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From The Assistant Principal's Desk...

It is hard to believe that we are only a few days away from the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year, and it has been a great one. Soon, we will be watching as our students sprint out the doors in excitement about all of their summer plans. Teachers will follow a few days later once grades are all finalized, and those who do not depart for the summer months will take on different tasks than those we see during the school year as the first day of summer marks the beginning of preparations for the first day of school.

Our maintenance staff takes on bigger projects and the custodians take the time to give our buildings the kind of scrubbing that can only be done in the absence of the hustle and bustle of teachers and students going about their daily business. The kitchen staff will shift gears to working out of a single kitchen to provide meals for the summer lunch program. Office staff will use the time they normally spend dealing with the daily business of school to prepare items for the coming school year. Schedules will need to be finalized, supplies will be ordered, and plans will be made for the new year. For many who roam these hallways from August to May, the summer months pass by without much thought about what is going on here, but for the faculty and staff, we know that summer is just another phase of the school year. It is the phase where we reflect and look forward at what we want to accomplish when our students return.

This summer will have a little more activity thrown into the mix. Work has already begun on the roofing and HVAC project being completed this summer. Over spring break, crews removed the ceilings in the high school hallways to begin taking measurements and make sure that substantial work is being completed the day after the building is emptied of teachers and students. This will be a massive undertaking and has led to some changes to our normal summer programming. Summer sports camps, summer school, and other summer programs have needed to be scheduled and located around the construction. Most of these programs have been driven to the elementary school, but attention should be paid to ensure information about dates and locations is accurate. We apologize in advance for the inconveniences this project is sure to create this summer, but we are also confident that these improvements will benefit students and our community for years to come.

With that, we would like to wish everyone a fun and safe summer vacation, and we are very excited to see everyone back here in August for another great school year.

Nathan Ogle

**Congratulations
to 2016 Prom
Queen Kelsey
Clark and King
Ross Metzger!**

Prom 2016 – “A Moroccan Night”



**Returning King
and
Queen 2015:**

**Breea Brown
and
Isaac Shields**



Crown Bearers

**Miah Voegel
Kolton Kirby**



Reminder:

**The last day of
student attendance
is Friday, May 20,
2016!**



Calendar of Events

May 19, 2016

TBA- Girls Varsity Track
IHSA Class 1A State Meet
(Away)

May 20, 2016

3:00 PM- Boys Varsity Track
IHSA Class 1A Sectional Meet
at Assumption (Away)
TBA- Boys/Girls Middle
School Track IESA State
Track Meet (Away)

May 21, 2016

TBA- Boys/Girls Middle
School Track IESA State
Track Meet (Away)
TBA- Girls Varsity Track
IHSA Class 1A State Meet
(Away)

May 26, 2016

TBA- Boys Varsity Track
IHSA Class 1A State Meet
(Away)

May 28, 2016

TBA- Boys Varsity Track
IHSA Class 1A State Meet
(Away)

**Have A Safe
and Happy
Summer!**

Congratulations to Sullivan Middle School Students Who Posted Some Impressive Accelerated Reader Totals

Submitted by Robin Sesko, Media Specialist

Abraham Lincoln wrote, "My best friend is the man who gives me a book I ain't read." Now, before anyone starts to criticize his use of "ain't," the important thing to remember with this quote is how important he thought reading was.

Sullivan Schools has made reading a priority through its accelerated reading program and the numbers speak for themselves.

Several middle school students earned 200 or more total Accelerated Reader points for the 2016 - 2017 school year. The following is a list of the top eighteen readers as of May 9 by points:

Top Reader Julie Yoder (6th grade): 781.9 pts.

Alyssa Thompson (6th grade): 595.5 pts.

Jessica Schrock (7th grade): 540.3 pts.

Clayton Schmohe (6th grade): 466.3 pts.

Ryan Villalobos (6th grade): 359.2 pts.

Wesley Standerfer (6th grade): 318.6 pts.

Sammantha Montague (6th grade): 306.4 pts.

Aastha Patel (6th grade): 293.6 pts.
Lilly Graham (6th grade): 268.6 pts.

Loren Harner (7th grade): 267.3 pts.

Canon West (7th grade): 267.2 pts.

Gary Herschberger (8th grade): 255.2 pts.

Addison Parker (7th grade): 236 pts.

Hailey Jones (7th grade): 229.6 pts.

Anna Mathias (7th grade): 228.1 pts.

