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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 you!

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 teachers—who 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 mother-

ing 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 cliché 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 invitation. 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.

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 cliché but high school has truly taught us more than what's 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!

Go Bluejays!

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Maryn Johnson
Jonathan Jurchen
Cole Luebbe
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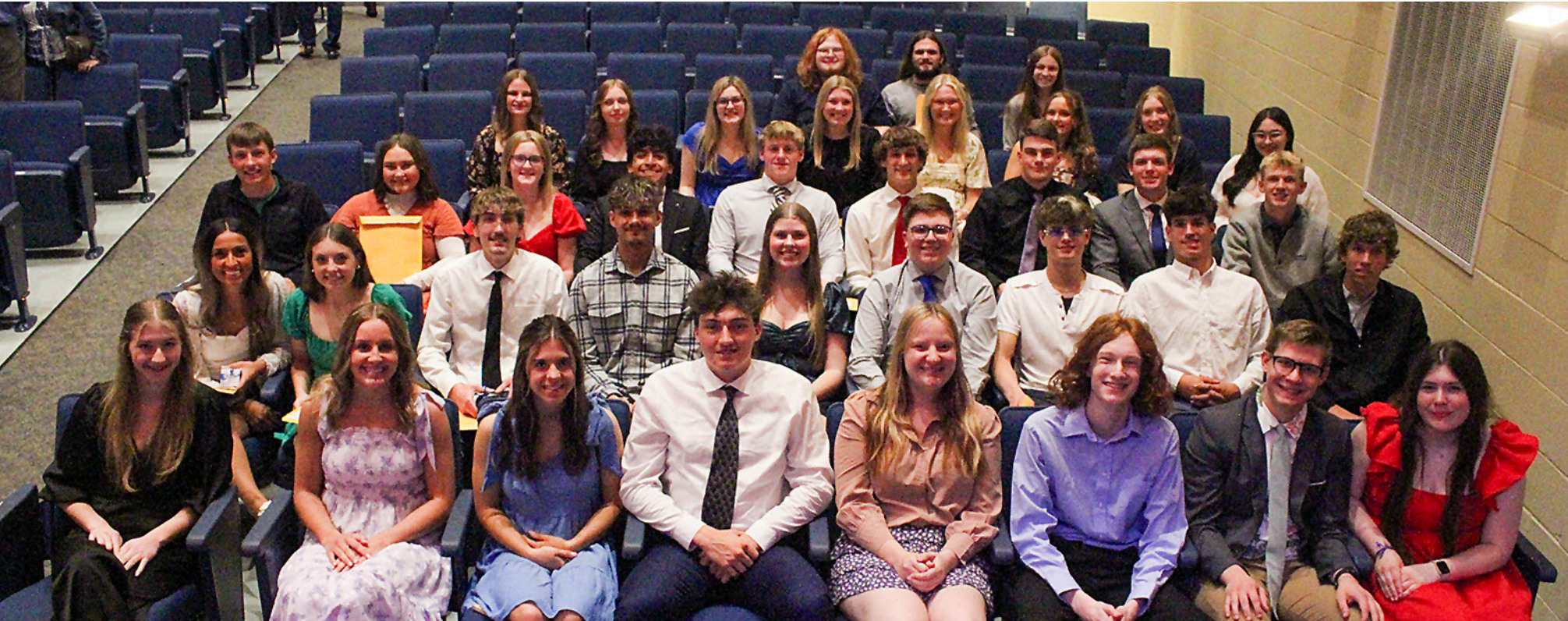
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We salute you and all area graduates, and wish you the very best. May your future be bright and your dreams fulfilled!



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 Julia 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, Kohltyl Lindau, Carl Taylor and Conner Matzke; (fourth row) Izzie Peetz, Chastity Waller, Callie Murphy, Avery Placke, Piper Soucek, Addison Opfer, Katie Rasmussen and Brooklyn Stanek; and (fifth row) Jordan Yates, Nixon Seegebath and Joslin Stockwell.

Seward seniors receive scholarships

Seward High seniors announced their post-secondary plans and received the following scholarships:

- Angellina Allen:** Workforce
- 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 Scholarship, Don E. Whittemore Teacher Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship
- Taylor Ball:** Kansas University, Architecture; KU Excellence Scholarship, Top 10 Award, Noral D. Wait Estate,
- Bryce Bauman:** Workforce
- Tanner Beckmann:** Southeast Community College, Radiology Tech; Seward Crossmakers Scholarship, Cattle Bank and Trust Co., Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship
- Hali Bicket:** Southeast Community College, Nursing; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship
- 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:** Doane University, Information Technology & Science; Doane University Board of Trustees, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship
- Gabriel Blum:** Workforce; Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship
- Emme Brauer:** University of Nebraska - Omaha, Business; Dinslage Business and Medical Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship
- Callie Breece:** Heartland Baptist Bible College, Elementary Education; Bruce Kilzer Memorial Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship
- 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:** Workforce
- Caden Brooks:** Concordia University - Irvine, Kinesiology; Concordia University Tuition Exchange Program Scholarship, Concordia University Athletic Scholarship, Emily Bujarski—Seward Arts Council, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship
- Kenyon Caldwell:** U.S. Army, Top 9-11 GI Bill
- Gabriel Cepek:** University 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 Scholarship

- Ethan Clodfelter:** University 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 Scholarship, 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 Dey:** 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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Taylor: Class of 2024 is next generation

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 be-

fore us. Each of you played an important role in our lives. Underclassmen, you 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

moment used to be the unimaginable future."

