
University of Nebraska - Kearney Honors Program
Scholarship, University of
Nebraska- Kearney Board of
Regents scholarship, University of Nebraska - Kearney JJ
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Sjoen Munk received a certificate of merit from the National Merit Scholarship program.







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Reggie Sukup: Ivy Tech Community College, Business Technology; Seward Community Scholarship

Abigail Svik: Southeast Community College, Nursing; Sweasey Community Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship

Katelyn Svoboda: Concordia University, Environmental Science; Concordia University Academic Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship

Carl Taylor: Northeast Community College, HVAC; Northeast Community College Scholarship, Tait Rief Bowling Scholarship, Fast Mart, Eugene P. Lee Memorial HVAC

Dominic Torres: Gap Year; Seward Community Scholarship

Logan Wagoner: Work-

Chastity Waller: Southeast Community College, Business; Learn to Dream Scholarship, Seward Commu- Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarnity Scholarship

Cameron Warren: Southeast Community College, General Motors

east Community College,

Automotive Service; Seward Community Scholarship Conner Watson: North-

Utility Line; Seward Commu-

nity Scholarship **Matthew Wegman:** University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Business Administration; University of Nebraska -Lincoln Nebraska Traditions Scholarship, Seward Band Boosters Scholarship, Jack and Imo Grant Graff Com-

munity, Dean R. Rolfsmeier

Brothers Inc. UNL Scholar-

Scholarship, alt Hughes

ship Jacee Woolsey: Northeast Community College, Agri-Business; Plum Creek Ag Enterprises, Seward Com-

munity Scholarship Jordan Yates: Wayne State College, Electronic Media; Wayne State College Dean's Excellence Scholarship, Top 10 Award, Harold and Claire Davisson Memorial, Seward Cross Makers,



Key Club and Kiwanis scholarships went to, from left: (first row) Sjoen Munk, Jaina Johnson, Emily Bujarski and Gabi Cepek; (second row) Jadyn Nelson, Julya Metschke and Taylor Ball; and (third row) Ross Briggs and Crystal Kirby, presenters.



Goehner Centennial Players scholarships went to, from left: (first row) Jadyn Nelson, Abigail Svik, Julya Metschke and presenter Pat Runyan; and (second row) Evett Howe, Rilyn Luebbe and Izzie Peetz. Julya Metschke received the Roger Harpham Performing Arts Award. Izzie Peetz received the Caryl Schulz Performing Arts Award.



Dr. Jill Johnson presents Drew Collings with the Quill and Scroll Award.



The U.S. Marine Corps presented awards to, from left: (first row) Coral Collins, athletics; Nicole Kenney, music; and presenter SSG Brian Ylvisaker; and (second row) Sjoen Munk, academics; and Cole Luebbe, athletics.



Seward High students who competed in the Academic Decathlon were, from left: (first row) Maryn Johnson, Emily Coffin and Mariya Corner; (second row) Madison Kremer, Evett Howe and Domenic Artigas; and (third row) Sjoen Munk, Kohltyn Lindau and Tristan Cutshall-Cherry.



The Seward VFW, represented by Lucas Brown, right, presented scholarships to Conner Matzke, left, and Kyle Peery.



The Seward VFW Auxiliary presented scholarships to Callie Murphy and Kyle Peery. They are pictured with presenter Janice Peery.



Carter Ernesti received the **Kroy Vandenberg Memorial** Scholarship.





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Industrial Technology/SkillsUSA awards went to, from left: (first row) Emily Bujarski, Kohltyn Lindau, Nic Classen and Evett Howe; (second row) Jon Jurchen, Julya Metschke and Jadyn Nelson; and (third row) Sjoen Munk and Mariya Corner.



Eastern Star Scholarship Utica Chapter scholarship.



The Bluejay Way Community Service scholarship went to



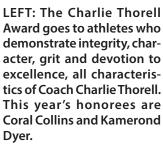
Kreyton Roth. **LEFT: Coral Collins received** the George Smutny Award

for athletic excellence, par-

ticularly in track.



Talan Schaefer received the **Brandon Urban Memorial** Scholarship.





Anderson, Coral Collins and Layla Sugden; (second row) Hannah Bierbaum, Izzie Peetz and Libby Kratochvil; and (third row) Emmalee Herring, Lovely Hibbert and Megan Kramer.



The Seward Youth Golf Association presented scholarships to, from left: (front row) Izzie Peetz, Taylor Hostert and Maryn Johnson; and (back row) Talan Schaefer and Matthew Wegman.



Scholarships from the Seward Junior Jays went to, from left: (front row) Conner Matzke, Drew Collings and Finn Hochstein; and (back row) Kohltyn Lindau and presenter Mike Langner. The Lily Gonzalez Scholarship went to Finn Hochstein, with Conner Matzke as runner-up.



The Ralph Bowmaster Award is given to athletes who participated in three sports all four years of high school. Recipients were, from left: (front row) Conner Matzke and Josh Ringler; and (back row) Lovely Hibbert and Kohltyn Lindau.

