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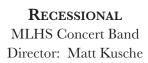
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### Class of 2024 Commencement Ceremonies

Maple Lake High School • Thursday, May 30th, 2024

#### COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM



**GRADUATION TIME** 8:00 p.m.

WELCOME ADDRESS David J. Hansen, Principal

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS** David Hansen, Principal will make of ourselves."



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#### **CLASS MOTTO:** "The future is nigh and the past is gone, it is up to us to decide what we will make of ourselves."

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2024 GRADUATION ISSUE

## To the graduating class of 2024

behalf of the Maple Lake School Board,  ${\cal V}{\cal U}$  administration, staff, and the Maple Lake community, I extend our congratulations to each of you on your graduation from Maple Lake High School. We sincerely hope that the time you spent in the Maple Lake Public School District has not only created many positive friendships and memories that will last a lifetime, but has also built a solid foundation and prepared you for success in your next steps in life. As you wrap up your high school career, you are likely filled with a myriad of emotions. You may feel a sense of excitement, sadness, anticipation, relief, pride, or many others at different times through these last days. You will share memories from your past years of elementary and high school and remember all the experiences that have made you the Maple Lake High School graduating class of 2024. All of this is normal as you begin transitioning to the next phase of your life.

On the evening of Commencement, you will receive a diploma, which is a symbol of accomplishment and approval. You have met the requirements to graduate from high school, and are ready for the next challenges and opportunities



Dave Hansen Principal MAPLE LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

life will present. I am certain you have the skills and knowledge it takes to meet those challenges head on.

Following high school, whether you choose to go directly to the workforce, join the military, or attend some form of post-secondary education, one thing is certain: Your education does not end when you receive your high school diploma. There is no doubt you will receive training and education throughout your working career. Embrace learning! You are never too old to learn new things. Read, research, and explore new opportunities. Engage in experiences to help you learn about other people, cultures, or ways of doing things. Put down your phone and other technology and see the world

around you! Have a growth mindset where you embrace challenges and view mistakes as opportunities to learn.

As you move on to this next phase of life, I would like to leave you with some advice. William H. McRaven, a retired Admiral from the United States Navy, was asked in 2014 to give the commencement speech for the University of Texas. His speech was so well received that he eventually turned the speech into a book titled, Make Your Bed: Little Things That Can Change Your Life ...And Maybe The World. His advice is still fitting today.

Mr. McRaven's book includes ten pieces of advice to change yourself and possibly the world. Those ten things are:

- 1. Start your day with a task completed.
- 2. You can't go it alone.
- 3. Only the size of your heart matters.
- 4. Life's not fair drive on!
- 5. Failure can make you stronger.
- 6. You must dare greatly.
- 7. Stand up to bullies.
- 8. Rise to the occasion.
- 9. Give people hope.

10. Never, ever quit! (McRaven, W.H)

McRaven relates these ten nuggets of advice to experiences he had in his military training. His advice can be applied to yourself and can truly make a positive impact on the trajectory of your life. Start your day out on the right foot by accomplishing small tasks which eventually lead to big things. Find other people to help and support you in your career and life. Kindness matters! The sooner you realize that life is not always fair, the better off you'll be. Learn from your mistakes. Take risks! Don't let people walk all over you or anybody else! Stand up for others. Support others. Step up to the plate and give it your all. When you are down on your luck or have experienced defeat, learn from it and try again. Take responsibility for your actions, listen to and thank others, and give back to individuals and society. If you do the simple things, you will be setting yourself up for success in life. When you look back over these past twelve years of your education, you can identify many people who have been supporting you and cheering for your success. Your parents, grandparents, teachers, and coaches are likely at the top of that list. Be that same kind of person, provide that same kind of support for someone else.

Past Maple Lake graduates have proven that we can all do great things. Our graduates have helped invent CPR, created multimillion-dollar businesses, compassionately cared for the needs of others, invented useful products, written books, ministered to others, supported others in times of need, and done countless other, ordinary and extraordinary things. You, too, have the ability to change the lives of others and perhaps even the world.

Class of 2024, enjoy your last times together as the Maple Lake High School graduating class of 2024. You are leaving Maple Lake High School with a top-notch education. You have learned skills that will make you successful throughout your life. We are proud to honor you as our newest alumni of Maple Lake High School. We congratulate you and offer you our best wishes for a successful future. Now go out in this great big world, and show us what you are made of.

You have got this!







