2022 Scholars of Excellence





Lauren Bland

Post Graduation Plans

Northern State University--majoring in history.

Extracurricular Activities

Church nursery volunteer, Book Club, National Honor Society, PAWS Animal Shelter volunteer, Boys and Girls Club



Jenna Bush

Post Graduation Plans

I will be attending SDSU in the fall of 2022 to major in Human Biology with a plan to pursue a career in Optometry.

Extracurricular Activities

Volleyball, Track and Field, Studio Dance, Advanced Gov 2 Gov, and Student Council



Theodora Crawford

Post Graduation Plans: Augustana University for psychology to become a substance abuse counselor.

Extracurricular Activities: National Art Honor Society, Art Club, Fresh Employee at Walmart, Babysitter, and Blood Donor



Edmund Devaney

Post Graduation Plans

Either go to South Dakota State University and major in Conservation Planning & Park Management or Black Hills State University and major in Outdoor Education.

Extracurricular Activities

Track, Cross Country, Drama/Theater, Boy Scouts, and Piano



Griffin Gates

Post Graduation Plans

After high school, I plan to attend Dakota State University to pursue a career in Cybersecurity as a Cyber Operations major. My goal is to work for the National Security Agency to protect the U.S. from internal and external threats.

Extracurricular Activities

Eagle Scout, American Legion Boys State, GenCyber Program at Dakota State University, Boys and Girls Club Youth Mentor, Shooting Sports (Skeet, Trap, Sporting Clays, Archery, Air-Rifle, BB-gun)



Brady Getz

Post Graduation Plans

Attend South Dakota State University majoring in Business Economics.

Extracurricular Activities

Highschool Football, Highschool baseball, Post 8 baseball, Member of Lutheran Memorial Church, Co-founder of Rednecks Unlimited.

Adisyn Gray

Post Graduation Plans

Attend Augustana University and Major in Biology on a Pre-Med track to hopefully attend physician assistant school or med-school.

Extracurricular Activities

Oahe Capital Varsity Hockey, Studio Dance, Student Council, Nannying, Volunteering at various places around the community





Ainslee Hutchinson

Post Graduation Plans

I plan on attending Winona State University and majoring in biology under allied health for premedicine. After, I plan on going to Med school and study pediatric medicine.

Extracurricular Activities School plays, choir



Michael Jackley

Post Graduation Plans

I plan to attend South Dakota State University and major in Industrial Engineering.

Extracurricular Activities

High school football, National Honors Society, member of Saint Peter and Paul Catholic church, Walmart sales associate, Co-founder of Rednecks Unlimited.

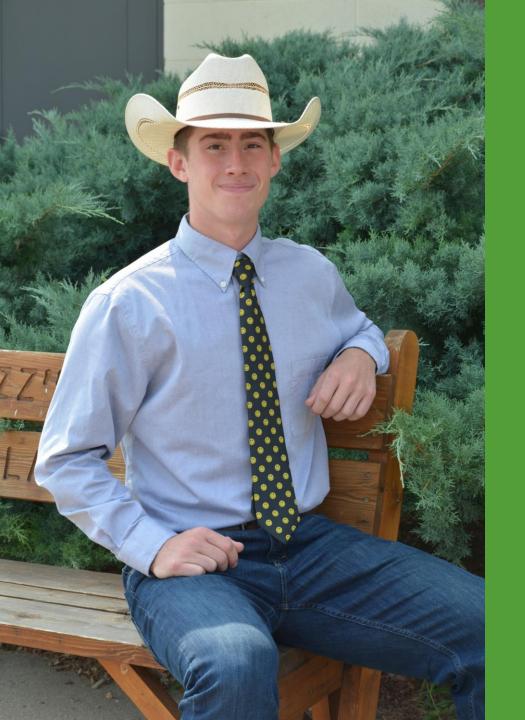


Aydan Johnson

Post Graduation Plans

I plan to go to a 4-year college; most likely the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, and some majors I'm interested in are Chemical Engineering and Biomedical Engineering.

Extracurricular Activities Cross Country, STEM Savvy, Feeding SD, Gov 2 Gov, NHS



Lucas Jones

Post Graduation Plans Lake Area Technical College; Agriculture Production.

Extracurricular Activities Farming/Ranching, Trap Shooting, Football, National Honors Society, Hunting/Fishing.

Blake Judson

Post Graduation Plans

Planning to attend SDSU for Architecture

Extracurricular Activities

Wrestling, Cross Country, Tennis, Co-Founder of Rednecks Unlimited, Member of Lutheran Memorial Church





Stephen Juhas

Post Graduation Plans

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology; Biomedical Engineering; Prosthetist

Extracurricular Activities

My band Drop Off, Jazz Band, Teaching Elementary Children about Music, Working at Chesterman Co., Marching Band

Madelyn Jungwirth

Post Graduation Plans

Lake Area Technical College for financial service.

