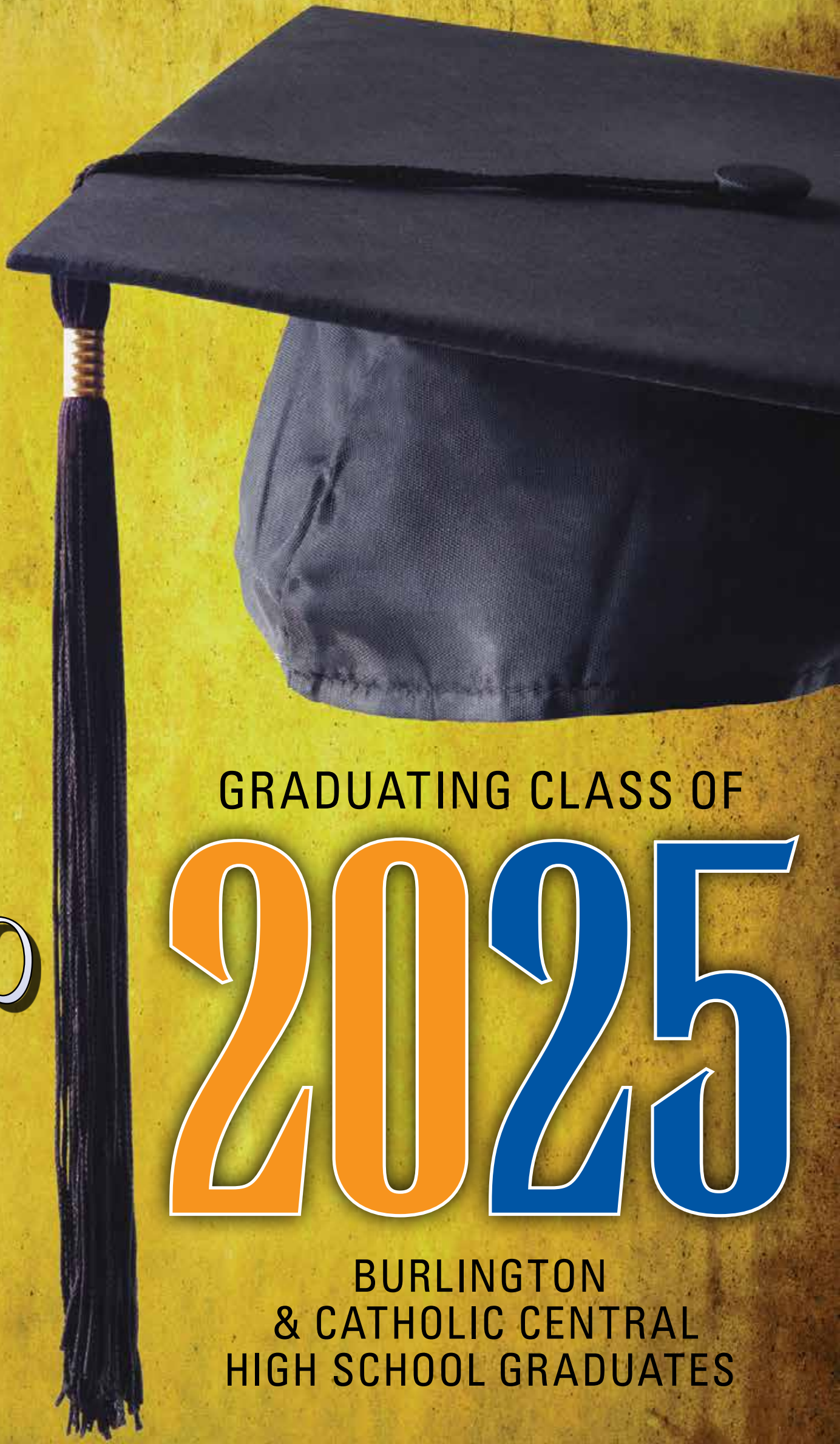


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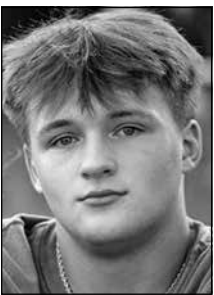
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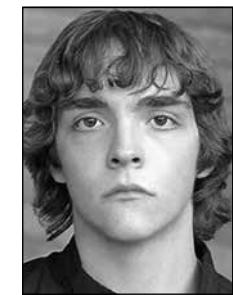
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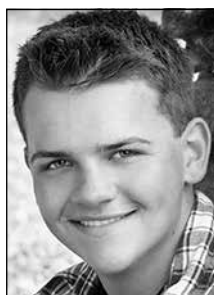
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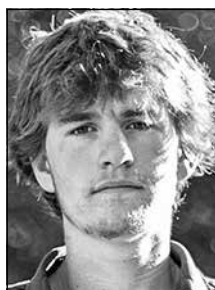
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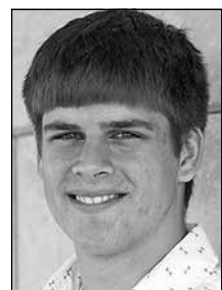
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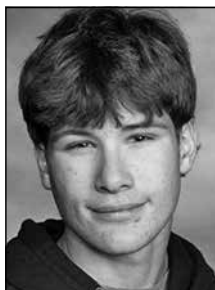
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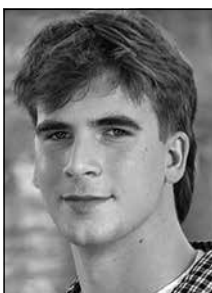
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Honoring summa cum laude graduates

By Jason Arndt
COMMUNITY EDITOR

Burlington High School has more than two dozen Class of 2025 summa cum laude graduates who will receive their diplomas.

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 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 range.

The students were asked the same questions about post-high school plans, including academic pursuits, along with achievements and co-curricular activities. They also noted their most inspirational teacher.

Kade Boyd

Boyd, son of Mike and Kristi Boyd, plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison at the school of business.

A top 10 graduate in the Class of 2025, Boyd is a two-time All-State Scholar Athlete, and earned Honor Roll recognition.

Boyd was inducted into the National Honor Society and served as an officer of the organization.

Boyd is a two-time FBLA state qualifier while participating on the football, wrestling and tennis teams.

He said his future ambitions are to “surround myself with positive people and live a meaningful life.”

“Mr. Wilks is my most inspirational teacher because he not only was a great teacher, but he is a great person who provided us all with an extremely warm and positive work environment,” Boyd said when asked about his most inspirational teacher.

