

SUMMER 2022

SCHOOL MATTERS

Commemorative Edition



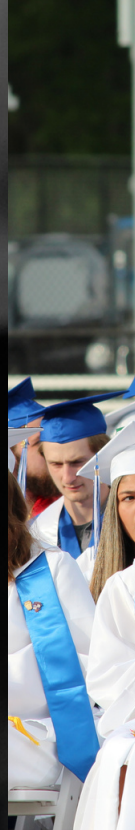
CLASS OF 2022 COMMEMORATIVE EDITION

Plainwell High School and Renaissance High
School/Adult Education Class of 2022
Highlights and Acknowledgments

CELEBRATING *our Seniors*

We are incredibly proud of our Class of 2022! Our graduating classes faced many challenges over the last few years during the pandemic, but continued to work hard and remained dedicated to their education at Plainwell Community Schools! In this publication, we will highlight the many achievements of our senior classes from PHS and RHS/Adult Education.

To all of our students in the Class of 2022 – THANK YOU for allowing Plainwell Community Schools to be a part of your educational journey – Trojan Pride!





TOP OF THE CLASS

Top 22 of the Class of 2022

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TOP 22 OF THE CLASS OF 2022! WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF THESE STUDENTS FOR THEIR HARD WORK, DEDICATION AND OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THEIR TIME AT PLAINWELL HIGH SCHOOL!

Front Row L to R: Trinity Newington, Serafin Taber, Sarah Russell, Alexia Inquilla, Kathryn Zabaldo, Katherine Tobin, Rebecca Wagner, Finnegan McKenzie, Xavier Prentice-Sao, McKenna Hochstedler. Back Row L to R: Mackenzie Hill, Cameron Otten, William Furge, Nathan Ferris, Ryan Bainbridge, Lauren Vanderstelt, Elijah Veen (Valedictorian), Keagan Tungate, Jack Anderson, Brendan Burch, Kaylee Wright Not Pictured: Caden Lewis



PHS CLASS OF 2022 STATS

214 GRADUATES

IN THE PHS SENIOR CLASS OF

2022



22 STUDENTS EARNED A

4.0 CUMULATIVE
GPA

STUDENTS RECEIVED THE

21

HONORS
DIPLOMA

OVER **2.5** 

MILLION DOLLARS
IN COLLEGE & ENDOWMENT
SCHOLARSHIPS

10 STUDENTS PLAYING COLLEGE SPORTS

3 PLAYED 3 SPORTS FOR ALL 4 YEARS
GRACE RUIJVELD, JACK WILSON AND IVAN EMDE

TOP 22 EARNED OVER 1.6 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS

8 STUDENTS GOING ON TO SERVE THE USA

TWO NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENTS SCORED IN THE
TOP 50,000 NATION-WIDE (JOEL BUTLER AND TED SHERER)

6 AP
SCHOLARS



7,000+ HOURS OF
COMMUNITY
SERVICE

ADDISON WILLIAMS EARNED 451
COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

2022

HAD 72 STUDENTS
WHO GRADUATED WITH A

3.5+ GPA



JUSTIN VANDEMAELE,
JONATHAN LAGENOUR
HUNTER LOUBERT

THE CLASS OF
2022 HAD 3

**EAGLE
SCOUTS**



PLAINWELL ATHLETICS

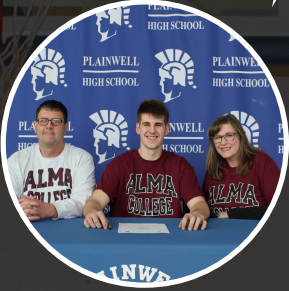
TROJAN PRIDE

Our senior athletes have a lot to be proud of throughout their time competing as a Trojan! We had dozens of student-athletes represent Plainwell High School with pride and dignity on and off the "court". Many received recognition and awards throughout their time at PHS and ten will be going on to play sports at the college level. Thank you to all of our student-athletes for your dedication and hard work while at PHS - TROJAN PRIDE!