Emily Simpson (7th grade): 219.4 pts.

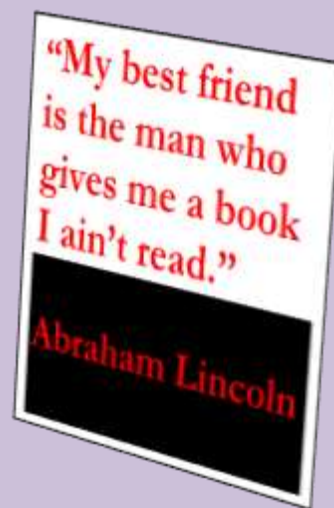
Dasey Swiney-Frederick (8th grade): 218.3 pts.

Brett Johnson (7th grade): 214.8 pts.

The top readers with 300 or more points were awarded the book of their choice as a prize during their library classes. Five of the six top readers were 6th grade students.

CONGRATULATIONS to these students for going above and beyond their required goals!

Reading is Everywhere You Look!



Holocaust Survivor Speaks at Student Assembly

submitted by Rebecca Lawson

Holocaust Survivor Jerry Koenig spoke to students of Sullivan High School and Sullivan Middle School on Monday, May 2.

He grew up in Pruszkow, Poland, and later lived in the Warsaw Ghetto following the Nazi invasion of Poland.

In 1941, his father arranged for his family to escape from the Warsaw Ghetto to the little town of Kosow located less than four miles from the Nazi extermination camp located at Treblinka, Poland.

In Kosow, the Koenig family found a Christian family willing to hide them in a secret underground bunker beneath a barn.. The Koenig family and seven others hid in the bunker for 22 months until liberation.

After the war, Koenig graduated from engineering school in Munich in 1951 and then immigrated with his family to the United States, settling in Davenport, Iowa.

“I will never forget his story about the little girl who was born in the bunker,” said one teacher, “or the fact that he was an upbeat, positive person after experiencing so much tragedy in his life. I think students will think twice about how rough their lives are after listening to him.”

Koenig now lives in St. Louis with his wife Linda.

High school English teachers Becky Lawson and Cami Badman submitted a proposal to bring him to Sullivan as a part of their sophomore English unit on Holocaust Literature. The Champaign-Urbana Jewish Federation’s Holocaust Education Committee and the St. Louis Holocaust Museum were instrumental in helping them find Mr. Koenig for the presentation.

SHS Cheerleading Squad Set for Fall



The 2016 Sullivan Okaw Valley Cheer Team has been set! Before spring break, 30 girls spent three days preparing for tryouts, which took place on March 18th. Out of the 30 who tried out, 16 were chosen to represent SOV for the upcoming football season.

These students include: Seniors Morgan Miller, Cassie Freese and Ally Kesterson; Juniors Minnie Miller, Allie O'Neill, Emilee Elder, Katie McClure, Maddie Dickens, Madi Wall, Ciara Anderson and Grace Yantis; Sophomores Brooke Tuttle, Zoe Ray and Kailey George; Freshmen Madelyne McPheeters and Hope Miller.

The SOV Cheer squad will begin practicing this spring and into the summer to prepare for the upcoming season and are planning on hosting a cheer camp this summer for elementary age students.

Madison Moll will serve as the squad’s manager next fall.





Anne Mcghghy



Mary Ann Hecht



Robin Sesko

Sullivan Schools Says Goodbye to 2016 Retirees

by Lesley Banks

"I am so glad we had this time together.... just to have a laugh or sing a song. Seems we just get started and before you know it, comes the time we have to say..., SO LONG!"

At the close of each show, Carol Burnett sang these words as part of "The Carol Burnett Show." These words seem fitting now as Sullivan Schools says goodbye to three amazing teachers, Anne Mcghghy, Mary Ann Hecht, and Robin Sesko, and long-time school bus driver Barb Woolsey.

All four of these women have given so much of themselves to their students and Sullivan Schools through their hard work and dedication to their students. You will be forever missed and we wish you many years of good health and success in your retirement!



Barb Woolsey



Congratulations Retirees



On Thursday, May 5, students of Sullivan Elementary School were treated to a "Birds of Prey" Assembly in the SES Gym. The presenters talked about the special tools that such birds are equipped with and showed several living specimens including a barn owl, falcon, red-tailed hawk, and bald eagle. Pictured directly above and to the right are some incredible photos of that assembly provided by Dan Allen SES Principal.

