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# 2017 Pierre Educational Foundation

## Evening of Excellence

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# Harrison Armstrong

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society, Dance, Chorus, St. Joseph After-School Program. Powder Puff Football

**Volunteer:** Teen Court, Teens as Teachers, Vacation Bible School, Governor 2 Governor

**College:** Black Hills State University -- Elementary Education

# Evan Becker

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society,  
Band, Percussion Drumline,  
Softball, AWANA

**Volunteer:** Salvation Army, Victory  
Center Bible Camp, Mission trip, Feed  
My Starving Children

**College:** Computer Science

# Hannah Booth

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society-Treasurer, FBLA, Tri-M Music Honor Society- President, Chamber Choir, Oral Interpretation, Drama, Governor 2 Governor

**Volunteer:** Pierre Players Children's Workshop, Meal delivery

**College:** University of South Dakota

# Caryn Brakke

## Class of 2017

**Activities:** National Honor Society,  
Hockey, Volleyball, Track & Field,  
Dance, Yearbook

**Volunteer:** Lutheran Memorial Church

**College:** Augustana University -  
Mathematics

# Cassidy Carda

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society, Band, Volleyball, Track, Softball, CDDLA, Student Senate

**Volunteer:** Polar Plunge, United Methodist Church youth volunteer, Navajo Nations youth trip

**College:** University of South Dakota - Pre-Medicine

# Haley Dorschner

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honors Society,  
Fastpitch Softball, Football manager,  
Wrestling Manager, Art Club, Yearbook

**Volunteer:** Redeemer Lutheran Church

**College:** South Dakota State University  
- Nursing

# Shelby Guthrie

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** Lady Gobs Golf, National Honor Society, One-Act Plays, Student Senate

**Volunteer:** Buchanan and Jefferson Elementary Tutor

**College:** South Dakota School of Mines and Technology - Chemical Engineering

# Carlie Hanson

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society, Governor 2 Governor, Student Senate, Dance, Volleyball

**Volunteer:** Teen Court, Special Olympics, Feeding South Dakota, Head Start, Buchanan Elementary Tutor, Pink the Rink, Cancer Society, Salvation Army

**College:** University of South Dakota - Health Sciences

# Nathanael Hill

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society,  
South Dakota Honor Choir, Track,  
Varsity Tennis, Chamber Choir, Allstate  
Choir, Pierrecussion Drumline, Dakota  
Mart

**Volunteer:** Victory Center Bible Camp,  
Praise Band

**College:** Pharmacy

# Aaron Hoelscher

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society, St. John's Catholic Church, American Cancer Relay for Life

**Volunteer:** St. John's Catholic Church

**College:** South Dakota School of Mines and Technology - Mechanical Engineering

Elizabeth Hopper  
Class of 2017

# Brody Hultman

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society,  
Book Club, Art Club, Capital's Hockey

**Volunteer:** PARS, Kennedy Elementary  
Tutor

**College:** Mechanical Engineering

# Alyssa Iedema

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society,  
Governor 2 Governor

**Volunteer:** Dance class, Meal services  
with Church and Soup Kitchen,  
Vacation Bible School

**College:** South Dakota State University  
- Interior Design

# Amanda Jandt

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society,  
Sarah's Dance Studio, Governor 2  
Governor

**Volunteer:** Teen Court

**College:** University of South Dakota -  
Business/ Pre-law

# Hallie Jerome

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society, Academic All-State Team Volleyball, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Volleyball, Student Senate, Governor 2 Governor

**Volunteer:** Senior Citizen Prom, Special Olympics, Suicide Prevention Walk Volunteer, Youth Frontier Student Mentor, Feeding South Dakota, Salvation Army

**College:** University of South Dakota

# Madison Jones

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** Volleyball, Golf, Student Senate, Art Club, National Honor Society, Girls State, Legislative Page

**Volunteer:** PARS, Kennedy Elementary Tutor

**College:** Biology/ Pre-medicine

# Brooke Miller

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society, Student Body President, Student Senate, Varsity Girls Soccer, Sarah's Dance Studio, Yearbook Committee, Governor 2 Governor

**Volunteer:** United Way, Adopt-A-Highway, Suicide Walk, Salvation Army, Adopt-A-Grandparent

**College:** Nursing

# Stephanie Nelson

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society - Vice President, Junior Varsity Golf, Sarah's Dance Studio, Governor Newspaper writer and editors, Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

**Volunteer:** City Traffic Safety Committee, Governor 2 Governor, PARS, CCD teacher

**College:** South Dakota State University  
-- Mathematics

# Aarne Nixon

## Class of 2017



**College:** Dakota State University -  
Cyber Operations

# Nolan Ortbahn

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society, Bowling, Governor 2 Governor, Band, Choir, All State Choir

**Volunteer:** PARS, Shoebox Christmas, Southeast Methodist Church, First United Methodist Church, Humane Society

**College:** High School Biology Teacher

# Meagan Potrzeba

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society,  
Competitive Dance- Captain