Lily Boyle

Boyle, daughter of M.T. and Timothy Boyle, will attend UW-Madison for Astrophysics and Chemistry.

“I plan to earn my Bachelor’s Degree, then continue onto grad school for whichever subject I find most interesting,” Boyle said.

Boyle listed a series of academic achievements and co-curricular activities while attending BHS.

An AP Scholar with Distinction (2024) and Class of 2025 Valedictorian or top scholar, Boyle finished first in the 2022 VFW Voice of Democracy Audio-Essay contest, while participating on the Forensics team all four years.

On the Forensics team, Boyle served as captain (2024), won gold at state (2022, 2024, 2025), and a silver (2023). She also finished first at conference (2022-2025) and first at a Union Grove tournament (2024-2025).

A National Honor Society member, she

served as a teaching assistant for physics and Spanish (2024-2025) while delivering school announcements (2023-Present).

A four-year member of the tennis team, where she primarily played at No. 1 doubles, Boyle earned first-team All-County in 2024.

Other activities include Musical Theatre (Mush/Jojo/Newsies 2022, Rosie/Mamma Mia 2023, Anya/Anastasia/Anastasia 2024, Liesl/Sound of Music 2024, Fiona/Shrek 2025), Nominated for a Jerry Award for Rosie/Mamma Mia (2023), and Anya/Anastasia/Anastasia (2024), Spring Play (Susan/The Champ 2023, Bethany/The Last Day of School 2024) Academic Bowl (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)

“The most inspirational teacher for me was Mr. Fay. His classes were difficult, yet they taught me life skills that I will remember forever,” Boyle said when asked about her most inspirational teacher. “I truly respect him and thank him for all the help he’s given me, especially with college. Thanks for everything!”

Gavin Caliva

Caliva, son of Veronica and Travis Caliva, plans to attend the Colorado School of the Mines.

A member of the National Honor Society, Caliva earned Honor Roll recognition while remaining involved in the school’s DRIVEN student leadership team and the varsity baseball team.