Spanish Club Members Travel to Chicago

Article submitted by Grant King, Spanish Club President

With the funds raised from Spanish Club's Taco Night in early January, the SHS Spanish Club took a trip to Chicago on Thursday, April 28, 2016. The bus left from the school at 6 AM in route to Mekatos, an authentic Colombian bakery located in a suburb of Chicago.

Prior to leaving for the city, students were put into teams of five to six people in order to compete for different prizes throughout the day. Some of the competitions included: trivia, speaking Spanish, a scavenger hunt, and a willingness to try new foods.

Upon arrival, each student was instructed to select a paper containing a Colombian food and drink, which they had to consume in order to gain points for their team in the competitions. Nearly all students enjoyed the items that they selected, and they even purchased more food to take home for their families.

From here, the students boarded the bus, and headed for the Pilsen Mexican Barrio near the University of Illinois in Chicago. This was where the scavenger hunt took place. Students were required to write down ten paintings from the art museum they visited. After that, the scavenger hunt expanded around the barrio. Other items students were required to find included: Mexican bread, candy, carnitas, vegetables, and fruits unfamiliar to them. To do this, the students were required to enter and converse in Spanish with store owners; however, it surprised most of the students when some of the store owners were of Latino descent, but they did not speak Spanish.

After completing the scavenger hunt, the bus took them to Kankakee to a Mexican restaurant where they were required to order their meals in Spanish.

Finally, the bus headed back to Sullivan, and on the way back the students got to enjoy a game of music trivia which required all members of the Spanish Club to participate, and even some of them had to sing for their classmates in order to earn points.

The winners of the scavenger hunt included Caden Ellis, Abby Cravatta, Morgan Miller, Cassie Freese, Winchester Phelps, and Grant King.

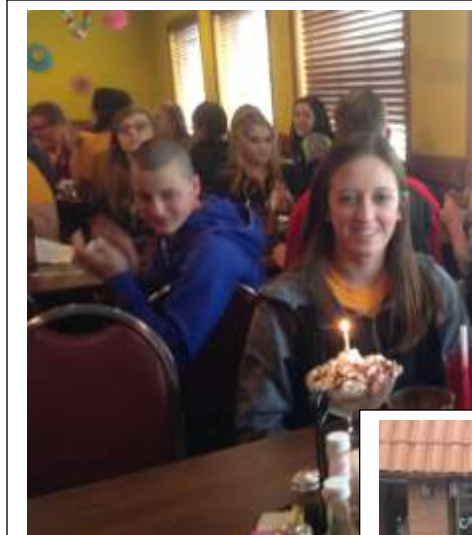
Overall, the trip was a success, and all of the students enjoyed the experience.



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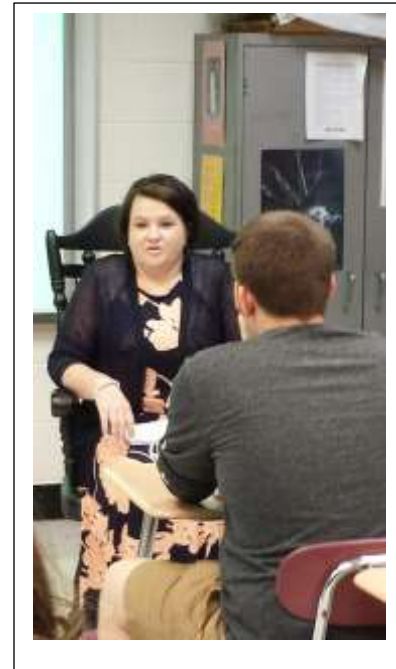
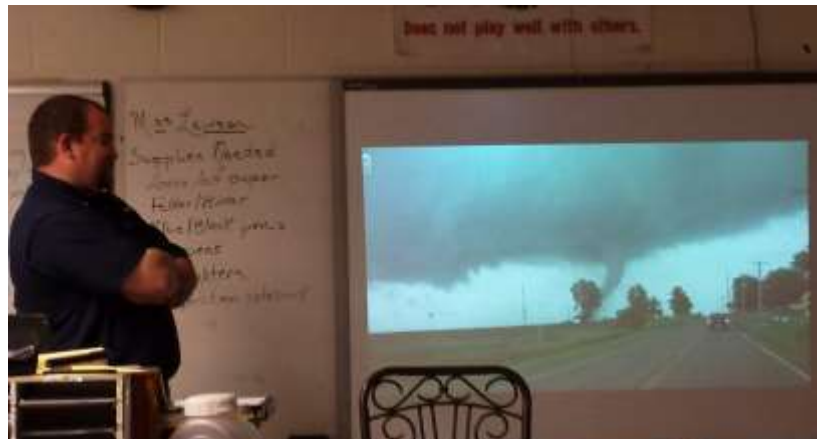
Guest Speakers Share Occupational Information with Career English Students

Seniors in Becky Lawson's Career English class have been learning about occupations from a variety of speakers.