PHS **NEXT** COLLEGE

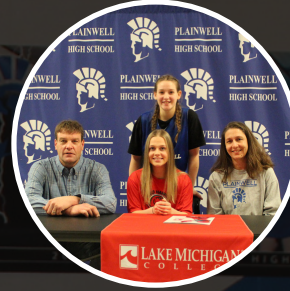
Athletics

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
TROJAN SENIORS WHO SIGNED THEIR LETTERS OF
INTENT TO PLAY SPORTS AT THE COLLEGE LEVEL!**



JACK ANDERSON

Football
Alma College



MADDIE MUNCH

Volleyball
Lake Michigan College



IVAN EMDE

Track and Soccer
Trinity Christian College



RILEY NUGENT

Swim
James Madison University



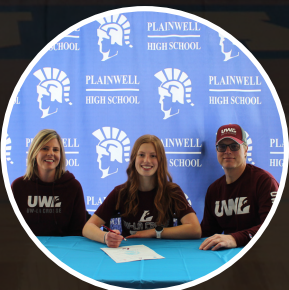
BEN GALE

Soccer
DePauw University



TAYLOR SEIBERT

Dive
McKendree University



MACKENZIE HILL

Indoor & Outdoor Track
University of Wisconsin-
LaCrosse



**LAUREN
VANDERSTELT**

Basketball
Calvin University



PEYTON LEWIS

Volleyball
Lake Michigan College



KAYLEE WRIGHT

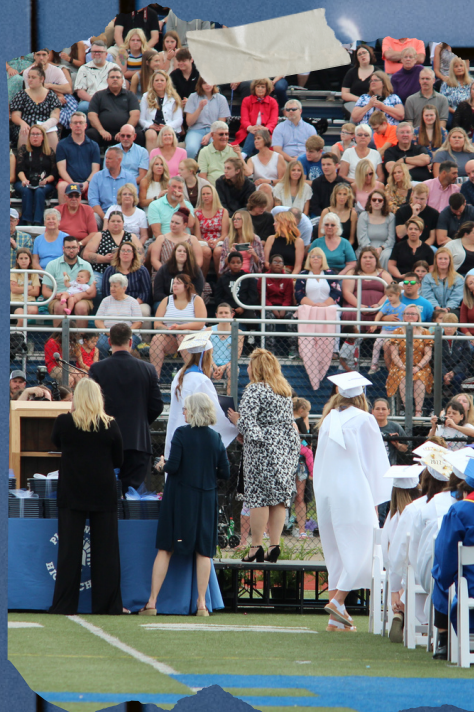
Track
United States Coast
Guard Academy



**RENAISSANCE &
ADULT EDUCATION**

**PLAINWELL
HIGH SCHOOL**







SENIOR MUSIC & ART ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Our senior artists and musicians were well accomplished during their time at PHS. From beautiful pieces of art, to leading the Marching Band at Ford Field, to creating and performing astounding music, to receiving recognition and awards for their artistry, the PHS Seniors certainly left their mark (via strokes of paint/marker/pencil or with beautiful musical notes) at Plainwell High School.



01 MURAL TRIBUTE

Caden Lewis was selected as the Senior Artist for 2022. "The Senior mural symbolizes the tension between connection and isolation during our time in virtual schooling. Using colors that pop and a cartoony composition, the mural also represents hope for a brighter future."



02 MUSIC MAJORS

Best wishes to the following Class of 2022 senior band & choir students who will be pursuing music majors:

Mia Perrin and Becca Wagner

04 CHOIR AWARDS

Congratulations to the following senior choir students who received special awards during their senior year: Maggie McMath & Easton Saurbek (National Choral Award) & Mia Perrin & Jessica

Stevenson (Musical Excellence Award). Mia was also selected to attend Grammy Camp in LA as a songwriter/performer.