His ambitions consist of “working for SpaceX and helping humans become multi-planetary,” Caliva wrote in his questionnaire.

“Mr. Dow because he has a special way of connecting with students and is overall very smart in the classes he teaches,” Caliva said in response to his most inspirational teacher.

Mitchell Crabtree

Crabtree, son of Laura Crabtree, will attend UW-Madison.

“I strive to pursue a career that aligns with my studies and continuously expand my knowledge and skills,” Crabtree said.

A National Honor Society member, Crabtree is an AP Scholar and participated on the tennis, basketball, and football teams while being a member of the DRIVEN student leadership team.

“Mr. Savaglia because he taught me many valuable lessons in school and out of school,” Crabtree said of his most inspirational teacher.

Micah Daubner

Daubner, son of Sara and Terry Daubner, plans to attend UW-Madison with hopes of becoming a biomedical engineer.

An AP Scholar, Daubner also earned Racine County Scholar-Athlete honors and participated on

the baseball and soccer teams.

Daubner was involved in organizations such as FBLA, HOSA, Student Government, National Honor Society and the DRIVEN leadership team.

Daubner recognized Mr. Everson as his most inspirational teacher.

“His positive outlook and encouragement are inspirational,” Daubner said.

Grace Debbink

Debbink, daughter of Andrew and Danielle Debbink, plans to attend UW-La Crosse and major in Elementary/Middle and Spanish Education.

“I aspire to make a positive impact in the lives of my future students,” Debbink said.

An AP Scholar Award winner, Debbink earned induction into the National Honor Society and attended Badger Girls State. She participated in Key Club, World Language Club, the A Capella choir, and Educators Rising and served as member of the DRIVEN student leadership team. She is also on the Foundations youth group worship team.

A member of the varsity girls soccer team, she earned Racine County Scholar-Athlete recognition.

“Ms. Twohig made learning a language fun and engaging,” Debbink said of her most inspirational teacher.

Demitri Demolas

Demolas, son of Kristina and Christos Demolas, plans to enroll at UW-La Crosse for Finance.

His achievements include being an honor student, passing AP tests, working all four years of high school, and earning induction into National Honor Society while serving on the DRIVEN student leadership team.

He said he hopes to “get a good job where I can live comfortably.”

“Mr. Savaglia is my most inspirational teacher because he is what guided me towards the Finance path which is what I am pursuing in college,” Demolas said of his most inspirational teacher. “He has always pushed me to put my hardest effort forth and just do what I enjoy.”

Christopher Driscoll

Driscoll, son of Carrie Scott, plans to study engineering at UW-Platteville.

A member of the National Honor Society, Driscoll earned an AP award, while working at Lakes Area Marine. He received scholarships for his academic accomplishments.

He is also involved in weightlifting and engineering.

His most inspirational teacher is Mr. Savaglia.

“(He) taught me a lot about business,” Driscoll said.

Emma Ellingham

Ellingham, daughter of Kim and Eric Ellingham, will attend Concordia University of Wisconsin.

“I aspire to make a positive impact on the world through my future career,” Ellingham said.

A member of the National Honor Society, she attended Badger Girls State in 2024 and served as a delegate for the American Legion Auxiliary.

Ellingham has also been involved in the FBLA all four years, qualifying for state multiple times, while advancing to national competition last year.

A member of the DRIVEN student leadership team for three years, she also served as captain for a national traveling volleyball team for four years.

“Mr. Dow is the most inspirational teacher because he makes wanting to learn and actual learning fun to do,” Ellingham said of her most inspirational teacher.

Ava Fix

Fix, the daughter of Joe and Ella Fix, plans to attend the University of Tulsa to study environmental policy, anthropology and pre-medicine.

“I plan to pursue either an M.D. or PhD, depending on how undergraduate studies go. Eventually, I would like to be an oncologist, public health official, or paleontologist,” Fix said.

A National Merit Scholar with a full-ride scholarship to Tulsa University, Fix won two gold medals from state forensics and earned a conference championship in forensics.

Fix is an AP Scholar with honor, a member of the National Honor Society, serving as president while also being involved in HOSA.

A vice president for HOSA, she is an RLD gold medalist.

Other activities include serving as Youth Conservation Congress delegate, cross country captain, varsity track athlete and participating in band for nine years.

