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2018 Pierre Educational Foundation

Evening of Excellence

2018 Scholars of Excellence

Alexandria Allison

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: Washington Elementary

Post-graduation plans: University of South Dakota

Activities: Varsity soccer and National Honor Society

Volunteer: Governor 2 Governor Program, Feeding South Dakota, the Elf Project, Valentine's Day dance at Edgewood Assisted Living, Pierre Area Referral Service, and packing meals at The Boy and Girls Club.

Davis Anderson

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: Buchanan Elementary

Post-graduation plans: Attend college

Activities: Oral interpretation, drama, choir, Future Business Leaders of America, color guard, Governor 2 Governor Program, National Honor Society

Volunteering: Salvation Army bell ringing and Shoebox Christmas wrapping

Jacob Beastrom

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: Jefferson Elementary

Post-graduation plans: South Dakota State University majoring in Ag. Business management

Activities: Football, 4-H, trap shooting, powerlifting, National Honor Society

Volunteering: YMCA football camp, Pierre Junior Shooters BB gun team

Kaylee Becker

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: Buchanan Elementary

Post-graduation plans: South Dakota State University or the University of South Dakota majoring in physical therapy

Activities: Band, Pierre Youth Orchestra, dance, yearbook, Book Club, Governor 2 Governor Program, National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Girls State

Volunteering: Salvation Army bell ringer, Feeding South Dakota, Vacation Bible School leader, Christmas at the Capitol, Community Banquet server

Erick Colman

Class of 2018



Grade School attended: Buchanan Elementary

Post-Graduation plans: Attend South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, majoring in Mechanical Engineering while throwing shotput at the collegiate level

Activities: Football, wrestling, track and field, powerlifting, bowling, National Honor Society, and Real Skills USA Chapter

Volunteering: Helping shovel snow in driveways

Addison Eisenbeisz

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: Washington Elementary

Post-graduation plans: Attend South Dakota State University majoring in Architecture

Activities: Track and field, volleyball, basketball, Pierre Dance Academy, Competitive Dance, Sideline Cheerleading for football, National Honors Society, and Book Club

Volunteering: Served Community Banquet and Thanksgiving Dinners as a member of the United Methodist Church and participated in NHS fundraiser for holiday meal donations

Hannah Gates

Class of 2018



Grade School Attended: McKinley Elementary

Post-Graduation Plans: University of South Dakota or another college majoring in Elementary Education.

Activities: GLOBE Science team, oral interpretation, drama, choir, figure skating, National Honor Society

Volunteering: South Dakota Discovery Center, Kids Helping Kids, Ambassadors of Excellence mentor

Paige Gloe

Class of 2018



Grade School Attended: Stanley County Elementary

Post-Graduation Plans: Lake Area Technical Institute majoring in nursing

Activities: National Honor Society, volleyball, flag corp, and One Act

Volunteering: Church choir, Special Olympics, Vacation Bible School teacher, and Scrap for Hope organizer

Samantha Gortmaker

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: Washington Elementary

Post-graduation plans: South Dakota State University majoring in Economics and History with plans to attend law school

Activities: Chamber Choir, Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, Student Senate, cross country team manager, City of Pierre Chamber of Commerce student ambassador

Volunteering: Senior High Prayer Breakfast coordinator and leader and Pierre Indian Learning Center volunteer

Abigail Gunderson

Class of 2018



Grade School Attended: Jefferson Elementary

Post Graduate Plans: Planning to pursue a degree in Chemical Engineering

Activities: National Honor Society, Governor 2 Governor Program, FCCLA, Art Club, newspaper, Girls basketball manager, Future Business Leaders of America, and cross country manager

Volunteering: American Legion Auxiliary, Chamber of Commerce Student Ambassador, Lutheran Memorial Church youth group, and Sunday and Wednesday school teacher

Anna Haberman

Class of 2018



Elementary School Attended: St. Joseph Elementary

Post-Graduation Plans: South Dakota State University

Activities: Swim team, Future Business Leaders of America, yearbook, newspaper, and National Honor Society

Volunteering: volunteer swim coach and fourth grade tutor

Madyson Hammell

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: Chamberlain Elementary

Post-graduation plans: Black Hills State University majoring in Pre Nursing

Activities: Golf, fastpitch softball, National Honor Society

Volunteering: Assistant 8th grade volleyball coach, private tutoring

Melissa Hedglin

Class of 2018



Grade School Attended: Buchanan Elementary

Post-Graduation Plans: Northern State University

Activities: National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, symphonic band, and trap shooting