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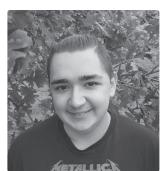
## Meet the Maple Lake High School Class of 2024



Joseph Aune



Isabelle Awe



Caden Blow



**Gaspard Bonneau** 



Annabelle Bursch

#### Joseph Aune

Parent(s): Amy Lovegren, Benjamin Aune

Employer: Walmart

Other Activities: Fishing, Reading, Playing Games, Future Plans: Long term become

a trucker

#### Izzy Awe

Parent(s): Maggie Awe

Employer: Subway Co-Curricular Activities: Band

Academic Honors & Awards:

"A" Honor Roll, "B" Honor Roll

#### **Caden Blow**

Parent(s): Brenda Nagengast and Ryan Nagengast

Employer: Dojo Karate

**Co-Curricular Activities:** Choir, 9-12

Academic Honors & Awards: "B" Honor Roll Grade 10, Irish Pride Award, 9-12

Other Activities: Playing Guitar

**Future Plans:** Plan to attend St. Cloud State University for a major in Social Studies Education.

#### Gaspard Bonneau

Parent(s): Floriane & Nicolas/ Host Parents-Beth & Dan

**High School Athletics:** Football, Basketball, Track and Field

Co-Curricular Activities: Band

Other Activities: Filmmaking

**Future Plans:** Go back to France, do my senior years and after attend a Cinematographic or Commercial university.

#### Annabelle Bursch

Parent(s): Bob and Tanya Bursch

**Employer:** Clearwater Travel Plaza

**Future Plans:** I plan on attending St. Cloud Tech to get my generals before transferring to a four-year university.



GRADUATION 2024

Good Luck Seniors

**Tanner Cardinal** 

Parent(s): Amy Ringler

**Employer:** Border Foods

**Other Activities:** Hobbies

Maya Carter

and William Carter

**Parent(s):** Shannon Carter

**Employer:** Classic Gymnastics

High School Athletics: Lacrosse

Co-Curricular Activities: The-

ater (9th & 10th)- Stage manager. Received an honors award for

Outstanding Technical Leadership,

Speech (10th)- Domestic Relations,

Academic Honors & Awards: "A"

Future Plans: University of Wiscon-

Parent(s): Josh and Shanda Daluge

Future Plans: Being an Electrician

Parent(s): Carrie and Michael Dick

Employer: Mainstreet Farmer Eatery High School Athletics: Lettered

Other Activities: Weightlifting, Sous

in Track, Lettered and Senior Cap-

Academic Honors & Awards:

Chef Mainstreet Farmer Eatery

Future Plans: Work in the

Academic Honors & Awards:

"B" Honor Roll

Other Activities:

Fishing and Hunting

Matt Dick

tain-Football

"B" Honor Roll

culinary field

PSEO (12th), Journalism, Choir

Honor Roll, Irish Pride Award

Other Activities: Photography,

Coach at Classic Gymnastics

sin, Eau Claire for Journalism

Ashton Daluge

Academic Honors & Awards:

"B" Honor Roll, Irish Pride Award

and Mark Cardinal

Tanner Cardinal



Maya Carter



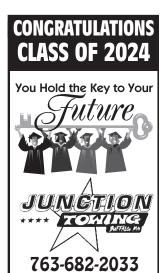
Ashton Daluge



Matthew Dick



Congratulations Love, Dad & Emily





We are proud of all you've accomplished!

> From, Kim, Jeff, \* Jake, Joe & Kass



Henry Elsenpeter



**Kaylan Ennis** 

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to Safetv

#### **Henry Elsenpeter**

Parent(s): Dan and Erica Elsenpeter
Employer: Valley View Dairy
High School Athletics: Trap Team
Co-Curricular Activities: 8 years of Band

Other Activities: 4-H, Farming

**Future Plans:** I Will be attending Ridgewater Community College for Farm Operations and Management. I Plan to work on and buy the home farm.

#### **Kaylan Ennis**

Parent(s): Amanda Ennis and Shawn Ennis

Employer: Park View Care Center

Other Activities: Camping, Fishing, Woodworking

Future Plans: St. Cloud Technical College for Surgical Technology

#### **Daimeyn Floding**

Parent(s): Jared Floding Amanda Oaks

**Employer:** Jimmy Johns and Floding Lawn Service LLC

High School Athletics: 2 year lettered in Golf and 3 year lettered in FootballCo-Curricular Activities: 4 year letterer in Choir



Daimeyn Floding



Kassandra Fynboh

#### Academic Honors & Awards: "B" Honor Roll and Irish Pride Award and Homecoming Candidate

**Other Activities:** Camping, Fishing, Jet Skiing, Hunting, Working

**Future Plans:** Trade School at St. Cloud Tech to be an Electrician. Work for a few years and then start my own business.

#### Kassandra Fynboh

Parent(s): Kimberly and Jeffrey Fynboh

Employer: Caribou Coffee

**High School Athletics:** Basketball for all of high school, voted captain my junior and senior year, and lettered 4 times. Softball, junior and senior year, lettered 2 times. Track, freshman and sophomore year, lettered 2 times. Cross Country Running, freshman to junior year, lettered 4 times.

**Co-Curricular Activities:** Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Irish Mentors, Journalism/Yearbook, Student Council, and was a member of the Homecoming Court.

Academic Honors & Awards: "A" Honor Roll, a member of National Honor Society, Student Council Treasurer, Homecoming Queen, I received the ExCel Award and the Triple "A" Award.

**Other Activities:** Outside of school I read, bake, watch movies and TV series, and hang out with friends.

**Future Plans:** I plan to attend the University of Minnesota Twin Cities and go into a career involving science and engineering.