“Michelle Glisch was my Montessori teacher from fourth to sixth grade. For the duration of these fundamental years, she challenged me to be bold, dedicated, and open-minded,” Fix said of her most inspirational teacher. “She once called me a ‘voice of reason’ and this is a moral label I’ve used to ground myself ever since. I credit her for my sense of ethics and individuality.”

Jamie Foss

Foss, daughter of Jessica Riba and Brian Foss, plans to attend UW-Madison.

She said she hopes “to find what I’m passionate about in college and pursue it.”

Accepted as a Badger Girls State attendee, Foss has run the World Languages Club, played tennis and



soccer, and participated in many DRIVEN events.

“My most inspirational teacher was Mr. Fay because he always pushes us to our best potential,” Foss said.

Janeth Guerrero

Guerrero, daughter of Susana Rebollar and Jaime Guerrero, plans to attend UW-Milwaukee.

“I intend to receive a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering,” Guerrero said. “I also intend to work on community projects that include roads, community buildings, and community spaces.”

An AP Scholar with Honors, Guerrero has been a member of the National Honor Society, and has been involved in the Koral Club (three years), DRIVEN student leadership team (one year) and World Languages Club (one year).

“My most inspirational teacher is Mrs. Favour. Although I only had her for my senior year she has aided me in researching into my field of interest,” Guerrero said of her most inspirational teacher. “Furthermore, she has allowed me to go beyond the class projects and experiment.”

Caden Harter

Harter, son of John and Julie Harter, plans to attend UW-Madison.

He said he hopes to “be a student of life.”

Harter has taken multiple AP classes while participating in FBLA, the golf team and climbing activities.

Harter finds Mr. Savaglia as his most inspirational teacher.

“He taught me to be a great student,” Harter said. “He also is just a chill guy.”

Reena Huang

Huang, the daughter of Jian Huang and Yawei Sun, is undecided on what college or university she plans to attend.

However, she is looking to enter the medical industry, according to her questionnaire.

“I hope to go to medical school to become a psychiatrist and do research studies to help better understand topics that are currently understudied,” said Huang, an Honor Roll student.

Huang has taken 11 AP classes, and earned a 1500 on the SAT and 33 on the ACT while being involved in HOSA and the World Language.

“The most inspirational teacher I know is Mr. Everson, because he is so involved in the medical field and very educated,” Huang said. “He is understanding, genuinely cares for, and is invested in students’ lives, as he’s still kept in touch with me about my college decisions despite not being in any classes with him this year.”

Julian Ivkovich

Ivkovich, son of Rebecca and Paul Ivkovich, plans to major in chemistry at Carthage College in Kenosha.

“I hope to help the environment through a career in chemical engineering,” Ivkovich said.

He noted three state competition One-Act Individual Acting Awards, two high school musical theater Individual Acting Jerry Award nominations, two first place Academic Bowl awards, and Grade 1 Solo & Ensemble ratings for orchestral performance, choral performance, vocal solo, and viola solo as some of his achievements.

Additional activities include Forensics Competitive Public Speaking (2021-2022), One-Act Play (2021-2024), Spring Musical (2021-2025), Spring Play (2022, 2024), B’JAZZed Show Choir (2021-2025), Academic Bowl (2023, 2025), A capella Choir (2021-2025), Chamber Orchestra (2021-2024), and Symphonic Orchestra (2024-2025).

“Mrs. Yanke is my most inspirational teacher. She seems to enjoy not only teaching but working with students and teachers, being respectful to everyone, providing amazing opportunities for students to grow and explore their interests, and allowing students to step into leadership roles within the music and theater departments.” Ivkovich said.

Fabian Jimenez

Jimenez, son of Veronica Castro-Nava and Fermin Jimenez-Garduno, plans to study radiology at Carthage College or UW-Milwaukee.

“My ultimate goal is to make an impact upon the scientific community through research and experimentation,” Jimenez said.

An AP Scholar with Distinction, he has been involved in HOSA, FBLA, Forensics and the DRIVEN student leadership team.

“The most inspirational teacher at BHS is Mr. Everson because he represents the effectiveness of hard work over talent,” Jimenez said.

Hayden Kendall

Kendall, son of Lisa and John Kendall, will study accounting and finance at UW-Whitewater.

He said he hopes to “live a life full of joy and laughter.”