Extracurricular Activities

Working at Bankwest, Working at the State 123, National Honor Society, FBLA, and Feeding South Dakota





Claire Koenecke

Post Graduation Plans

I am planning on attending either South Dakota State University or Augustana University to major in English and Political Science/Government.

Extracurricular Activities

Governor Girls Tennis Team, Sarah's Dance Studio, Choir, Governor to Governor, and Knitting Club

Spencer Letellier

Post Graduation Plans

SDSU with Exercise Science major on a Pre-Physical Therapy Track

Extracurricular Activities

Baseball, football, lifting weights, playing guitar, and attending school events.





Teyah Lewis

Post Graduation Plans

I plan on going to Black Hills State to major in exercise science. I have recently become interested in becoming a Physical Therapist.

Extracurricular Activities

Oahe Fastpitch Softball, One Act Play, National Honor Society, St. Joseph's After-School Program, State 123 Theater



Emily Lingle

Post Graduation Plans

After graduation, I plan to attend South Dakota State University to major in Human Biology with the hopes of later attending Medical School.

Extracurricular Activities

Track and Field, Sarah's Dance Studio, Student Council, Basketball, Student Athletic Training.

Alexis Moran

Post Graduation Plans

I plan to attend an in-state college to pursue a degree in finance for a career in finance and business.

Extracurricular Activities

T. F. Riggs Symphonic Band, T. F. Riggs Tri-M Music Honor Society, Piano at Kim Jacobs-Bowman Piano Studio, T. F. Riggs PIERREcussion Drumline, New Life Church





Oksana Mutchelknaus

Post Graduation Plans

I plan to attend Utah Tech University to major in nursing with hopes of someday becoming a medical aesthetician and opening my own medical spa!

Extracurricular Activities

Soccer, Swim Team, Student Council, Student Athletic Training and the Pierre Youth Orchestra

Kayla Petersen

Post Graduation Plans

I plan to attend UMN Twin Cities to major in environmental science and minor in sustainability studies.

Extracurricular Activities

Barista, NHS, Art club





Ela Petersen

Post Graduation Plans

I plan to attend Lake Area Technical College to major in Entrepreneurship and Photography. I hope to own my own photography business and a coffee shop one day.

Extracurricular Activities

Senior Class President, Dance as The Academy Fitness and Dance Studio, Work at Zesto, Volunteer in Mrs. Allen's first grade classroom at Buchanan, and National Honor Society



Abbie Pillen

Post Graduation Plans

I will be attending Dakota State University to major in Digital Sound Design.

Extracurricular Activities

School plays, Piano, Pep band, Taekwondo, Archery



Jacob Roberts

Post Graduation Plans

After high school I plan on joining the Army as an active duty soldier. After the Army, I plan to attend UC Irvine.

Extracurricular Activities

I worked at the State 1 2 3 Theater and at the Boys and Girls Club, STEM Savvy with the Discovery Center, FBLA member and Treasurer, Spanish Club



Sydney Roberts

Post Graduation Plans

I will be taking a year off to travel! I plan to do some online school to complete my general classes.

Extracurricular Activities

Competitive Dance, Studio Dance, Volunteering at PAWS animal rescue, Track managing, Book Club



Isaak Rombough

Post Graduation Plans

Planning on attending the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in the Biomedical program

Extracurricular Activities

Teaching chess and swim lessons, playing in the City Band, Men's League softball, and STEM Savvy



Emily Sattizahn

Post Graduation Plans

I plan to go to a four-year university followed by medical school.

Extracurricular Activities

High School Soccer, Oahe Futbol Club, Gov 2 Gov, Teen Court, Member of Lutheran Memorial Church



Drew Schuchard

Post Graduation Plans

My plans are to attend school online through Dakota State University.

Extracurricular Activities

Sideline Cheer, National Honor Society , Stocking Associate at Walmart, Childcare Worker, Volunteer work at my church



Carter Schultz

Post Graduation Plans

I plan to major in engineering at an undetermined university.

Extracurricular Activities

My top five extracurricular activities are Hockey, Tennis, National Honor Society, Member of the Catholic Church, Employee at Hillcrest Aquatic Center.



Hayden Shaffer

Post Graduation Plans

I am going to attend South Dakota State University and major in animal science.

Extracurricular Activities

Cross country, track, wrestling, FCA, and Student Council.



