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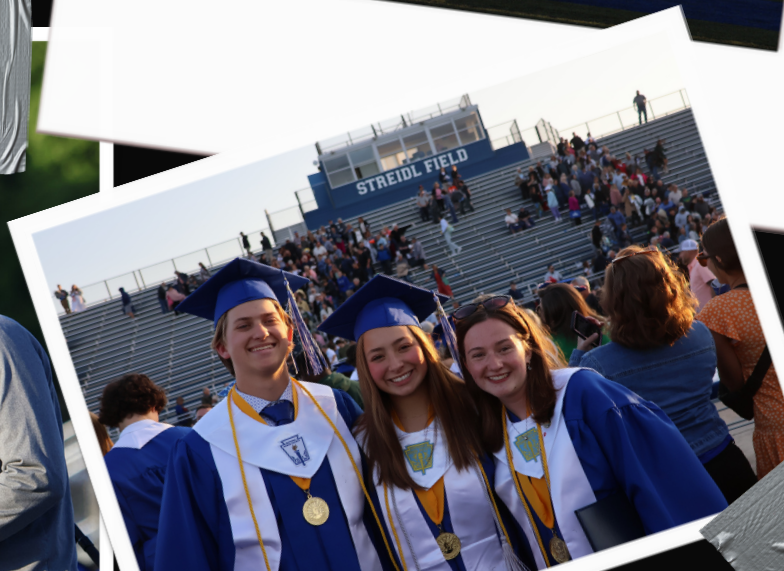
Commemorative Edition
CLASS OF 2023

Plainwell High School and Renaissance High School/Adult
Education Class of 2023 Highlights and Acknowledgments

Congratulations!

We are incredibly proud of our Class of 2023 for their hard work & dedication 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 2023 – THANK YOU for allowing Plainwell Community Schools to be a part of your educational journey – Trojan Pride!







Class of 2023 **TOP OF THE CLASS**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TOP 16 OF THE CLASS OF 2023! WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF THESE STUDENTS FOR THEIR HARD WORK, DEDICATION AND OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THEIR TIME AT PHS!

- Nicole Faupel (Valedictorian)** - Finance at U of M
- Sophie Cox (Salutatorian)** - Engineering at U of M
- Isabelle DeLaet** - Biosystems Engineering Michigan State
- Catelyn Engel** - Pre-PA or Pre-Med at GVSU
- Samuel Gibson** - Business at Indiana University
- Eliza Harris** - Engineering at U of M
- Dane Jorgensen** - Undecided at U of M
- Tyler Keator** - Physics at University of Alabama
- Nicholas Marlow** - Accounting/Finance at Florida State
- Ian Meyers** - Engineering at 13th Year College - LMCC
- Lauren Miller** - Business focusing on Global Business Strategy at WMU Lee Honors College Haworth College of Business
- Thai Nguyen** - Electrical or Computer Engineering at U of M
- Jenna Perez** - Medical Field at Calvin University
- Tyler Preuss** - Construction Management at Ferris State
- Maci Stewart** - College of Literature, Science & the Arts at U of M
- Ellery Troff** - English at U of M





PLAINWELL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

198 GRADUATES

16 STUDENTS EARNED A
4.0 CUMULATIVE
GPA

STUDENTS RECEIVED THE
18 HONORS
DIPLOMA

OVER **2.0** MILLION DOLLARS
IN COLLEGE & ENDOWMENT
SCHOLARSHIPS

13 SIGNED ATHLETIC INTENT TO PLAY COLLEGE SPORTS

2 PLAYED 3 SPORTS FOR ALL 4 YEARS
GRACE PETTIT AND THAI NGUYEN

TOP 16 EARNED OVER 1 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS

3 STUDENTS GOING ON TO SERVE THE USA
MADDOX BENN, ELI KORRECK AND TILLMAN VISSER

VALEDICTORIAN - NICOLE FAUPEL

SALUTATORIAN - SOPHIE COX

ONE NATIONAL MERIT COMMENDED STUDENT (DANE JORGENSEN) & ONE
NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALIST (THAI NGUYEN) - BOTH SCORED IN THE
TOP 50,000 NATION-WIDE ON THE PSAT OUT OF 1.6 MILLION TEST TAKERS

CLASS QUOTE: "TODAY YOU ARE YOU, THAT IS TRUER THAN TRUE, THERE IS NO ONE ALIVE THAT IS YOUNGER THAN YOU" DR. SEUSS

CLASS FLOWER: ROSE CLASS SONG: "FREE BIRD" BY LYNARD SKYNYRD

8 AP
SCHOLARS
5 WITH HONORS

3 STUDENTS WERE
RECOGNIZED BY THE
COLLEGE BOARD AS
NATIONAL RURAL AND
SMALL TOWN AP
SCHOLAR RECIPIENTS

SOPHIE COX, TYLER HEATOR & THAI NGUYEN

52 GRADS
HAD A 3.5 GPA

RHS & ADULT EDUCATION

48 GRADUATES

Rebel Mental Health
Scholarship Recipient:
ARIAL FOX



2 NEW UNITED
STATES CITIZENS
WERE RECOGNIZED
AND PINNED WITH
AN AMERICAN
FLAG

PLAINWELL PRIDE!

