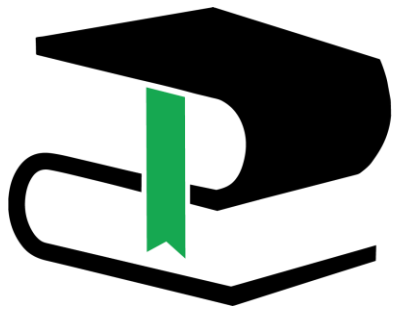


2024 Scholars of Excellence



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Chace Humphrey

Post Graduation Plans: Attend South Dakota State University for my Aviation degree and join National Guard Service part-time.

Extracurricular Activities: FFA, Bowling, Jujitsu, Faith Lutheran Youth Group, working at Gators





Morgan Johnson

Post Graduation Plans: I will attend the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a major in Biochemistry on a pre-medicine path.

Extracurricular Activities: Feeding South Dakota, Manager of the Governor Volleyball team, Capital Area United Way Board Member, National Honor Society President, Food Service Aide at Avera St. Mary's

Haley Fabel

Post Graduation Plans: I will attend the University of Minnesota to study Kinesiology. After I earn my bachelor's degree, I plan to pursue a doctorate of Physical Therapy.

Extracurricular Activities: NHS, Varsity Soccer, Lil Gobs Soccer Program volunteer, Feeding South Dakota, Go Green and Clean River Cleanup





Melania Lamb

Post Graduation Plans: Attend USD and major in Biology in hopes to pursue a career in orthodontics.

Extracurricular Activities: Competitive Dance, Studio Dance at Sarah's Dance Studio, Student Council, FBLA, Varsity Girls Basketball Manager



Isabella Jackley

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to major in Biology at SDSU, achieve my master's degree, and eventually pursue a career in microbiology.

Extracurricular Activities: Dance, Gov-to-Gov, Feeding South Dakota Volunteer, National Honor Society, employed at Avera

Lainey Reinke

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to go to SDSU for nursing with a minor in Business with hopes to enter the field of medical aesthetics.

Extracurricular Activities: Volleyball, Sarah's Dance Studio, NHS, Gov-to-Gov, St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church





Daylen Palecek

Post Graduation Plans: I will be attending Black Hills State University majoring in Accounting with plans to pursue my CPA license.

Extracurricular Activities: Bowling, Golf, Band, Trapshooting, National Honor Society

Ava Doyle

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend SDSU. I am currently undecided on a field of study, but I am interested in business.

Extracurricular Activities: Dance, Gov-to-Gov, First United Methodist Church member, Recycling Club, Girls Basketball Manager



Miles Doyle

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend South Dakota State University. I am interested in accounting and landscape architecture for possible areas of study but am currently undecided.

Extracurricular Activities:
Basketball, High School Baseball, Summer Baseball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, MOPS





Riley Pfeifer

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to go to Mitchell Tech for Power Line Construction and Maintenance.

Extracurricular Activities: Hockey, Cross Country, working at Hartman & Pahl Farms, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Feed the Hungry



Levi Letellier

Post Graduation Plans: I am planning on attending SDSU for Mechanical Engineering.

Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, Mexico Mission trip, FCA, Study Group, Disc Golf

Abigail Kropp

Post Graduation Plans: I will be attending the University of Nebraska Kearney and majoring in Health Sciences to later become a chiropractor.

Extracurricular Activities:
Gov-to-Gov Mentor, Treasurer of the National Honor Society, Buchanan Elementary School Student Volunteer, Walmart Associate, Governor Volleyball





Jocelyn Corrales

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend Black Hills State University for a degree in Psychology. Upon my degree completion, I'll pursue a masters and then doctorate in Criminal Psychology. With my PhD I intend to study serial killers and determine whether criminals are fit for court.

Extracurricular Activities: Varsity Girls Tennis, Volunteer at Edgewood, Work at Casey Tibbs Rodeo Center and Dakota Food Service, National Honor Society Member, Volunteer at Feeding South Dakota

Jordan Mayer

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend an out-of-state university and major in Finance. After college, I hope to open my own business.