Volunteering: Feeding South Dakota, Sunday school teacher, Vacation Bible School volunteer, mowing for the local church cemetery and digitizing church library system

Mary Howard

Class of 2018



Grade School Attended: St. Joseph Elementary

Post Graduate Plans: Mankato State University

Activities: National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Book Club, Art Club, oral interpretation manager and volleyball

Volunteering: Community Banquet volunteer

Grace Jones

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: St. Joseph Elementary

Post-graduation plans: Attend college

Activities: Forney Cronin Dance Studio, Future Business Leaders of America, yearbook, newspaper, National Honor Society, book club, basketball cheer, Global Learning and Observation to Better the Environment, and tennis.

Volunteering: Reading at Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

Chloe Kaiser

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: Jefferson Elementary

Post-graduation plans: Minnesota State University-Mankato or University of South Dakota

Activities: Volleyball, softball, National Honor Society

Volunteering: Feeding South Dakota, student tutor, coaching junior volleyball, Teens Against Tobacco Use, South Dakota Discovery Center

Emily Kist

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: Washington Elementary

Post-graduation plans: University of Minnesota Twin Cities or University of Nebraska Lincoln majoring in accounting and finance

Activities: Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, softball, volleyball, newspaper, and Governor 2 Governor Program

Volunteering: Student ambassador for the Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce, Youth ministry group at Lutheran Memorial, Volunteer Wednesday school teacher

Arden Koenecke

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: Washington Elementary

Post-Graduation plans: Augustana or South Dakota State University double majoring in communications studies and marketing

Activities: Band, choir, chamber choir, Drumline, golf, dance, Student Senate, Book Club, Tri-M Music Honor Society, National Honor Society, and Governor 2 Governor Program

Volunteering: Active member of Lutheran Memorial, children's events, teaching Wednesday school and mentoring 3rd graders.

Judah McKinley

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: Home Schooled

Post-graduation plans: Northern State University double majoring in English Ed and Musical Theatre

Activities: State Festival One Acts, National Honor Society, Governor 2 Governor Program, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, oral interpretation, theater, Concert, Chamber and All State Choirs, Student Senate, and cross country

Volunteering: church-related volunteer work and community and school volunteer work

Kade McTighe

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: Jefferson Elementary

Post-graduation plans: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities majoring in Engineering.

Activities: National Honor Society, Student Senate, track and field, golf and Oahe Capitals Hockey

Volunteering: Community Banquet, Community Clean-up Projects, Coaching hockey for kids at younger levels, Refereeing games at younger hockey levels, and Member of the First United Methodist Church

Carsten Mueller

Class of 2018



Grade School: St. Joseph Elementary

Post Graduation Plans: Attend college for Aerospace Engineering

Activities: National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, Chamber and Allstate Choir, track and field, Oahe Capitals Hockey, and Student Senate

Volunteering: Pink the Rink Coordinator and song leader at Ss. Peter and Paul Church

Grace Nedved

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: Washington Elementary

Post-graduation plans: University of North Dakota majoring in Petroleum Engineering

Activities: National Honor Society, Governor 2 Governor Program, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Oahe Lady Capitals Hockey, Team South Dakota Hockey, Student Senate, Girls State

Volunteering: Lutheran Memorial Church, Learn to Skate, Special Education helper

Hudson Rohrbach

Class of 2018



Grade School Attended: Jefferson Elementary

Post-Grad Plans: South Dakota State University majoring in Ag. Business

Activities: National Honor Society, hockey, and football

Volunteering: Lutheran Memorial Church, volunteered for the Missouri River Flood, and Oahe Hockey Association.

Evan Rumrill

Class of 2018



Grade School Attended: Jefferson Elementary

Post-graduation plans: Augustana University double majoring in physics and mathematics

Activities: Soccer, swimming, track, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, band, and National Honor Society

Volunteering: Coaching swim team, tutoring, mentoring freshmen, and going on mission trips

Cassandra Ryckman
Class of 2018



Riggs Sanchez

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: St. Joseph Elementary

Post-graduation plans: Augustana University to study PreMed

Activities: Trap shooting and hockey

Volunteering: “Pink the Rink” fundraiser for Cancer Treatment, Capital Area Counseling Service, Oahe Hockey Association and Fort Pierre Historic Depot

Kailee Schultz

Class of 2018



Grade School: Washington Elementary

Post-Graduation Plans: South Dakota State University majoring in Entrepreneurial Studies and Business Economics