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best on Graduation

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**Cassandra Gallup** 

Employer: Park View Care Center

Future Plans: I plan on going to

somewhere in the medical field.

**Joey Gendreau** 

Parent(s): Jeff and Theresa

Employer: Able Builders

- Three years

coming Court

Candidate

Duck Hunting

High School Athletics: Baseball

- Lettered four years and senior

captain. Football - Lettered four years and senior captain. Wrestling

Co-Curricular Activities: Home-

Academic Honors & Awards: "B" Honor Roll and Homecoming

Other Activities: Fishing and

Future Plans: NDSU for Con-

struction Management

college at St. Cloud Technical and Community College for a CNA or

Parent(s): Erica Monroe

Cassandra Gallup



Joseph Gendreau



Luke Goelz



Adison Gorres

#### **Luke Goelz**

Parent(s): Jenny and Brandon Employer: Monarch Lawn Care High School Athletics: Baseball,

Football, Track Co-Curricular Activities: Irish Mentors

Other Activities: Freestyle Flipping, Lifting, Reading, Social Media Future Plans: Work

#### **Adison Gorres**

Parent(s): Craig and Marcy Gorres

**Employer:** The Marketplace

High School Athletics: Manager for basketball and softball

**Co-Curricular Activities:** Student Council and Band/Jazz Band, Irish Mentors, Homecoming Court

Academic Honors & Awards: "B" Honor Roll, Homecoming Candidate

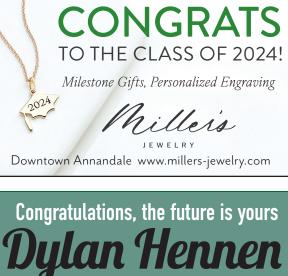
Other Activities: Hanging out with my family

**Future Plans:** My future plans is to go to University of Nebraska Omaha and major in Psychology and I plan to either become a child's psychologist or a substance abuse counselor.











## CONGRATULATIONS GRATULATIONS

are so incredibly proud of you. Our words cannot begin to express the pride, joy and love that we have for you! You're kind, genuine, loving, hardworking, easy going and always smiling. We know you will do great things! Your future is bright, keep smiling and always remember we are your biggest fans!

We love you,



-Your entire family







From the staff at the at the Maple Lake Messenger

#### The Maple Lake MESSENGER

### **Congratulations and Good Luck Abbie** and the Graduating Class of 2024!





Alan Haglin



Joanna Hall



Erika Hannon



Dylan Hennen

#### **Alan Haglin**

Parent(s): Dan and Beth Haglin

Employer: Spooky Brew Coffee House

**High School Athletics:** 6 years of Track and Field with 2 years All-Conference (lettered grades 9-12), 5 years of Cross Country (lettered grades 9-11), 1 year of Football (lettered grade 12), 2 years of Junior High Basketball (grades 7 and 8)

**Co-Curricular Activities:** Band Grades 7-12, Jazz Band Grades 11-12, Marching Band 7-12, Homecoming King 2023, Irish Mentors Grades 11-12, Knowledge Bowl Grades 7-8, PSEO Grade 12, Speech Grade 10

Academic Honors & Awards: Junior High Honor Society, "A" Honor Roll, "B" Honor Roll, Homecoming King 2023

**Other Activities:** USA Track and Field Decathlon Competitor two summers, USATF Nationals Qualifier 2022 and 2023, Counselor at Grindstone Lake Bible Camp

**Future Plans:** Attend the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, majoring in Kinesiology. This will help prepare for a future career as a sports psychologist.

#### Joanna Hall

Parent(s): Reps and Jessica Hall

Employer: Spooky Brew Coffee House

**High School Athletics:** Volleyball- 4 years, Gymnastics- 6 years (Most Improved, Hardest Worker), Track and Field 6 years

**Co-Curricular Activities:** Student Council - 2 years; Irish Mentors- 2 years

Academic Honors & Awards: Irish Pride Award-2021

**Other Activities:** Weightlifting, Junior Olympic track and field (3 years)

**Future Plans:** I plan on attending Winona State University for Athletic Training, I would love to help fellow athletes to overcome injuries at a professional level. I also plan to run track at Winona.

#### Erika Hannon

Parent(s): Jolene and Joseph Hannon

Employer: Circle K

**Co-Curricular Activities:** Drama, Knowledge Bowl, One Act, and Speech

Academic Honors & Awards: "A" Honor Roll, Irish Pride Award, National Honor Society

Other Activities: Art

**Future Plans:** Augsburg University. Majoring in Biology and Clinical Counseling Psychology. Aspire to be a clinical psychologist or children's doctor.