Extracurricular Activities: Student Council - Student Body President, Gov-to-Gov Leadership and Mentoring, Girl's Basketball Manager, Volleyball, Volunteer at Opening Minds Through Art





Joslyn Bush

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend Lake Area Tech to double major in Business/Photography and entrepreneurship to pursue a career in photography.

Extracurricular Activities: Student Body Vice President of Student Council, Competitive Dance, Sarah's Dance Studio, Sarah's Dance Studio Assistant Teacher, Avera St. Mary's Nutrition Aide

Madison Murphy

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend Southeast Technical College. I will major in Diagnostic Medical Sonography. With my sonography degree I plan to work in Pierre or the Black Hills area at Avera or Monumental Health.

Extracurricular Activities: Competitive Cheer Manager, Gov-to-Gov program, Opening Minds through Art (OMA), National Art Honor Society (NAHS), and National Honor Society (NHS)





Madilyn Eckstine

Post Graduation Plans: I plan on pursuing a degree in Environmental Engineering at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

Extracurricular Activities: Working for Drifter's Bar & Grille and the State Parks, being a part of Lady Governors Tennis, National Honor Society, and Gov-to-Gov



Campbell Boddicker

Post Graduation Plans:

I plan to attend SDSU and major in Psychology. After that, I plan on going into Speech Pathology.

Extracurricular Activities:

Volleyball, Gov-to-Gov, National Honor Society, Feeding South Dakota, donating for fundraisers

Ryann Barry

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend Chadron State College where I will play basketball and major in Sports Media.

Extracurricular Activities: Soccer and basketball team captain, member of National Honor Society, student council, Lutheran Memorial Church



Corbin Beastrom

Post Graduation Plans: I will be attending the University of South Dakota to pursue a major in Business while minoring in Business Law. Following my undergraduate studies, I plan to attend law school and become a lawyer.

Extracurricular Activities: Mexico Mission Trip, Hockey, Gov-to-Gov, NHS, Track





Aleise Christopherson

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend Augustana University and major in Nursing with a career goal of becoming a CRNA.

Extracurricular Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Lutheran Memorial Church, Zesto, weekly volunteer at St. Joseph Elementary School



Mackenzie Magee

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and major in Geology.

Chyler Jones

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend Northern State University to major in Elementary Education.

Extracurricular Activities: Student Council, National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, employed at Dakotamart Pharmacy, volunteer in Mrs. Heckenlaible's 3rd grade classroom



Nolan Petersen

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend South Dakota State University and major in Mechanical Engineering with minors in Mathematics, Aerospace Engineering, and Sustainable Energy Systems.

Extracurricular Activities: High School and Legion Baseball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, Prayer Breakfast, Sharp Shooters Disc Golf League





Kaitlyn Richey

Post Graduation Plans: I will be attending Northern State University. I plan on majoring in Elementary Education.

Extracurricular Activities: Band, Menards Cashier, Member of Lutheran Memorial Church

Claire Steffensen

Post Graduation Plans: Attend St. Olaf College in Northfield, SD or Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD.

Extracurricular Activities: Choir, Theater, Dance, National Honor Society, employed at the South Dakota Discovery Center





Taylor Newell

Post Graduation Plans: My plans are to go to Creighton University to earn my degree in Pharmacy.

Extracurricular Activities: Colorguard, President of NAHS, NHS member, Piano and Violin, employment at State 123 theatre



Austin Griffith

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and major in Civil Engineering.

Extracurricular Activities: Chess, Photography, Graphic Design, Robotics, Menards

Matthew Coverdale

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to join the Air Guard and go to USD.

Extracurricular Activities: MOPS, Gov-to-Gov, Football, Baseball, Track



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Ruby Wyatt

Post Graduation Plans: I will complete Basic Military Training for the South Dakota Air National Guard in the summer and will attend USD to major in Medical Biology in the Spring of 2025.

Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, Tutoring and Mentoring for Gov2Gov, Certified Nursing Assistant, Community Bible Church AWANA, ALA Girls State

Jillian Hansen

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend Florida State University and am going to major in Actuarial Science. After graduation I plan to become an actuary.

Extracurricular Activities:
Student Council - Senior Class Secretary, National Honor Society, Boys Basketball Manager, Student Athletic Training, Gov2Gov





Reese Terwilliger

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend South Dakota School of Mines and Technology where I will continue my athletic basketball career. I will be majoring in Biomedical Engineering or Pre-professional Health Sciences in pursuit of a career in the medical field.