Ellie Simpson

Post Graduation Plans

I plan to attend South Dakota State University and major in Nursing. I would like to pursue a career as a traveling nurse or nurse anesthetist.

Extracurricular Activities

Golf , Swimming, Future Business Leaders of America, Student Council, Sideline Football Cheer



Ellie Smith

Post Graduation Plans

I plan to attend USD and major in Psychology/Medical Biology. I then plan to attend medical school and pursue a career as a pediatrician.

Extracurricular Activities

Caretaker at St. Joseph After School Program, FBLA, Teen Court, NHS, and Basketball



Noah Smith

Post Graduation Plans

I will be attending South Dakota State to major in economics. With that degree I would like to be a Financial Advisor.

Extracurricular Activities

Riggs Trap Shooting team, National Honor Society, Member of Lutheran Memorial Church, Working at a local hunting lodge, Interning at Reinke Gray Wealth Management.



Carmela Stangeland

Post Graduation Plans

I plan to go to Minnesota State University-Mankato to pursue an undergraduate degree in exercise science and then a master's degree in athletic training.

Extracurricular Activities

Student Athletic Trainer, Governor Basketball Manager, Advanced Governor to Governor leader, Scooters' Barista, National Honor Society Secretary

Neveah Starr

Post Graduation Plans

I'm going to attend the University of Montana in Missoula, Montana. I plan to major in law and journalism in hopes of becoming a lawyer.

Extracurricular Activities

Future Business Leaders of America, Governor Newspaper, STEM Savvy, National Honors Society, Gov2Gov





Emerie Stephens

Post Graduation Plans

I plan to attend the University of South Dakota and major in Medical Biology. After I graduate from college, I will attend Medical School. I will then be working to become a Pediatric Surgeon.

Extracurricular Activities

National Honors Society, Gymnastics, Track, and Field, Governor to Governor, and Editing for the Yearbook.



Devin Strutt

Post Graduation Plans

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology; Biomedical Engineering

Extracurricular Activities

Track & Field, Cross Country, Gov2Gov, STEM Savvy, NHS



Olivia Swenson

Post Graduation Plans

After graduation, I plan to attend either Northern State University or Concordia College and major in biology on the predental track, with a minor in studio art. I am excited to see where the next chapter in my life will take me.

Extracurricular Activities

National Art Honors Society, Team South Dakota hockey, coaching summer rec hockey, National Honors Society, and writing for The Governor.



Spencer Taylor

Post Graduation Plans

I plan to pursue a degree in Progressive Welding Technology at Mitchell Technical College.

Extracurricular Activities

I volunteer at PAWS Animal Shelter and a member of First United Methodist Church. I like to fish and hunt as well. I currently work at Titles of Dakota in Ft. Pierre.



Ariana Vazquez

Post Graduation Plans

I plan on attending the University of South Florida and majoring in biomedical sciences with hopes of becoming an OBGYN.

Extracurricular Activities

Marching Band Drum Major, Knitting Club, National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, and working at Rawlins Municipal Library

Madigan Vogeler

Post Graduation Plans

I am planning to attend Lake Area in Watertown. I am going to double major in business management and marketing and human resource management. After I graduate from college, I plan to come back and take over the family businesses with my brother.

Extracurricular Activities

Future Business Leaders of America, National Honor Society, Gov 2 Gov, Feeding South Dakota, employment at River Bluff Custom Homes





Maegan Walsh

Post Graduation Plans

After graduation I plan on attending the University of South Dakota to major in Neuroscience. From there I hope to attend medical school and work as a Clinical Neuro Psychologist or Neurologist.

Extracurricular Activities

Competitive Dance, Studio Dance, Knitting and Crocheting club, Book Club, and nannying two young girls.



Nathan Williams

Post Graduation Plans

I plan on attending South Dakota State University. I plan on majoring in Business Economics and minoring in Accounting to pursue a career in the finance world.

Extracurricular Activities

Wrestling, Football, National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Awana

Draix Wyatt

Post Graduation Plans

My post-graduation plans are to attend college with a degree in computer science while completing prerequisites for medical school. From there, I plan to complete medical school and pursue a career as a physician. I also plan to complete basic training this summer and work in the North Dakota Air National Guard in cybersecurity.

Extracurricular Activities

First Tech Challenge, Robotics, Piano, AWANA, North Dakota Air National Guard, Medicine Creek Farms





Sydney Youngberg

Post Graduation Plans

I plan to attend Hawai'i Pacific University and major in Biochemistry. I plan to get my bachelor's degree then go on to dental school and become a general dentist.

Extracurricular Activities

National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Working at Kid-Stop, Babysitting, Teaching swimming lessons.