#### **Dylan Hennen**

Parent(s): Tony & Laura Hennen

Employer: D&E Transport, Buffalo Country Store

High School Athletics: Lettered in Trap

Co-Curricular Activities: Band/Jazz Band

Academic Honors & Awards: "B" Honor Roll

**Other Activities:** Garden Tractor Pulling, 4-H, Bowling, Camping, Hunting, Fishing

**Future Plans:** Attending Alexandria Tech for Diesel Mechanics



Ekhine Hernandez



Austin Hickman



**Nicholas Jost** 

#### Ekhiñe Hernández

**Parent(s):** Jeff and Kim Fynboh (host parents) High School Athletic: Basketball 1 year and lettered, Track 1 year and lettered

Academic Honors & Awards: Honor Roll

Other Activities: Reading

Future Plans: I have another year of high school in Spain and then go to college

#### **Austin Hickman**

Parent(s): Travis and Rachelle

Employer: Coborn's

High School Athletics: Track and Football

Other Activities: Work, Fishing

**Future Plans:** I plan on working for a bit; still thinking about college.

#### **Nick Jost**

Parent(s): Steve and Annie Jost

**High School Athletics:** Baseball 7-12 grade, Lettered 4 years

Academic Honors & Awards: Academics Letter 3 years

**Co-Curricular Activities:** Irish Mentors, Homecoming Court

Academic Honors & Awards: "A" Honor Roll, "B" Honor Roll, Irish Pride Award, Homecoming Candidate

**Other Activities:** Fishing, Hunting, Golf, Snowmobiling, Wood Working

Future Plans: Trades work; carpentry and wood working



Riley Jude



Gabriel Jurgens



Collin Kass

#### **Riley Jude**

Parent(s): Steven and Jennifer High School Athletics: Trapshooting

Academic Honors & Awards: "B" Honor Roll

Other Activities: Fishing, Hunting, Snowmobiling

Future Plans: Saint Cloud Technical Community College - Electrical Construction

#### **Gabriel Jurgens**

Parent(s): Karina Jurgens and Shane Jurgens

Employer: With my dad for Grumpy's and SJ Roofing

High School Athletics: I've played baseball 10-12 grade

**Future Plans:** I'm going to work for my dad and take over his business

#### **Collin Kass**

Parent(s): Chris Kass (Heidi) and Crystal Bakeberg (Scott)

**Employer:** Caribou Coffee – Barista and Compassionate Home Care – ICLS Services

**Co-Curricular Activities:** Band – Trumpet, 5th through 12th grade, MLHS Spanish Class Spain Trip 2023

Academic Honors & Awards: "A" Honor Roll, 2023/2024 Academic Letter Award, 2024 Foreign Language Proficiency Certificate and Gold Seal – Spanish

**Other Activities:** Traveling to experience new cultures in various cities, states, and countries.

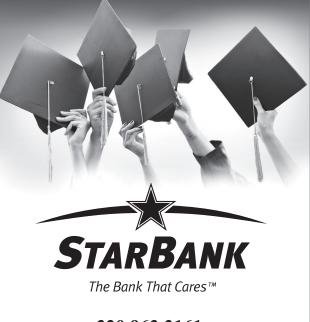
**Future Plans:** I'm currently in the decision-making process of selecting a college. Beginning Fall of 2024, I will be attending college either at MCTC – MnCAP or U of M Twin Cities to pursue an Urban Design and Planning Degree.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATIING CLASS OF 2024

Whether LOOKING BACK at all you've accomplished or LOOKING FORWARD to all that's yet to be, **T&R Meats** wishes you the best in this new chapter of your life!

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**Dalton Kerkow** 



**Benjamin Kunkel** 



**Cole Lafave** 



Alynn Lee



"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as for the lord, not human masters." Colossians 3:23

-Love, Mom, Dad and Delaney

#### **Dalton Kerkow**

Parent(s): Loren (Butch) Kerkow and Audra Kerkow

Employer: Little Jim's Sports

High School Athletics: Lettered in Track, Lettered in Trap and Lettered in Football

Co-Curricular Activities: Band, Choir, Knowledge Bowl, Prom Committee

Academic Honors & Awards: "A" Honor Roll, "B" Honor Roll and Honor Society

Other Activities: Archery, Camping, Fishing, Hunting, Snowmobiling, Woodworking

Future Plans: Peace Corps, Enlist in the United States Army

#### **Ben Kunkel**

Parent(s): Harlan Kunkel, Penny Harwarth

Employer: Walmart

Co-Curricular Activities: Student Council

Academic Honors & Awards: National Honor Society, "A" Honor Roll, Irish Pride Award

Future Plans: I plan to attend the University of Minnesota Duluth and I will major in Computer Science.