A member of the National Honor Society and Honor Roll student, Kendall has been involved in volleyball, basketball, track and field and FBLA.

Kendall’s most inspirational teacher is Mrs. Pruska.

“Her classes have always been filled with great vibes and she has inspired me to pursue this path in the business world,” he said.

Finlee Kwiatkowski

Kwiatkowski, daughter of Brian and Sarah Kwiatkowski, plans to attend Drake University and pursue a PharmD degree as well as an MBA degree.

“I aspire to be a pharmacist and hope to work in overseeing the development of new pharmaceutical products,” Kwiatkowski said.

A top 10 graduate for the Class of 2025, Kwiatkowski earned into induction in National Honor Society, while being involved in FLBA, Student Government, World Language Club, and the DRIVEN student leadership team.

“My most inspirational teacher is Mr. Fay. He made science fun and engaging, while also teaching in great depth,” Kwiatkowski said. “This led me to develop a love for chemistry, which inspired me to make the decision to continue in the field of science and pursue pharmacy.”

Ryan LeSage

LeSage, son of Timothy and Cheri LeSage, plans to study Civil Engineering at UW-Madison.

He hopes to obtain a higher-level civil engineering degree.

A member of the National Honor Society, he qualified for Wisconsin’s Guaranteed Admit program and earned Honor Roll recognition.

He has been involved in football, basketball, tennis, Student Government, and FBLA while serving as a member of the DRIVEN student leadership team.

Karl Loppnow

Loppnow, son of Rachel and Michael Loppnow, plans to study pharmacy at the University of Oklahoma.

“I aspire to shape a future where my work creates meaningful impact,” Loppnow said.

An AP Scholar with Honor Award, he has served as a club member of the World Languages Club and officer for the HOSA Club.

Loppnow has been involved with the school’s tennis and volleyball teams.

“Each teacher has driven and motivated me in their own respective ways,” Loppnow said.

Dylan Marchese

Marchese, son of Joe Marchese and Kristin Messman, will major in Economics at the University of Chicago.

A top 10 graduate for the Class of 2025, Marchese earned AP Scholar with Distinction recognition and served as president of FBLA, including national competition.

He has been a member of the DRIVEN student leadership team.

Marchese said he looks to gain peace



Benjamin Panackal

Panackal, son of Jogy Panackal and Minimol Panackal, will attend UW-Madison in pursuit of a bachelor’s degree in computer science with a focus on machine learning.

He hopes to use his degree to work as AI engineer.

“I hope to improve quality of life, access to information, and to improve the education system,” Panackal said.

A top 10 graduate for the Class of 2025, Panackal played volleyball (four years) and tennis (three years), swam for one year, and served on the Key Club for half a semester.

An AP Scholar, Panackal has been involved in the DRIVEN student leadership team for two years.

“Mr. Savaglia convinced me to join tennis with no prior experience,” Panackal said of his most inspirational teacher. “I ended up really liking it and having fun with it for a while. He taught me a lot of practical information in AP Econ that I can use for the rest of my life.”

Rylan Schultz

Schultz, son of Jon and Ellie Schultz, will attend UW-La Crosse for Biomedical Engineering.

He said he hopes to “leave a positive impact on the world.”

An AP Scholar with Honor Award student, the Honor Roll graduate earned a service award, while being involved in the DRIVEN student leadership team and HOSA.

Schultz, an Eagle Scout, served as captain for the varsity soccer as well as track and field teams.

“Mr. Wilks has been my most inspirational teacher because he has made a great impact in building my character,” Schultz said.

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Katherine Strojny

Strojny, daughter of Julie and Jerry Strojny, plans to study design, innovation, and society at UW-Madison.

"I would like to go into User Experience (UX) Design professionally. I would also like to travel and study abroad," she said.

Accomplishments include first place in UX Design at the regional competition for FBLA (2024, 2025), fourth place in UX Design at the state competition for FBLA (2025), Gold award in state competition for poetry in forensics (2024), Girl Scout silver award, and earning an AP scholar award.

For four years, she served as run crew, stage manager and actor for the One Act, Musical, and Spring Play.

A National Honor Society member, serving as historian, she also participated in the FBLA (two years), and Forensics (one year)

Additionally, she has been involved in Religious Education for three years.