Turning of
the tassels
led by
Kylene See

CLASS OF 2023

GRADUATION

HIGHLIGHTS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FROM THE RHS & ADULT EDUCATION GRADUATION CEREMONIES



RHS REBELS

Streamer Sling led by:
Daniel VanNoller



**Pledge of
Allegiance led by
Clepín Kwizera
(one of the new
citizens)**



CONGRATS!



During the Renaissance Graduation 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 throughout the year but also to offer tributes to their experience such as honoring a loved one or dedicating their diploma to someone inspiring.



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Ellery Troff & Thai Nguyen are Scholar Athletes for Wolverine Conference!



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Plainwell Cheer competes at Regional Championship!



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Snowcoming King & Queen - Thai Nguyen & Kyren Anderson!



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The 2022 Holiday Singers was AMAZING!



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Girls Varsity Soccer made it to the State Semifinals - GO TROJANS!



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The Trojan Wrestling Team competes at the State Finals at Wings Stadium!



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Boys Swim & Dive won 2nd place at SCC Conference Championship!



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Nick Marlow & Landon Miller won MLive's Basketball Player of the Year!



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STATE FINALS BOUND! Thai Nguyen, Hiro Nguyen, Henry Cox & Isaac Veen (3200 Meter Relay), Michael Griffey (Shot Put and Discus) and Ava Collier (Pole Vault) attend State Finals!



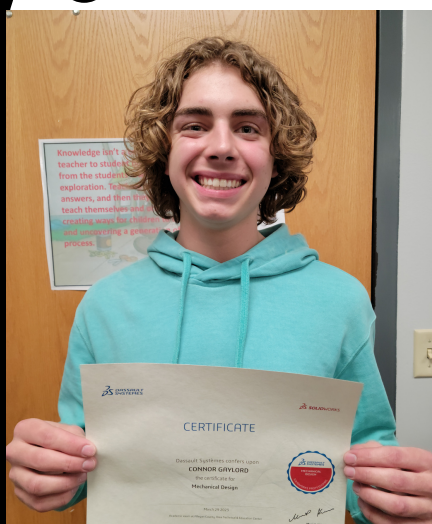
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Varsity Girls Basketball are District Champions! GO TROJANS!



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Connor Gaylord passed the Certified Solidworks Professional certification!



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The cast & crew won three performance awards for the musical - Mamma Mia!

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Spectrum concert



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Cheering on the Trojans - home football game!



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Varsity Girls Golf wins 2nd place in the Wolverine Conference!

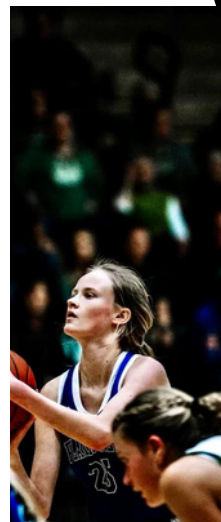


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PHS Cross Country competes at State Finals at MI International Speedway!

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Auren Vos named on All Dream Team!



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PHS Volleyball wins District Championship - way to go Trojans!



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PHS Marching Band performs at home football game!



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Homecoming & Prom King & Queen - Dane Jorgensen & Isabelle DeLaet!

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Students were amazing at all events of the 2023 State Finals!



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Girls State Swim team competes at D3 State Championship Meet!



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Seniors win Homecoming Spirit Week Powderpuff Game!



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Trojan Marching Band performs at Ford Field in Detroit!



PHS ATHLETICS

HOME OF THE TROJANS

Our senior athletes had a lot to be proud of throughout their time competing as a Trojan! We had dozens of senior 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 thirteen will be going on to play sports at the college level (pictured to right). Thank you to all of our student-athletes for your dedication and hard work while at PHS - TROJAN PRIDE!

ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2022/23 SCHOOL YEAR INCLUDE:

- State qualifying Boys Cross Country team
- State qualifying Girls Swim team members took 11th place in their individual race and 20th place in their relay
- Individual Girls Golf took 13th place at State Finals
- Volleyball District Champions
- Girls Basketball District Champions and Regional Finalist
- State qualifying Boys Swim & Dive team members had top 10 finishes for individual Swimmers and an 11th place finish in Diving
- Wrestling team are District Champs, Team Regional Champs & State Finalists
- Individual Girls Wrestling Champion & several Boys individual Wrestlers placed at State Finals
- State qualifying Track and Field Relay and Individuals, with top 10 finishes in Boys Shot Put and Disc
- Girls Soccer District and Regional Champions, State Semi-Finalists
- Many individual awards and accomplishments from our Trojans!