#### **Cole Lafave**

Parent(s): Cassie, Corey

**Employer:** Framing

High School Athletics: Wrestling-6 years, 8th-12th, Captain-1, All-Conference-2 years

Other Activities: Hunting, Fishing, and Dirt Biking Future Plans: St. Cloud Tech- Electric Program

#### **Alynn Lee**

GASPARD

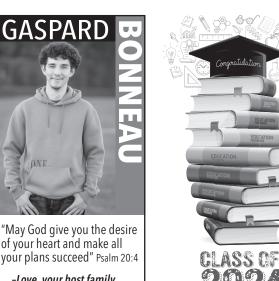
of your heart and make all

-Love, your host family

The Haglins

Parent(s): Crystal and David Lee Employer: Leanne Ost and Paige Bruns (Lil' Explorers) Other Activities: Working, drawing, hanging out with friends

Future Plans: Working in Childcare







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Nicholas Lind



Abbie Lipinski



Kenlyn Marsicek



Parent(s): Liz and Jamie

Employer: Kustom Stone and Tile

High School Athletics: Lettered in track 6 years, lettered in cross country 5 years, and lettered in basketball for 3 years. All-Conference in Cross Country 2 years, Track 2 years. Captain of Basketball. ExCEL Award and AAA Award winner, State Participant Cross Country 2 years

Co-Curricular Activities: Speech, One act play, Choir, Irish Mentors, PSEO, Knowledge Bowl

Academic Honors & Awards: National Honor Society, Spotlight on Scholarship, "A" Honor Roll, Irish Pride Award, Sr Thomas Welder Scholarship

Other Activities: Boys State, Volunteering for Maple Lake Schools, volunteering at St Timothy's School and Church

Future Plans: I will attend the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND starting this fall and will major in respiratory therapy and a minor in psychology.

#### Abbie Lipinski

Parent(s): Tracy and Jason Lipinski

Employer: Little Learners Child Care

Co-Curricular Activities: Band, Journalism, PSEO

Academic Honors & Awards: "A" Honor Roll, National Honor Society

Other Activities: Dance, Volunteer Work, Involved in Church Activities

Future Plans: Attending St. Cloud State University to major in Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education

#### Kenlyn Marsicek

Parent(s): Chris and Robert Marsicek

Employer: Coborn's and working as a nanny

High School Athletics: Girls' basketball team manager; 10th grade, 11th grade, and 12th grade

Co-Curricular Activities: Band (Concert and Pep Band), Irish Mentors, National Honor Society, and Journalism Editor.



Shay McClory







Other Activities: Volunteering at the Maple Lake Library.

Future Plans: I am planning to attend Winona State University with a major in Psychology.

#### Shay McClory

Parent(s): Chris and Natalie

Employer: Chris

High School Athletics: Wrestling lettered 7th-12th grade, 12th grade Wrestling Captain, Hardest Worker Awards, Football lettered 10th and Track

Academic Honors & Awards: "A" Honor Roll

Other Activities: Insurance Agent Trainee, workout

Future Plans: College at UMD

#### Alejandro Montesinos

Parent(s): Rebecca Peterson and Daniel Peterson

High School Athletics: Spain: Soccer for 8 years; USA: Basketball for 1 year and track for 1 year

Other Activities: Hang out with friends and play sports; Skiing

Future Plans: I want to be an Informatic Engineer.

#### Haley Nelsen

Parent(s): Kristin Nelsen, Dan Nelsen

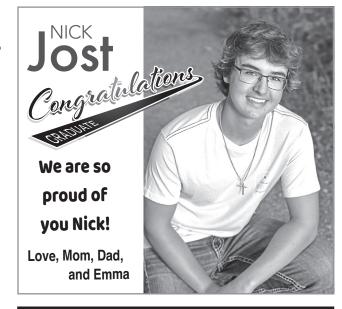
High School Athletics: Cross Country Running 2 years; Football 2 years; Track 3 years

Co-Curricular Activities: Journalism 1 year; Homecoming Court









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Sawyer Oglivie



Kingsley Okoro



Morgan Pastorius

Academic Honors & Awards: Homecoming candidate Other Activities: Running

Future Plans: St. Cloud Tech & Community College - Psychology

#### **Sawyer Ogilvie**

Parent(s): Kimberly Wurm-Ogilvie & Bob Ogilvie

Employer: LDM Electric

High School Athletics: Baseball 7-10th grade

Co-Curricular Activities: Choir

Academic Honors & Awards: "B" Honor Roll, Irish Pride Award, Homecoming Candidate.

**Other Activities:** Archery, Fishing, Hunting- Deer, Mule Deer, Elk, Turkey, Duck, Geese & Pheasant, Snowmo-bile/ATV/Dirt Bike

**Future Plans:** After high school I will continue to pursue my career as an electrician by working for LDM Electric, with my long-term goal as a business owner.

#### **Kingsley Okoro**

Parent(s): Stefanie Employer: Servpro

High School Athletics: Track 6 years, State participant, Track record holder 100m dash

Other Activities: Weightlifting Future Plans: Saint Cloud Tech, I.T.

