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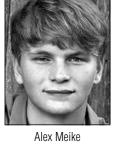
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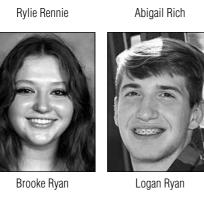






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Burlington High School recognizes

summa cum Jauc

More than a dozen Burlington High School seniors became Class of 2023 summa cum laude graduates.

The laude system, unlike the traditional class ranking system, is designed to recognize students for the rigor of their academic program.

The laude system is point-based and factors in points for the advanced-level courses taken and the cumulative grade point average to create a laude score.

Students who achieve the highest scores are recognized as summa cum laude graduates, based on a predetermined point

The Class of 2023 has 15 summa cum

Students were asked exact the same questions, and here are their responses, as well as brief profiles of each honoree. They are as follows:

Isabel Bowman

Parents:

James and Candy Bowman.

College plans: University of Wisconsin-Madison, Genetics/

High School achievements:

Genomics.

Future Business Leaders of America State and National

Qualifier, FBLA Director of Community Service, Honor Roll all four years, National Honor Society, Advanced Placement Scholar, Southern Lakes Conference

Academic Excellence Winner.

Future ambitions: I plan to graduate at UW-Madison with my bachelor's degree in Genetics/Genomics. Then I plan to go to Physician Assistant school.

Katelyn Busch

Parents: Clinton and Kelly Busch. **College plans:**

I will be going to Gateway Technical College with a major in accounting.

High School achievements: National Honor Society member, achieved a 3.99

GPA, Academic

Excellence Scholarship recipient. Excellence Winner

Future ambitions: My goal is to obtain my associate's degree and explore what the future holds and move up within the family

Ethan Daubner

Parents: Sara and Terry Daubner. **College plans:** UW-Madison, Pre-

Pharmacy High School achievements: WIAA Student-



Athlete Award, Academic Excellence Award Top 10, AP Scholar Award, Honor Roll, Badger Boys State 2022, National Honor Society.

Future ambitions: Intends to earn a doctorate of pharmacy.

Isaac Dow

Parents: Josh and Lora Dow

College plans: Attend UW-Platteville to study Civil Engineering.

High School achievements: National Honor Society, Academic Honor Roll all four years, Two-time football captain.

Future ambitions: Civil Engineer.



Parents: Christopher and Juliebeth Farvour

College plans: I plan to study biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

High School achievements:

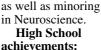
Finished strong in all of my academics.

was a Southern Lakes Conference Academic Excellence Award winner.

Future ambitions: I hope to go to medical school and get a doctorate in order to ultimately become a pathologist.

Megan Fitch

Parents: Jackie and Brian Fitch. College plans: I am attending Marquette University and I plan on majoring in Data Science and Cognitive Science



Academic Decathlon team member, National Champion quartet member of YTBN, Southern Lakes Conference Academic Excellence Winner, Jerry Award nominee for performance as Donna in "Mamma Mia" this past spring.

Future ambitions: I plan on using my degree to study either teen mental health epidemics or study Alzheimer's or Parkinson's and to help find treatments and cures. Overall, I just want to make a real difference in people's lives, and this seems like an awesome way to do so.

Kieran Kendall

Parents: Lisa and John Kendall.

Post-secondary plans: United States Naval Academy.

Future ambitions: Commission as on officer in the U.S.



Graelen Kwiatkowski

Brian and Sarah Kwiatkowski

College plans: I plan on attending Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

High School achievements: Southern Lakes Conference Academic Top 10, FBLA State and

National Qualifier, VFW Essay winner, Honor Roll all four years, National Honor Society, National Honor Society Secretary, Advanced Placement Scholar, FBLA Director of Fundraiser, DRIVEN leadership team member, BHS Scholar Athlete.

Future ambitions: At Drake University, I plan on studying pharmacy with a minor in both Spanish and Leadership. I hope to impact the lives of many people, the same way that people in healthcare have impacted me.

Delaney Mangold

Parents: Angela and James Mangold

College plans: I will be attending UW-Madison. Undecided on a major with a minor or certificate in Spanish.

High School achievements: Member of the four-

time conference champion dance team serving as captain

while earning the sportsmanship award, National Honor Society.