EMMA BALKEMA
Softball
Grace Christian University

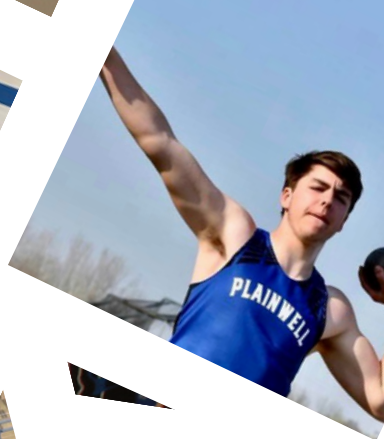
MATTHEW BECK
Wrestling
Muskegon Community College



LAUREN VOS
Basketball
Spring Arbor University



Individual athlete photos courtesy of Ryan Lindsey Photography



ASHLEY MCKENNEY
Softball
Lake Michigan College

MICHAEL GRIFFEY
Track & Field
Grand Valley State University

TRAMMEL ROBINSON
Wrestling
Grand Valley State University

GRACE PETTIT
Cross Country & Track
Grace College

RENAE JAEGER
Golf
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods
College

RYAN KOOB
Baseball
Alma College

GRACE HYBELS
Volleyball
Kellogg Community
College

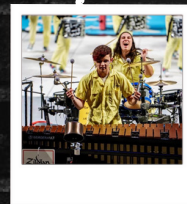
GABRIELLE ZUGEL
Soccer
St. Cloud State

DAVID HAMILTON
Baseball
Kalamazoo Valley
Community College

LAKEN WHITTINGTON
Soccer
Belmont University

Music

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.



SENIOR CHOIR AWARDS

**SAVANNAH BOWSHER
AND SYDNEY BUDIWARMAN**
National School Choral Award
(goes to 2 choir seniors who exemplify
exceptional musicianship and
leadership skills - voted on by peers)

**KYREN ANDERSON
AND RYLEY ROBRAHN:**
Award for Musical Excellence
(goes to 1-2 choir seniors who are
exceptional musicians / performers -
voted on by peers)

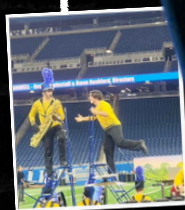


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TRI-M INDUCTEES

This year, PHS held their first Tri-M Ceremony. Tri-M is a National Honors Society for High School music students that meet and maintain certain criteria in the areas of academics, music, service and leadership. Though Tri-M has been established for many years, Plainwell has never had its own chapter - until this year! In May, they inducted this year's Tri-M members: all top achieving junior and senior band students. It was a lovely ceremony planned and led by student officers: Daegan Sayles-Devine, Savannah Bowsher, Sydney Budiwarman, Calvin Strader and Liv Perrin.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE INAUGURAL TRI-M PHS SENIOR MEMBERS:

Kyren Anderson, Kayla Benson, Savannah Bowsher, Sydney Budiwarman, Zander Collier, Audrey Dimiceli, Grace Fisher, Tori Gradwell, Alexia Meeker, Vanoya Roberts, Ryley Robrahn, Alaina Ryan, Daegan Sayles-Devine, Tyson Schoen, Mackenzie Shirey, Kaitlin Sullivan & Madison Werner

FEATURED ARTIST: ALAINA RYAN

ARTIST STATEMENT:

"My painting was inspired by the two parts shown, the mountains and the sky. To me, the skyline represents expanding horizons as our class prepares to leave high school for the real world; the mountains represent reaching new heights, and the peaks and valleys that we'll encounter. I think that they both come together to create an image of hopefulness and show what the future will hold for us."

THE SENIOR MURAL ARTWORK WAS PAINTED IN ACRYLIC ON A 2'X8' WOODEN PANEL OVER THE COURSE OF TWO MONTHS.

PERCUSSION STUDIO

PHS Senior, Zander Collier, has been accepted into the Percussion Studio at Western Michigan University and received a music scholarship for the Fall of 2023!

Congratulations and best wishes Zander!



2023 SENIOR CLASS MURAL



A collage of various school activities and student photos, including sports teams, cheerleaders, and students in classrooms, set against a background of a student's hair and a blue tassel. The collage is framed by a blue border and features a central blue circle with a white triangle. The background of the entire page is a close-up of a student's long, wavy brown hair and a blue tassel hanging from the top right corner. The word 'CLA' is repeated in a large, white, outlined font, arranged in a grid pattern on the right side of the page.

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