### Morgan Pastorius

Parent(s): Cassandra and Andrew Johnson

Employer: Park View Care Center

Academic Honors & Awards: "A" and "B" Honor Roll, Irish Pride

**Other Activities:** 4H, Horse and Dog Showing, Welding **Future Plans:** Gap year and work, then go to college for Dental Hygiene



Good Luck in your future endeavors



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Madysen Payne



Sadie Purcell



**Cameron Rassat** 



**Parent(s):** Ryan and Katie Payne

**Employer:** Park View Care Center as a CNA

**High School Athletics:** Basketball, Cross Country Running, Volleyball, Lettered in Track and Field

**Co-Curricular Activities:** Choir - 5 years, and Irish Mentors

Academic Honors & Awards: Irish Pride Awards and "B" Honor Roll

**Other Activities:** Fishing, Maple Lake Royalty, Traveling and Running

**Future Plans:** St. Cloud Technical College to become an Ultrasound Tech

#### Sadie Purcell

Parent(s): Tanya, Aaron

Employer: Park View Nursing Home

Co-Curricular Activities: Band

Other Activities: Fishing

**Future Plans:** Work for now, working for Park View Nursing Home.

#### **Cameron Rassat**

Parent(s): Mark and Mo Rassat

Employer: Ken Minder

**Co-Curricular Activities:** Choir, 7-11 Grade

Academic Honors & Awards: "B" Honor Roll

Other Activities: Dance and Work

**Future Plans:** Study Cosmetology in St. Cloud at the Model College of Hair Design



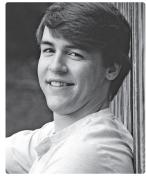
Everyone's entitled to their own stupid opinion, but we think you're pretty great!

Love, Mom, Dad and a few others

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Kurt Raymond



**Augustine Reviere** 



Logan Salmela



Madison Schlicht



Lane Simpson

#### **Kurt Raymond**

Parent(s): Roxanne Raymond and Benjamin Raymond

Employer: Menard's

Academic Honors & Awards: "A" and "B" Honor Rolls,

Other Activities: Fishing, Woodworking

Future Plans: Ridgewater Tech- Hutchinson for Welding

#### **Gus Riviere**

Parent(s): Chris & Sara

High School Athletics: Lettered Basketball and did Track senior year

Academic Honors & Awards: "A" Honor Roll

Other Activities: Fishing

**Future Plans:** Work for Apeiron Stone Care this summer and take a year to explore jobs then head to college next year

#### Logan Salmela

Parent(s): Sarah Thomas and Dallas Salmela

Employer: Pride & Joy Landscaping

**High School Athletics:** Football - lettered all years and was All-Conference senior year. Baseball for 4 years in high school, lettered all 4 years; Golf for a year and lettered

Academic Honors & Awards: "A" Honor Roll-5-6 years, National Honor Society in Jr. High

**Other Activities:** Fishing, Hunting everything, ATV/Dirt Bike, Working on trucks.

**Future Plans:** Central Lakes College in Staples, MN. Going for Heavy Equipment Operations and Maintenance

#### Maddie Schlicht Parent(s): Jena and Dan

Employer: Kwik Trip

**High School Athletics:** Lettered three years in basketball and broke the school record with most three pointers in a game with seven, was named Most Improved and Player of the Week.

Academic Honors & Awards: "B" Honor Roll

Other Activities: AAU, Fishing, Hunting Future Plans: Registered Nurse

#### Lane Simpson

Parent(s): Joshua and Krystal Simpson

Employer: New Vue Dairy High School Athletics: Wrestling, Trap Shooting

**Other Activities:** 4-H, Competitive Archery, Tractor Pulling, Hunting, Fishing

**Future Plans:** Going to Lynnes Welding Training, then planning on doing pipeline and boiler making work

**GRAD COLLIN** on one of many impressive

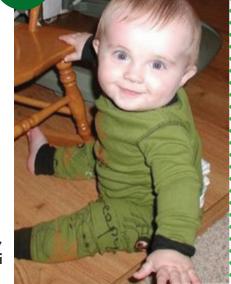
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Love, Grandpa Dan and Grandma Jan



Jeremiah Skreen



Victoria Thomas

#### **Jeremiah Skreen**

Parent(s): Matthew and Lindsay Skreen

Employer: Minnesota National Guard

High School Athletics: Lettered in Trapshooting in 2022-2023

Other Activities: Hunting and Fishing

Future Plans: Spend time in the National Guard and then go active-duty Army. I plan to be a career military member and perhaps become an officer through ROTC and get a degree.

#### Victoria Thomas

Parent(s): Serge Thomas, Amandine Thomas.

Host Parents: Kelly Pribyl and Robbi Pribyl

High School Athletics: Basketball 12th grade, Track 12th grade

Co-Curricular Activities: Journalism

Academic Honors & Awards: "B" Honor Roll both semesters 12th grade

Other Activities: I love dancing, I am part of a dance company that I go to four times a week. I am also part of the youth movement where I spend my Saturday. I also enjoy camping and skiing when I get the chance. Finally, I like to walk in nature and in my cities.

Future Plans: Catholic University Louvain-La-Neuve Belgium, to study Law.







Makenna Wetch

Parent(s): Amy and Paul Wetch

Employer: The Marketplace and Park View Care Center

High School Athletics: 7th- Volleyball and Track and Field (lettered); 8th- Cross Country, Basketball, and Track and Field (lettered); 9th- Cross Country (lettered), Basketball, and Track and Field (lettered); 10th- Cross Country (lettered), Basketball, and Track and Field (lettered); 11th- Cross Country (lettered), Managed basketball, Track and Field (lettered)

Co-Curricular Activities: 10th- Student Council and Irish Mentors; 11th- Student Council, Irish Mentors, and Journalism; 12th-Student Council (secretary), Irish Mentors, Homecoming Court

#### Academic Honors & Awards: 7th: "B" Honor Roll; 8-9th- Honor Society; 10-12th- "B" Honor Roll; Homecoming Candidate

Other Activities: Hangout with friends.