"My most impactful teacher was Mrs. Smith at Burlington Catholic because she taught me all the math I know," she said.



Mason Tomczyk

Tomczyk, son of Sarah and Kevin Tomczyk, will study finance at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

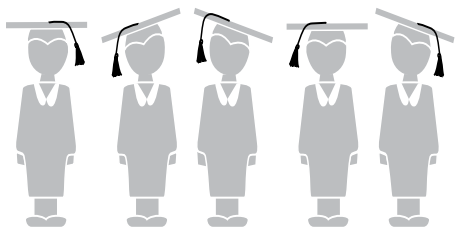
An Honor Roll student and member of the National Honor Society, Tomczyk has been involved in volleyball, basketball, and baseball en route to Scholar-Athlete honors.

Additionally, he has been involved in Student Government and served on the DRIVEN student leadership team.

He said his ambition is to "make money and companions along the way!"

Mr. Fay is Tomczyk's most inspirational teacher.

"(He) taught me to stay on top of my work and to do something in my future that I will enjoy," he said.



Sights and sounds

above: Senior Rylan Schultz, a Burlington High School DRIVEN member, plays the piano at the Arbor View Assisted Living as part of the group's winter service project last December.

left: Senior Morgan Austwick works behind the microphone at WBSD-FM, which celebrated its 50th anniversary. She served as student manager of the radio station.

Class of 2025 CATHOLIC CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL



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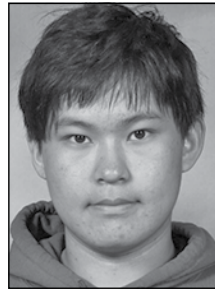
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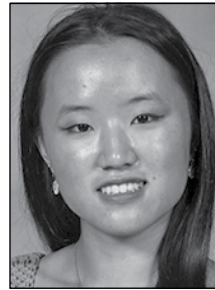
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Johanna Guerrero



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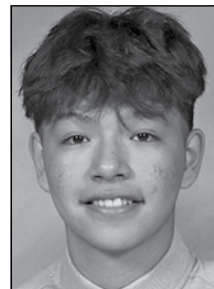
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Gianluca Pedone



Daniela Ramirez



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The Catholic Central High School student section, including some seniors, cheers on the girls basketball team during the playoffs.

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Graduation 2025



Loos named CCHS Salutatorian

By Jason Arndt
EDITOR

Tenley Loos has been Salutatorian for the Catholic Central High School Class of 2025.

Loos, the daughter of Troy and Karen Loos, plans on attending St. Norbert College to play basketball.

She provided the following responses regarding his high school experiences and future ambitions to Southern Lakes Newspapers.



1. Which achievements are you most proud of and why?

I'm proud of a lot of things I've achieved, mostly because I've worked hard and never gave up, even when things got tough. I've faced some challenges, but through it all, I've had some great experiences and made memories that I will cherish forever.

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

Time management was crucial in allowing me to participate in my extra-curriculars while keeping up with my work. Every resource, study hall, free period, and bus ride was spent studying. Additionally, I would use the weekends to get ahead of homework for the next week.

3. Why did you select St. Norbert College?

I selected SNC because there is a strong sense of community. While touring, everyone greeted each other and the students raved about their experience. I felt a strong connection to SNC because of the great experiences my mom, three uncles, cousins, and grandfather had there. Additionally the Catholic faith is a strong part of my life.

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

I am enrolling as "undecided." I really

enjoyed many of my classes, especially calculus and anatomy, and I'm excited to keep exploring those subjects while also staying open to new ones.

5. Beyond college, what are your ambitions for the future?

While I am unsure what career I will hold in the future, I know I want to do something fulfilling that serves my community. I also plan to keep growing in my relationship with God, and one day, I hope to start a family.

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

While so many people have helped shape me into the person I am today, a few stand out. Mrs. Smith (my eighth grade math teacher) and Mr. Busch (my calculus teacher) helped make math comprehensible and enjoyable. Mrs. Dean (my science teacher) lit my passion for the natural sciences with her labs and hands-on activities. Mrs. Ploch, Mrs. Jackson,

Mrs. Wiemer, and Mrs. Butler (some of my grade school teachers) taught me how to be considerate, generous, and kind through leading by example. Coach Evert, Coach Tark, and my parents encouraged my passion for basketball, coaching me from the time I was five through high school. My friends made the journey exciting and never failed to put a smile on my face. My family has been my biggest cheerleaders, standing with me through thick and thin, and supporting my dreams.