Extracurricular Activities: Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Field, NHS, FBLA

Blake Weisgram

Post Graduation Plans: My plans include attending an in-state university to earn a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a specialization in marketing.

Extracurricular Activities: National Honor Society, Gov-2-Gov Mentoring, Golf, Lutheran Memorial Youth Group, Feeding South Dakota Volunteering





Ciara Tipton

Post Graduation Plans: As a member of the SD Army National Guard, post graduation I will be in Basic and AIT training until the spring of 2025 where I will be learning how to be an avionics mechanic and eventually learn how to operate and fly helicopters in the military. But as a civilian I will be attending BHSU fall of 2025 to earn a bachelor's in Entrepreneurial Studies and a minor in photography, as I eventually want to be a professional photographer.

Extracurricular Activities: Working at Avera in the nutrition department, part of Pierre's Track and Field team, volunteering at Faith Lutheran Church, graphic design and photography work within the school district, part of the Culinary Team at Riggs



Sapphire Wyatt

Post Graduation Plans: This summer I will go to BMT/AIT to become a health services management technician in the South Dakota Air National Guard. After that, I plan to attend USD to get my B.S.N. degree while completing prerequisites for PA school.

Extracurricular Activities: Piano, work at Medicine Creek Farms, involvement at Community Bible Church, National Honor Society, ALA Girls State

Amber Sargent- Granberg

Post Graduation Plans: After high school I plan to go into the Air Force and serve my country. From there I will serve the required amount of time and then proceed in getting an education. If that plan fails, I plan to attend a four-year college, preferably SDSU, and get my generals done, along with a minor in Mathematics. Finally, I will go on to Med school and get my doctorate in Psychiatry.

Extracurricular Activities: Youth group, working with kids, Sunday church service, volunteering, tutoring



Jazzlyn Rombough

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend a four-year South Dakota University to major in Biology and Pre-Optometry.

Extracurricular Activities: Cross Country, Track, Feeding South Dakota, NHS, PAWS Animal Shelter





Abigail Lott

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend an out-of-state university to major in Biomedical Engineering.

Extracurricular Activities: Sarah's Dance Studio, FBLA, NHS, St. Joseph After School Program, Opening Minds Through Art

Caitlin Ott

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to major in Psychology and then continue my education in Occupational Therapy.

Extracurricular Activities: Working at St. Joes After School Program, working at Avera, playing high school tennis, learning new instruments, reading



Henry Thronson

Post Graduation Plans: Attend Augustana University and major in Business Administration and Government.

Extracurricular Activities: Theater, Boy Scouts, Choir, National Honor Society





Natia Mchedlidze

Post Graduation Plans: I am not sure about the college yet but I will be going into political science or linguistics.

Bellah Nickolas

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend South Dakota State University to major in Human Biology.

Extracurricular Activities: work for Homecare, Bible study, HOSA EMT class



Jenna Bucholz

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend USD to major in Biomedical Engineering. I also plan to get my master's in Orthotics and Prosthetics.

Extracurricular Activities: Softball, Dance, Basketball Manager, Job at Avera, Track



Gavin Black Bear

Post Graduation Plans: Undecided

Extracurricular Activities: Theater, oral interpretation, knitting club, Boys and Girls Club, barista





Isaac Gilk

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend USD for Accounting.

Extracurricular Activities: Football, Track, Volunteering for NHS, Working at Pizza Ranch, Lutheran Memorial Church

Jasie Smith

Post Graduation Plans: I will be attending SDSU for their pharmacy program.