Future Plans: St. Cloud Technical and Community College, Dental Hygienist

#### **Charlee Wurm**

Parent(s): Lenny and Keri Wurm

Employer: Kidville

**Co-Curricular Activities:** Irish Mentors, Student Council, PSEO

Academic Honors & Awards: Student Council President

Other Activities: Spending time with friends and family

Future Plans: Attend Ridgewater College to earn my associates degree in Early Childhood Education



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**Charlee Wurm** 



Nathan Zander



Dakota Zielsdorf

Nathan Zander

Parent(s): Dave and Amy Zander Employer: Albion Ridges Golf Course

**High School Athletics:** Baseball Spring 2019-2024. 4x letter winner, 2x Captain, All Conference, All Section Team. Wrestling 2x letter winner Fall 2018-2024. Cross Country 2018-2021. Football 2022-2023, 2x letter winner. Special Teams Player of the Year.

**Co-Curricular Activities:** 6-year Student Council member. 2- year Irish Mentor. 7-8 Knowledge Bowl.

Academic Honors: Student Council Vice President. Homecoming Candidate.

**Other Activities:** Weightlifting, Golfing, and attending other sporting events.

**Future Plans:** I plan on attending St. Cloud Tech for a degree in early education as well as playing baseball.

#### **Dakota Zielsdorf**

Parent(s): Peter and Juli Zielsdorf

Employer: Park View Care Center Co-Curricular Activities: Band

Academic Honors & Awards: "B" Honor Roll

Other Activities: Hunting

**Future Plans:** St. Cloud Community College, then UMD for Medicine



Karol Bylak



Ethan O'Brien

Congratulations, Graduates!

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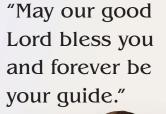
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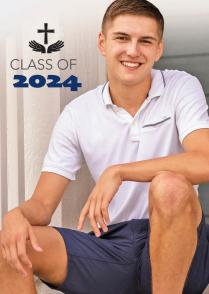




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Nick Lind Love, Mom, Dad, Megan, Maddy, Katherine



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2024 GRADUATION ISSUE

## **Triple 'A' Award winners** Fynboh, Lind named local recipients

Only seniors with a 3.0 grade point average or higher who excel in academics, athletics and fine arts can attain the status of Triple 'A' winner for their school for a shot at a state level award.

In Maple Lake, those seniors are Kass Fynboh and Nick Lind.

Fynboh and Lind, academic leaders of this year's senior class, were chosen to represent Maple Lake High School in the 36th annual Minnesota State High School League sponsored Academics, Arts and Athletics competition, commonly known as Triple 'A'.

Maple Lake Triple 'A' winners were recognized at a banquet in January, along with nominees from 12 other schools in Sub-Section 17. The banquet is also a competition where nominees are judged on their applications and a short speech. The winners go on to the Region 5 banquet for a chance at the Triple 'A' Award On-Court Recognition Ceremony at the Boys' State Basketball Tournament in March and a shot at a \$4,000 scholarship.

#### Academics

Fynboh maintains a 4.021 GPA while undertaking a rigorous workload including numerous college classes as she prepares for graduation and continued education at the University Minnesota, Twin Cities in Material Science and Engineering.

Her favorite class is physics, and she credits her physics teacher Mrs. Melissa Pearson for inspiring her love and further pursuit of science and engineering.

Fynboh said she enjoys school - both the educational and social aspect of it - and said, "it gives me something to do, otherwise, I'd just be sitting at home." Lind maintains a 3.8 GPA and undertakes a rigorous workload of college classes. He plans on majoring in Respiratory Therapy at the University of Mary in North Dakota.

He said he enjoys school for the most part. He likes the challenge of it and seeing friends on a day-to-day basis. He said his favorite class right now is anatomy and physiology, but his favorite class ever is psychology. It was Mrs. Dawn Klabunde, his high school psyche class teacher who steered him toward his major. He thought about majoring in psychology, but it would mean more time in school than he wants to spend, he said.

#### Arts

Fynboh has been a part of the band program since the fifth grade. She is currently a member of the jazz band, concert, and marching bands. She joined the student council in the seventh grade where she currently holds the position of treasurer and has contributed to the Irish Mentors program since her junior year. She has also been in the honor society since the eighth grade.

She said she likes organizing events and programs for her fellow students as part of student council and she loves the variety of people she's met through band. She plays percussion and was recently selected to the Honor Band that performed earlier this month at St. Scholastica in Duluth. She has also seen success at large group band contests where one year the Maple Lake crew took home a superior rating, she said.