Future ambitions: Outside of schooling and careers, I really want to continue traveling the world. It's something I'm passionate about and it's a great way to try new things.

Adalie Rauch

Parents: Naomi and Steve Rauch.

College plans: University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Architecture.

High School achievements: Varsity Tennis MVP 2021-22, four varsity letters earned, National



Honor Society, National Art Honor Society. Future ambitions: I would like to pursue a career in sustainable architecture.

Braeden Tomczyk

Parents: Sarah and Kevin Tomczyk College

plans: Marquette University for Nursing.

High School achievements: Southern Lakes Conference Academic



Assistant Certification, Emergency Medical

Technician Certification. Future ambitions: I will be going to Marquette University for my Bachelor of Science in Nursing to become a registered nurse. I then hope to work as a Trauma or Emergency Room Nurse at a Level 1 or Level 2 Trauma Center. After a couple years as an RN, I wish to become a travel

Julia Torpy

Parents: Bonnie and Richard Torpy College plans:

I am planning to attend UW-Madison in the fall and pursue a major in microbiology.

Future ambitions: I plan to use my degree and find a career that I can use to make

a positive impact, maybe working for the ocean cleanup or the FDA.

Ella Turke

Parents: Peter and Kathryn Turke. College plans:

UW-Madison, Neurobiology. **High School** achievements: Academic Decathlon secondplace team overall and first place essay and third

place interview,

Academic Bowl first place in biology, Academic Honors, Advanced Placement Scholar, Southern Lakes Conference Academic Excellence Winner, National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Key Club Student Advisor/Bulletin Editor, Varsity letters for cross country and track and field.







Caleb Weis

Parents: Andy and Tracy Weis College plans: University of Wisconsin-Whitewater with a double major in business administration and marketing or finance.



High School achievements:

Racine County Scholar Athlete, Southern Lakes Conference Academic Excellence Winner, Forensics three time gold winner at state and senior year team captain, four year varsity athlete for swim team and won MVP as a junior. Also served as captain of the team junior and senior year. Badger Boys State participant, Honor Roll all four years, AP Scholar, National Honor Society Treasurer, FBLA Chapter President Senior Year, FBLA two-time state qualifier for accounting and organizational leadership, FBLA national qualifier for organizational leadership, Earned ranking of Life Scout and Order Arrow with the Boy Scouts, attended Boy Scout National Youth Leadership Training.

Isabella Weis

Parents: Mike and Tracy Weis. College plans: I am attending UW-LaCrosse to study Radiologic Technology with minors in Spanish



Honor Roll all four years,

National Honor Society, Academic Excellence Scholarship, Southern Lakes Conference Academic Excellence

Four-year member, two-time captain, three-time MVP of the BHS dance team as four-time conference champions placing at state. National Honor Society of Dance Arts, AP Scholar with Honor

Future ambitions: I hope to one day work for St. Jude's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee after completing Medical School to become a radiologist.

Future ambitions: I am planning on pursuing a career in pharmaceutical or neuroscience research.



Loos looks to explore a career in healthcare

Kayla Loos earned salutatorian honors for the Class of 2023 at Catholic Central High School. Loos balanced academics and athletics and plans to continue both at Aurora University.

She provided the following responses to the following questions related to her experience at Catholic Central and what she has planned for the future to the Standard Press.

Please list your high school activities and achievements.

Throughout high school, I have participated in multiple service-based events such as National Honor Society and Student Ambassadors. I have been the president, vice president, treasurer, marketing manager, and class representative among Key Club, our school's Faith In Action Team, and Student Council. I have been a captain for the school's varsity volleyball and basketball teams while also participating in varsity track, soccer, and tennis. I was among the first Catholic Central track and field team to win conference, part of the 2020 volleyball state championship team, and lead Wisconsin Division 4 for volleyball hitting percentage this past

Which achievements are you most proud of and why?

I am most proud of my achievements of being salutatorian, being the Wisconsin Division 4 volleyball hitting percentage leader, and being on high honor roll all semesters of high school. Being salutatorian and on high honor roll all four years means I didn't give up even when there got to be a lot of work to complete and the stress that came with it. Being the Wisconsin Division 4 volleyball hitting percentage leader was



a big achievement because it made me more aware that I wanted to continue playing volleyball in college. It also showed that all of the time and hard work spent practicing paid off.