Extracurricular Activities: Work at the Discovery Center, competitive dance, sideline cheer





John Lees

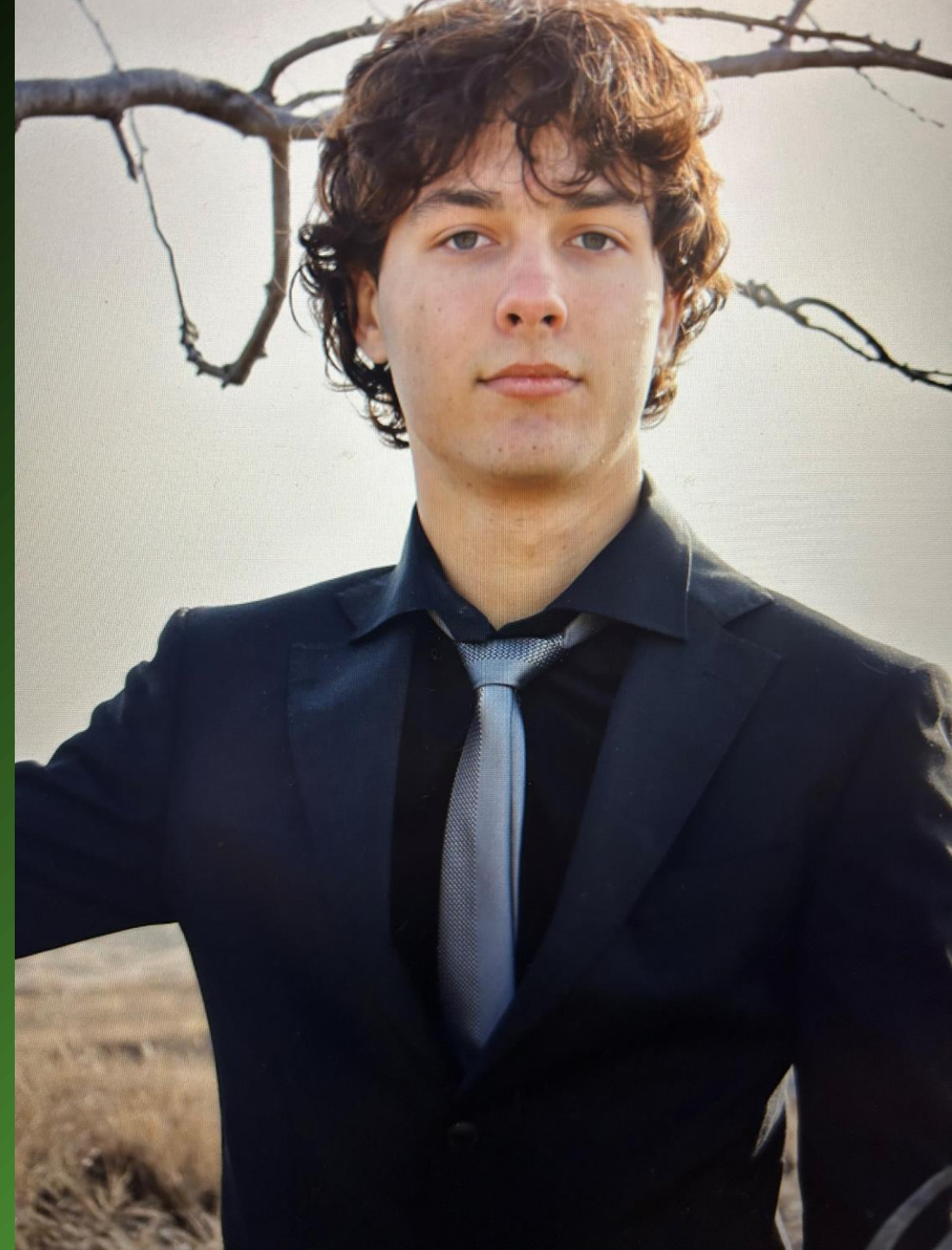
Post Graduation Plans: My plans are unknown at this time, but possibly major in Biology/Medicine.

Extracurricular Activities: Falconry, Tae Kwon Do, Chess Club, Theater, Wildlife Photography

Gunner Edson

Post Graduation Plans: I plan to attend South Dakota School of Mines for my Chemical Engineering degree and have a career in Chemical Engineering.

Extracurricular Activities: Post 8 baseball player, NHS member, Chess Club member, baseball umpire, member of bowling league





Tyann Buus

Post Graduation Plans: Attend Mount Marty University and major in Pre-Chiropractic with a minor in Business. I will be playing basketball and football for the Mount Marty Lancers as well as attending ROTC at Mount Marty University.

Extracurricular Activities: Basketball, Football, Track, Youth Leadership Team (Sturgis Brown HS), National Honor Society



**Erin
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