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

My advice to other students is to try everything. Whether it is something you have done for years, something you have always thought looked fun, or something you've never considered, trying something new can lead you to meet new people, find new passions, and create lifelong memories. Additionally, I would advise students to use their study halls productively. It makes the homework load lighter and removes stress.

CCHS Valedictorian plans on heading to Harvard

By Jason Arndt
EDITOR

Clara Henderson, daughter of Chad and Rebecca Henderson, has been named the Valedictorian for the Catholic Central High School Class of 2025.

Henderson plans to attend Harvard University and study molecular and cellular biology.

She provided the following responses regarding his high school experiences and future ambitions to Southern Lakes Newspapers.



1. Which achievements are you most proud of and why?

I'm proud I learned to lead and also how to ask for help. Those things aren't exactly concrete, but they were difficult. I'm proud I was able to rise to the challenge when necessary.

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

I took a study hall to help with my homework load and worked on what I could over the weekend to prep for the next week.

3. Why did you select Harvard University?

I loved how those at Harvard have their own passions and can make even everyday

objects and events fascinating through describing their interests.

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

I'll study molecular and cellular biology. Science, especially biology, has always just clicked for me. I love how complex living things are.

5. Beyond college, what are your ambitions for the future?

After college, I plan to go to medical school and become a doctor. I'm not sure exactly what my specialty will be, but I'd like to work in the medical field.

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

My mom is the person who told me what I needed to hear, even if I didn't want to hear it. Many of my favorite parts of myself come from her. My dad is my biggest cheerleader, and my brothers may sometimes drive me crazy, but they have always supported me.

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

Try new things, anything you want to do, even if it scares you. You never know what you might fall in love with. Do your best, try to be a good person, and make as many real connections as you can. You won't regret it.



Catholic Central High School Valedictorian Clara Henderson showcases her champion Angus steer at the Racine County Fair last fall. Henderson has also won some awards at the Wisconsin State Fair. She plans to attend Harvard University.

JASON ARNDT PHOTO Graduation 2025



Catholic Central salutatorian Tenley Loos eclipsed 700 career points for the girls basketball team. She plans to continue playing basketball at St. Norbert College.

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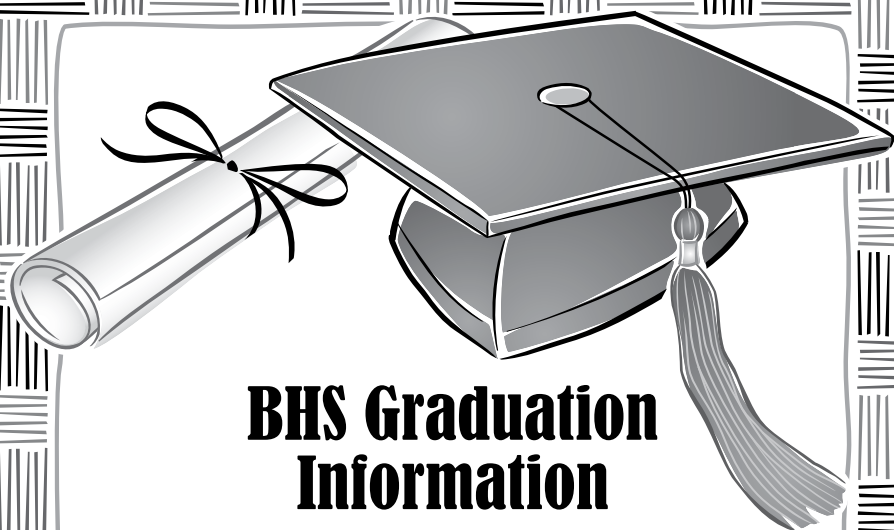


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BHS Graduation Information

Burlington High School's commencement for the Class of 2025 will be held at 6 p.m. on May 23. The Burlington Area School District will decide on May 22 whether to host the exercises at Don Dalton Stadium or in the gymnasium, weather permitting.

CCHS Graduation Information

Catholic Central High School's Class of 2024 commencement exercises will be held on May 23 at St. Mary's Church, 108 McHenry St., Burlington with the ceremony starting at 7 p.m.

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