How did you manage to balance academics with your other activities?

Time management was definitely a key part of my high school experience. I spent every extra minute I was given in class to complete assignments and very often could be found doing homework on bus rides and late at night. I also focused on turning assignments in on time to avoid getting behind and not adding extra stress.

What are your plans beyond high school?

I plan to attend Aurora University.

Why did you select that particular college or university?

I chose Aurora University because when I first set foot on the campus it instantly felt like home. It has the perfect not too big, not too small population size, a location not too close but not too far from home, and a partner program with Palmer College of Chiropractic. Aurora University allows me to be a student athlete – studying Health Sciences while playing volleyball.

What do you plan to study in collegé and what inspired you to pursue that subject?

In college, I plan to study Health Sciences through the pre-chiropractic program. Before high school, science was a class I did not enjoy much. After taking Biology as a freshman and getting convinced to take Biotechnology as a sophomore I fell in love with Biology. I continued taking biological science classes throughout high school and discovered that I wanted to incorporate it into my future career. Over the past two years while reflecting on my desire to apply biology to help others "from the outside of the body" seeking healing from the chiropractor, and several discussions with chiropractors. I solidified my passion for chiropractic medicine.

Beyond college, what are your ambitions for the future?

My end goal after graduating from Aurora University is to attend Palmer College of Chiropractic to obtain my chiropractic license and eventually open my own practice. I want to have the flexibility to do what I love and

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Pum wants to pursue a career in medicine

Kelly Pum has been named the valedictorian for the Catholic Central Class of 2023. She has been in involved in multiple activities at the school in the last four years and looks to pursue genetics in

She provided the following responses regarding her high school career and future ambitions to the Standard Press.

Please list your high school activities and achievements.

I was involved in student ambassadors, varsity volleyball, varsity softball, student council, National Honors Society, and faith in action team during high school. I also was honored with being a Commended National Merit Scholar, having high honors, being a AP Scholar with Honor, receiving the College Board Rural and Small Town Recognition Award, 2022 AVCA Best and Brightest Volleyball First Team Award, and being a 2022 All State and All Conference volleyball player. I was also a team captain for both volleyball and softball. I have also worked at the local Dairy Queen for two years now.



Which achievements are you most proud of and why?

I am most proud of being a Commended National Merit Scholar. Of all the high

school students in my grade in the country that took the PSAT/NMSQT, I scored in the top 50,000 students. That high ranking makes me very proud.

How did you manage to balance academics with your other activities?

By writing down daily what I needed to do, I was able to balance my academic requirements with my other activities.

What are your plans beyond high school?

I plan to attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

Why did you select that particular college or university?

Both of my brothers attended the U, so that campus feels a bit like home to me.

What do you plan to study in college and what inspired you to pursue that subject?

I plan to study genetics in college.

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Through science classes in high school, I became very interested in the biological sciences and genetics seemed like the perfect major for me.

Beyond college, what are your ambitions for the future?

I hope to pursue a career involving medicine in the future.

Who are the people in your life that have been instrumental in helping you become the person you are and why?

My family has been very influential for me because they have shaped my values and what kind of person I want to be.

What advice would you give other students on how to have a successful high school

experience?

I would tell other students to have fun and not stress the small stuff. Everything ends up okay.

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spend time with the people I care about while visiting places I have never been and experiencing what I have never experienced.

Who are the people in your life that have been instrumental in helping you become the person you are and why?

My mom, my science teacher, and Catholic Central as a whole have helped me be the person I am today. My mom has always been there to support me. She motivated me to persevere even when times were hard and she supported me in times of success. My science teacher has grown my love for biological science, challenged me to push myself to my greatest potential, and taught me that failure is an opportunity for learning.

Catholic Central has provided me with opportunities and experiences I would not have been able to take advantage of elsewhere and surrounded me with a community of compassionate and encouraging people.

What advice would you give other students on how to have a successful high school experience?

Find your passion and go with it. Do what you want to do rather than what someone else wants you to do. Try new things. High school is a great time for you to get out of your comfort zone. Live without regrets because you won't get back the opportunities and experiences these four years of high school gave you. Be okay with being wrong. Learning happens through mistakes and failure.