Lind has sung in the school choir ever since his elementary days at St. Timothy's and he continues today as part of the Maple Lake High School choir. He has been a part of Irish Mentors for the last two years and he has been a member of the honor society since the eighth grade. He was part of the One Act Play team up until this year when he decided to try speech instead. He'll perform in the discussion category where he and fellow students will be tasked with coming up with the best solution to a problem, he said.

He said he has enjoyed and benefited from all his extracurricular endeavors. He enjoys the teamwork he's experienced as part of the choir, learning to work together and perform as a group; he's learned leadership skills as part of the Irish Mentors, and he has learned how to give back to the community. This year as part of Irish Mentors, he helped put together numerous Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets that were distributed to families in the community who would otherwise do without over the holidays.

He's seen some success in his activities too. His One Act Play team advanced as far as sections one year and the choir went to contest as an ensemble and received an excelled rating. Lind himself received a superior rating as a soloist singing "Danny Boy."

#### Athletics

Fynboh has participated in a variety of sports throughout her high school career including cross country, track and field, basketball, and softball. She said basketball is her favorite, but one of her favorite memories happened in softball. "We were going into the last inning down by a lot and we almost came back. We fell just short, but it was so much fun. Everyone got so excited hitting and getting on base. It was just a really fun atmosphere."

Another memorable moment for Fynboh was when the Irish track team won the conference title.

"Sports has taught me to push through adver-



MLHS seniors Kass Fynboh and Nick Lind were chosen to represent MLHS for the state Triple 'A' Award for excelling in athletics, academics, and arts. **Photo courtesy of Liz Lind** 

sity and have a work ethic for something and I enjoy it," she said.

Lind has participated in track and cross country since the seventh grade, and he has been in basketball since elementary school. He said he can't choose a favorite sport as he likes them all equally. He's been most successful in cross country where he went to state two years in a row – his junior and senior year – but his most memorable experience wasn't what he would call a success.

(See Award Winners Page 18)



#### **Award Winners**

(From Page 17)

"It was my first time on the varsity track team. We were at an indoor meet, and they needed a miler. I was a seventh grader running against juniors and seniors. I came in dead last by 600 meters. It was an absolute massacre, but it was memorable," he said.

He's had other memorable moments on the sports field as well. Last year, he said he would have gone to state in track if he hadn't been facing the No. 2 and No. 5 runners in the state. It didn't help that it was so hot, he claimed the rubber on his shoes were starting to melt.

He said sports has taught him how to stay physically fit and how to "keep pushing when you think you have nothing left."

#### Why they do it

Being so active can take its toll, but both Lind and Fynboh said they wouldn't have it any other way.

"When I was little, I think my parents wanted to give me something to do and over time I learned to enjoy being active," Fynboh said.

She said it helps that her parents, Jeff, and Kim, are so supportive.

"They come to as many games as they can. So far, my dad has made it to all my basketball games this year, even the ones that are an hour away."

She admits that she tends to procrastinate sometimes when it comes to homework and other duties, but by utilizing study hall and working hard, she makes it work.

For Lind, it's either stay active or "sit on the couch all day long. When I was young, I was either really sick or ready to go. I prefer being active to being sick, so that keeps me going," he said.

Lind's parents Liz and Jamie have been equally supportive.

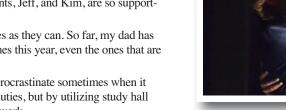
"They come to all my meets and games and cheer me on. During the off season my dad will sometimes bike behind me when I run to keep in shape," he said.

Lind said he makes his busy schedule work by utilizing his time well during the school day. Somehow, he still finds plenty of time to relax when he gets home, he said.

Both Fynboh and Lind also have jobs outside of school. Fynboh works at Caribou Coffee in Buffalo and Lind does tile setting with his dad in the summer. Fynboh also helps with local youth basketball camps and Lind volunteers at the St. Timothy Church and the school whenever an opportunity arises.

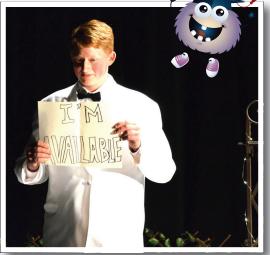
"I feel very honored and lucky to have the opportunity to represent Maple Lake High School to the best of my ability," Fynboh said.

"It feels pretty good," Lind said. "It feels nice to represent the school."



ABOVE: Joanna Hall twirls Joe Rudolph before the Grand March audience. After the dance, prom goers enjoyed an allnight party at the school where they played games and won prizes. The theme of this year's post prom party was Mexican Fiesta.





**ABOVE:** George Elsenpeter got a lot of laughs and cheers when he showed up at the Grand March alone with this note declaring he is available.

**LEFT:** Isaiah Larson and Cassandra Gallup strike a pose during the Grand March. After the Grand March, students danced the night away to music by Nick Priesinger.





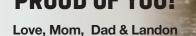


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Senior Moments 2024

From the pages of the Maple Lake Messenger

**RIGHT:** It was prom night in Maple Lake, Saturday, April 27, and 51 couples attended. This year's theme was Night of 1,000 Lights. Pictured at right, Ben Ogram and Cloie Peterson strike a pose during the Grand March.



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