Activities: Future Business Leaders of America, newspaper, tennis, Chamber of Commerce Student Ambassador, Pierre Youth Orchestra, National Honor Society, dance, Book Club, South Dakota Teen Court, Governor 2 Governor Program, oral interpretation, One-Act Plays, Treble Choir, Chamber Choir

Volunteering: Tutored students, Chamber of Commerce and Lutheran Youth Group

Austin Senger

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: Washington Elementary

Post-graduation plans: South Dakota State University majoring in Civil Engineering

Activities: National Honor Society, football, wrestling, target shooting, Lutheran Memorial Church Youth Group, Governor 2 Governor Program

Volunteering: Young wrestling coach, baseball umpire

Josephine Slaathaug

Class of 2018



Grade School attended: Washington Elementary

Post-graduation plans: Northeastern University in Boston to study marine biology.

Activities: Chamber Choir, Jazz Band, oral interpretation, Book Club, National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, and Drum Major.

Volunteering: Discovery Center

Logan Spelbring

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: Washington Elementary

Post-graduation plans: Mitchell Technical Institute

Activities: National Honor Society, football, basketball

Volunteering: Youth football, youth development center

Molly Stulken

Class of 2018



Grade School Attended: Washington Elementary

Post-graduation plans: University of South Dakota majoring in accounting

Activities: Sarah's Dance Studio, Lady Gobs soccer, National Honor Society, and Future Business Leaders of America

Volunteering: Youth indoor soccer, Backpack program, and Feeding South Dakota.

Kenzie Trujillo

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: Jefferson Elementary

Post-graduation plans: South Dakota State University majoring in interior design

Activities: National Honor Society, School Plays, Book Club and Sarah's Dance Studio

Carson Tschetter

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: Washington Elementary

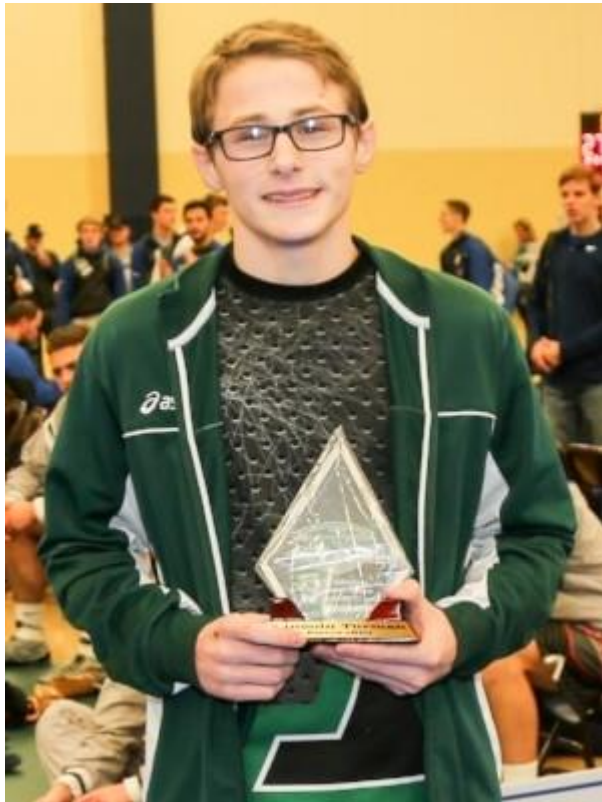
Post-graduation plans: South Dakota State University majoring in Engineering

Activities: Baseball, Student Senate, Governor 2 Governor Program, National Honor Society

Volunteering: Elementary school mentor, Special Olympics

Lincoln Turman

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: St. Joseph Elementary

Post Graduation Plans: University of Mary

Activities: National Honor Society, cross country, wrestling, track, and Student Senate

Volunteering: Senior Citizen Prom, High School Prom Servers, Oahe Days Stage Set Up, Local Blood Drive Assistant and Salvation Army Greeter

William Turman

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: St. Joseph Elementary

Post Graduation Plans: University of Nebraska Lincoln for pre-dentistry

Activities: National Honor Society, cross country, wrestling, track and Student Senate

Volunteering: Blood donor and youth wrestling coach

Casey Williams

Class of 2018



Grade school attended: Jefferson Elementary

Post-graduation plans: University of South Dakota majoring in medical biology

Activities: Soccer, football, track, Student Senate, Isaac Walton trap team, and National Honor Society

Volunteering: New soccer referee mentor, middle school track meet jump-pit coordinator, and blood drive organizer

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