**Volunteer:** Special Olympics, Elf  
Squad, Red Cross, Saints Peter and  
Paul Catholic Church

**College:** University of Nebraska-  
Lincoln - Pre Health

# Amanda Pugh

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** Dance, Piano, School paper

**Volunteer:** Church

**College:** Benedictine College -  
Secondary Education and Theology

# Matthew Pugh

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society, Math Counts, SD Teen Age Republicans, Teen Court, FBLA, Boy Scouts, Robotics Team, Midwest Wildlife Services

**Volunteer:** Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

**College:** South Dakota School of Mines and Technology - Computer Engineering

Madelyn Reinke  
Class of 2017

# Sierrah Schlekeway

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society,  
One-Act Plays, Volleyball, Basketball,  
Dance

**Volunteer:** PAWS Animal Shelter,  
Special Olympics, Feeding South  
Dakota, Kids Voting

**College:** South Dakota State University  
-- Pharmacy

# Avery Schroer

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society

**College:** South Dakota School of Mines  
and Technology - Computer  
Engineering (Math Minor)

# Hannah Shaffer

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society,  
Cross-country track, Student Senate,  
Sts. Peter and Paul Youth Group

**Volunteer:** Saints Peter and Paul  
Catholic Church

**College:** Physical Therapy

# Elena Svingen

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society,  
Varsity Volleyball- Captain, Symphonic  
Band, Tri-M

**Volunteer:** Central Dakota Humane  
Society, Feeding South Dakota, youth  
volleyball coach

**College:** Nursing

# Moina Syed

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** Band, Piano, Junior Varsity Golf, Forney Cronin Studio, Religious Education Teacher, Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

**Volunteer:** The Pierre Banquet, YMCA, Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church

**College:** South Dakota State University-Nursing

# Danielle Ullmann

## Class of 2017



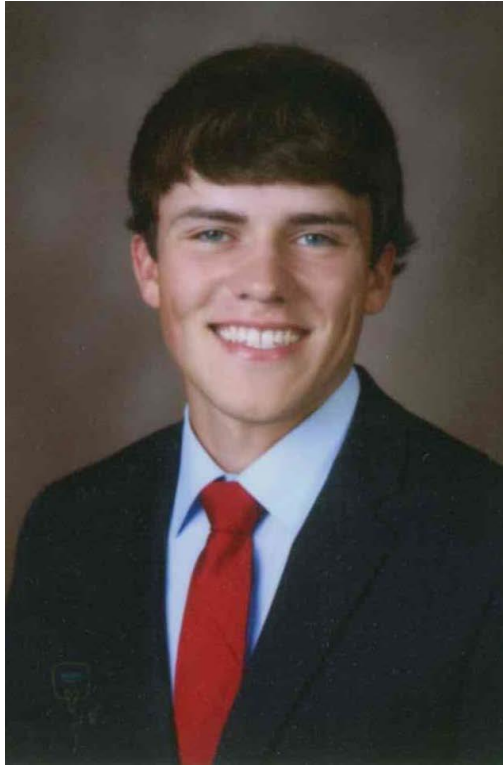
**Activities:** Track and Field, Gymnastics, Competitive Cheer, Fastpitch Softball, Student Senate, Coaching Summer Sports, Coaching Gymnastics, Avera Maryhouse, BankWest

**Volunteer:** Mission Trip, Feeding South Dakota

**College:** Briar Cliff University -- Nursing

# Andrew Van Gerpen

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society,  
Varsity Golf Team- Captain, All-State  
Golf, Varsity Golf, Indoor Soccer

**Volunteer:** Feeding South Dakota,  
United Blood Services, Salvation Army,  
Lutheran Memorial Church, Georgia  
Morse Middle School Tutor

**College:** Engineering

# Jessica Weber

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society, Cheer, Competitive Dance, Sarah's Dance Studio, Volleyball

**Volunteer:** Feeding South Dakota, YMCA Volleyball

**College:** University of Nebraska-Lincoln - Actuarial Science and Finance

# Brooke Wiest

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society,  
Competitive Dance Team, Governor 2  
Governor, Sarah's Dance Studio

**Volunteer:** Lutheran Memorial Church,  
Vacation Bible School, Kennedy  
Elementary Tutor, Girl Scouts, Special  
Olympics

**College:** University of South Dakota -  
Communication Sciences and Disorders

# Raegan Winder

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** National Honor Society, Legislative Page, Student Senate, Competitive Dance, Track & Field, Pierre Dance Academy

**Volunteer:** The Bridge Church, Riggs High School library tutor, Governor 2 Governor

**College:** Pre-Medicine Biology

# Nathan Zimmerman

## Class of 2017



**Activities:** Hockey, American Legion Post 8 Baseball, Band, Intramural Sports, High School Baseball, AWANA, FCA

**Volunteer:** PILC Crosstrainers mentor, Blood Donor, Oahe Child Development Center, Big Green Welcome, Jefferson Elementary Tutor

**College:** University of Minnesota- Twin Cities

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