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.

Jaidyn Bell: Kansas State University, News and Sports Media; Milford Schools Foundation: Cheryl Austen Leavitt, Liz Wood, General Endowed Scholarship.

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.

Jaxon 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"

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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 Scholarship.

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 Scholarship.

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 Scholarship.

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 Scholarship.

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 Scholarship.

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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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 in.

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 way.

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



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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 you.

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 con-

stant: 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 extravaganzas 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 your 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.

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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 Memo-

rial 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 Watenpugh: 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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Carter Ernesti: Northeast Community College, Diesel Tech - Ag; Northeast Community College Scholarship, State of Nebraska Tuition Reimbursement Scholarship, AKRS Equipment Solutions, Dean R. Rolfsemeier Scholarship
Ava Fisher: Central Community College, Academic Transfer; Kelly Jo Vervelde Scholarship, Dinslage Business and Medical Scholarship, Dean R. Rolfsemeier 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. Rolfsemeier Scholarship



Madison Kramer was named a Presidential Scholar candidate.

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. Rolfsemeier Scholarship
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. Rolfsemeier Scholarship
Krystyn Harris: High Point University; Exercise Science
Thunder Hayek: U.S. Marine Corps, Post 9-11 GI Bill
Kianna Hellbusch: Southeast Community College, Academic Transfer; Dean R. Rolfsemeier Scholarship
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) Julia Metschke, Jadyn Nelson and Piper Souche; (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. Rolfsemeier Scholarship
Treyton Hobson: Southeast Community College, Machine Tool and Die; Dean R. Rolfsemeier Scholarship
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. Rolfsemeier 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. Rolfsemeier Scholarship
Evelt Howe: Kansas State, Electrical Engineering; Kansas State Wildcat Non-Resident Award, Kansas State Carl R. Ice School of Engineering Scholarship, Top 10 Award, Richard M. Wehrs
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. Rolfsemeier Scholarship
Aireonna Huntsman: Workforce; Dean R. Rolfsemeier Scholarship
Brody Johnson: Workforce



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) Kohlty Lindau and Evelt 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. Rolfsemeier Scholarship
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. Rolfsemeier 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 STEM
Breana Kearney: Gap Year, Esthetician; Dean R. Rolfsemeier Scholarship

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Centennial

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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 Rolfsemeier 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 Health Care 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 Foun-

dation 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, Centennial 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

Brylie Streit: Beaver Crossing United Methodist Church, Kelly Hesser 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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Raymond Central - Adelyn Heiss, Lillyana Bartels

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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 Association Scholarship, 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

Brecken 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

Kohlty 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 Davison 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

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 Kohlty Lindau; and (fourth row) Andrew Gendron, Easton Else, Kameron Dyer and Carter Ernesti.

APACE

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

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 Soucek: 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.

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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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Thomas Scholarship, Top 10 Award, Noral D. Wait Estate 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: Workforce

Chastity Waller: Southeast Community College, Business; Learn to Dream Scholarship, Seward Community Scholarship

Cameron Warren: Southeast Community College, General Motors Automotive Service; Seward Community Scholarship

Conner Watson: Northeast Community College, Utility Line; Seward Community 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 Community, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship, alt Hughes Brothers Inc. UNL Scholarship

Jacee Woolsey: Northeast Community College, Agri-Business; Plum Creek Ag Enterprises, Seward Community 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, Dean R. Rolfsmeier Scholarship



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



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



Goehner Centennial Players scholarships went to, from left: (first row) Jadyn Nelson, Abigail Svik, Jula Metschke and presenter Pat Runyan; and (second row) Evett Howe, Rilyn Luebbe and Izzie Peetz. Jula Metschke received the Roger Harpham Performing Arts Award. Izzie Peetz received the Caryl Schulz Performing Arts 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, Kohltynd 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, Kohltyl Lindau, Nic Classen and Evett Howe; (second row) Jon Jurchen, Julya Metschke and Jadyl Nelson; and (third row) Sjoen Munk and Mariya Corner.



The Seward Youth and Community Club, represented by Larae Rolenc, gave its scholarship to Finn Hochstein.



The Seward Softball Association, represented by Jason Wagenknecht, gave scholarships to, from left: (first row) Dalaney 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.



Xander Foulk received the Eastern Star Scholarship Utica Chapter scholarship.



The Bluejay Way Community Service scholarship went to Sreyton Roth.



LEFT: Coral Collins received the George Smutny Award for athletic excellence, particularly in track.



Talan Schaefer received the Brandon Urban Memorial Scholarship.



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.



LEFT: The Charlie Thorell Award goes to athletes who demonstrate integrity, character, grit and devotion to excellence, all characteristics of Coach Charlie Thorell. This year's honorees are Coral Collins and Kameron Dyer.



Scholarships from the Seward Junior Jays went to, from left: (front row) Conner Matzke, Drew Collings and Finn Hochstein; and (back row) Kohltyl 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 Ringer; and (back row) Lovely Hibbert and Kohltyl Lindau.

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Good luck, area teams and athletes!

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