07 BAND AWARDS

Congratulations to the following senior band students who received special awards and acknowledgements during their senior year:

Rebecca Wagner (John Philip Sousa Award), Taylor Seibert (Henry Fillmore Award), Mia Perrin (PHS Instrumental Music Department Award), Katherine Tobin (Louis Armstrong Jazz Award), Henry Miller (Quincy Jones Musicianship Award), Blake Filkins & Caitlyn Davis (Arion Foundation Award for Musical Excellence)

03 DRUM MAJORS

The PHS Marching Band was led by three outstanding class of 2022 Drum Majors:

Katherine Tobin, Blake Filkins and Serafin Taber

10 SENIOR MUSICAL CAST MEMBERS 2022 "CINDERELLA"

GIANT:
Max Kirgios

TOPHER:
Easton Saurbek

LADY PINKLETON:
Becca Wagner

MARIE:
Jessica Stevenson

JEAN-MICHEL:
Caden Lewis

MADAME:
Mia Perrin

GABRIELLE:
Alayna May

CHARLOTTE:
Maggie McMath

FOX/FOOTMAN:
Westin Ramsey

RACCOON/DRIVER:
Evan Beaduregard



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FILM NEGATIVE

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MILITARY COMMITMENTS

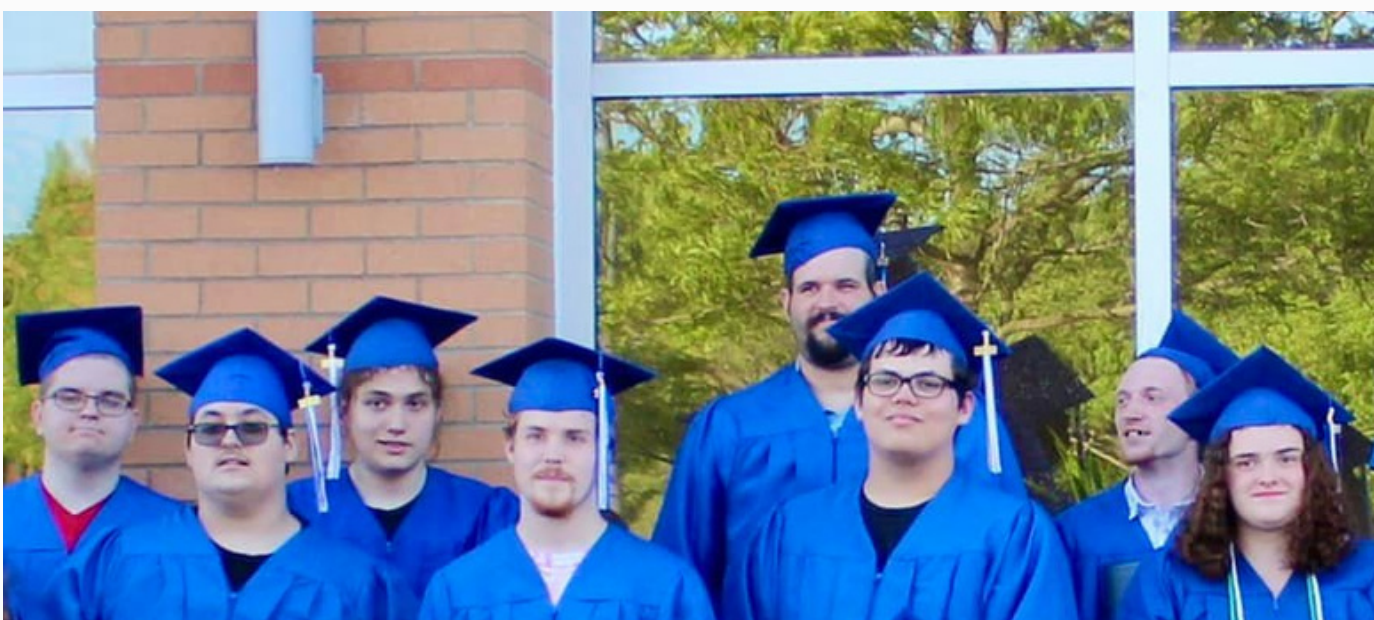
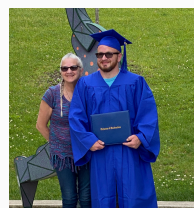
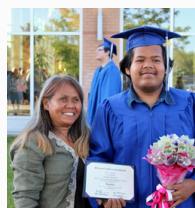
TROJANS SERVING OUR COUNTRY

The class of 2022 has eight students who have bravely and proudly committed to serve our Country:

Derek Applegate (Marines), Blake Collard (Marines), Alex Courtney (Army), Gordon Hueschen (Navy), Kyle Roman (Marines), Easton Easton Saurbek (Marines), Andrew Suddon (Marines) and Kaylee Wright (United States Coast Guard Academy)







RHS & ADULT EDUCATION GRADUATION

HIGHLIGHTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FROM THE RHS & ADULT EDUCATION GRADUATION CEREMONIES

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GRADUATES

Alternative and Adult Education



HASTINGS GRADUATION

In addition to our graduation from our Plainwell location, graduates of our adult education Hastings location enjoyed a private ceremony on Saturday, July 11 at the Thornapple Plaza in Hastings. The eleven graduates that completed under the tutelage of their teacher, Kristine Browne were surrounded by family, friends, children and community partners. The Renaissance High School Adult Education Hastings location is co-located in the MiWorks office of the Hastings branch.



THE PLEDGE

The pledge was led by graduates Jacob Wellington and Isaac Starrett.



TURNING THE TASSELS

The turning of the tassels was led by Chelsea Myland and Melissa Reynolds.



STREAMER SLING

The streamer sling was led by Vincenzo Pellegrino



CELEBRATION

Former teachers, volunteers, community partners, current RHS students and alumni were in attendance to celebrate the RHS and Adult Education class of 2022



SCHOLARSHIPS

During the ceremony, three scholarships were awarded to the RHS Class of 2022. A very special congratulations to the following recipients:



THE WELCHER FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

Presented to: Ayden Emig



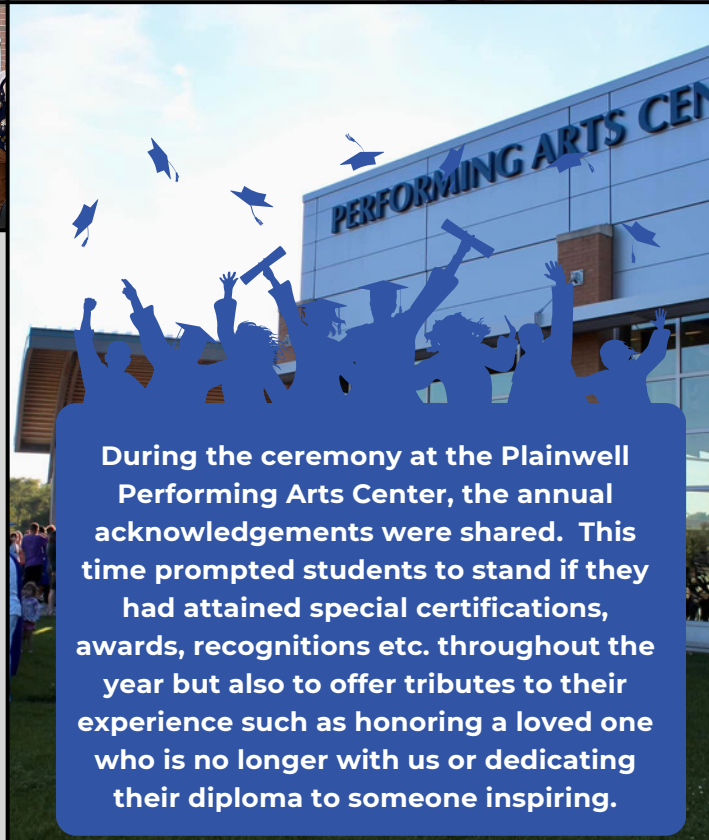
THE REBEL FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Presented to: Chelsea Myland



RENAISSANCE ANNUAL OUTSTANDING GRADUATE

Presented to: Brooklynn Doster



During the ceremony at the Plainwell Performing Arts Center, the annual acknowledgements were shared. This time prompted students to stand if they had attained special certifications, awards, recognitions etc. throughout the year but also to offer tributes to their experience such as honoring a loved one who is no longer with us or dedicating their diploma to someone inspiring.

CONGRATULATIONS 2022 RHS & ADULT EDUCATION GRADUATES!



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SENIOR CLASS OF 2022



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