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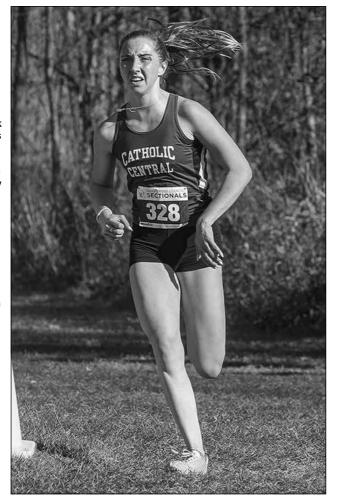
Catholic Central senior Elsie Kmecak concluded her cross country career with four appearances in the WIAA Division 3 State Cross Country Championships, including a first-place finish as a junior. She helped the Hilltoppers advance as a team during her tenure.

Throughout her career, she placed among the top 10 in three of four years for the Hilltoppers.

She has also

made a mark in the track and field record books for Catholic Central, breaking program benchmarks in distance events.

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Senior Trinity Ludford, of Burlington High School, became a Student Initiative Scholar presented by the Herb Kohl Education Foundation.

SUBMITTED PHOTO Graduation

BHS senior named Student Initiative Scholar

Student recognized for community service

The Herb Kohl Educational Foundation has named Trinity Ludford as a Student Initiative Scholar.

The Burlington High School senior will receive a \$10,000 scholarship toward pursuing a bachelor's degree in economics at Roosevelt University in Chicago. Her ultimate goal is to receive a doctorate in Economics.

This scholarship recognizes Ludford's involvement in the community and at Burlington High School.

This year, Ludford has served on Burlington's Common Council through the Teen Voice program.

Regarding her outlook on community

service, she said, "I believe community service is a very important part to make any community feel safe and well-connected. In my experience, it's the most fun you can have to provide the most benefit to others."

In addition to serving on the Common Council, Ludford participated in 4-H and several music ensembles through school including band, jazz band, pep band, the show choir, chamber orchestra, and pops orchestra.

The Kohl Excellence Scholarship program recognizes student leadership, citizenship, school and community involvement, and academic achievement.



BHS Graduation Information

Commencement for the Class of 2023 will be held at Burlington High School on Friday, June 9, at 6 p.m.

The school will make a decision in June if it will hold the event at Don Dalton Stadium or in the gymnasium.

CCHS Graduation Information

Commencement for the Catholic Central High School Class of 2023 will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 26, at St. Mary Church in Burlington.



Barbershop Quartet from BHS becomes grand champion

Several BHS students brought home accolades from the Barbershop Harmony Society's midwinter convention in Daytona, Florida from Feb. 7 to 12.

The Barbershop Harmony Society named Burlington High School's Female Barbershop Quartet "YTBN" Grand Champion with their love song "Dream a Little Dream of Me" in the NextGen Jr. Ouartet Contest.

Members of YTBN, known as Yet To Be Named, included seniors Megan Fitch and Zoe Lipor as well as underclassmen Genevieve Hauser and Maddie Thompson.

According to Penny Yanke, BHS music teacher, the quartet opted for YTBN because members couldn't quite come up with a name.

"They couldn't come up with a name and they put the name on the form and it never got changed so they kept it," she

On Friday, Feb. 10 in the Chorus

Festival, BHS's men's quartet, "Reigning Men," received a silver rating and Grand Champion in the Plateau A Division.

Here Comes Treble, the female barbershop choir, earned a gold rating and placed second in the Plateau AA Division.

Under the leadership of Yanke, 39 students attended the conference.

Yanke advanced the barbershop music in 2018 with the goal to "help students develop a style of singing that they can continue many years after they are out of school."

She said, "It improves their ability to sing in tune, develop their listening skills and to work collaboratively as a group."

Yanke said students put many hours of preparation, including rehearsals on weekends, before the competition.

One of the many great aspects of the Barbershop Midwinter Convention is that the students make new friends from the other singing groups from across the country.



Members of Burlington High School's Barbershop quartet, YTBN, received Grand Champion with their love song "Dream a Little Dream of Me" at the Barbershop Harmony Society's midwinter convention in Daytona, Florida. Members of YTBN included senior Zoe Lipor, Maddie Thompson, senior Megan Fitch, and Genevieve Hauser.



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