Zeth Key spoke about his job with Sloan Implements, Brad Emel shared his work with creating Meso Domes for filming storms, Drew Zbinden spoke about owning the Sullivan Bakery, Mike King shared information about his position at Agri-Fab, Chris Sims talked about his work as Moultrie County Sheriff, Katie White shared information about her work in the medical field, and April Grady - Reyna spoke about being a free-lance artist. Kaleb Randol spoke to the class in the fall about being a firefighter/paramedic.

"Students invited people they knew to come, and some invited people who have jobs that they are interested in obtaining themselves," noted Lawson. "We were also excited to have a Skype conference with April who lives in Arizona."

Pictured to the right are snapshots of those career visits. Photos provided by Rebecca Lawson.



Congratulations to New NHS Inductees

The new members, it was decided, represented the values of Sullivan High School. The inductees included: Zach Hrvol (Senior), Alyssa Marshall (Senior), Brodie Scribner (Senior), Shelby Freeman (Junior), Ashlynd Risley (Junior), Parker Whitaker (Junior), Allyson Will (Junior), Ricky Yang (Junior), Ciara Anderson (Sophomore), Laine Cameron (Sophomore), Abby Cravatta (Sophomore), Trevor Elder (Sophomore), Atticus Harris (Sophomore), Lindsay Jones (Sophomore), Kaitlynn McClure (Sophomore), Winchester Phelps (Sophomore), Isaiah Plank (Sophomore), Josh Stutzman (Sophomore), Brett Tuttle (Sophomore), Kaitlyn Webb (Sophomore), and Kaleigh Wilson (Sophomore).



Notes from the Sullivan High School Counselor

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The Summer Driver Education class is full. Students enrolled -- the class runs from May 31 - June 24 (no class June 9 & 10) from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Students are not allowed to miss more than two days. Please check in at the high school office on the first day of class.

Students who need to retake a class for credit recovery-- please see Ms. Smith. Letters for students who have failed or are currently failing a class will go out this week. Summer School will start Tuesday, May 31 and go until mid-June.

AP exam results will be available in July. Students must register for a College Board account to access these scores.

2016-2017 ACT exam dates are as follows: September 10, October 22, December 10, February 11, April 8, and June 10.

Students wishing to take the Preliminary-SAT, the exam date will be October 19, 2016. This test is open to juniors wishing to prepare for the SAT and/or qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Next year the FAFSA application will be available to seniors October 1 (historically it has opened January 1). This is a major change. If you plan to attend college you should complete the FAFSA as soon as the application is available October 1, 2016.

Congratulations seniors -- over \$40,000 was awarded at Awards Night, May 4th. Remember to send thank-you's to scholarship providers!

As we near the end of the school year I want to thank all teachers and students for their hard work this year!

Congratulations Color Guard Members for 2016 - 2017

Brett Berger

Dominique Voegel

Esther Miller

Gillian Lange

Karsyn West

MacKenzie Farley

Megan Huckstep

Natalie Chance

Trinity Munyon

Willow Lange



Deputy Caleb Smith and K9 Archi visited the kindergarten and Mrs. Drollinger's first grade class. Photo provided by Eudora Drollinger.

SHS Student Council Hosts Another Successful Blood Drive

On the 28th of April, Student Council held their second blood drive for this year. This blood drive had lower numbers due to field trips and sports, but there were a lot of new donors. Sophomores who turned 16 were able to donate for the first time, helping the Student Council exceed their goal by three units.

Overall, 62 students participated and 50 Units were collected, making this blood drive a success.



SES Announces Gold Slip Winners for April 2016

Each month, Sullivan Elementary School celebrates students who go above and beyond to display the traits we encourage through our expectations we have of "be safe, be responsible, be respectful, and be here and be ready!" In April, we had 12 students who were nominated for this honor.

From left to right in the photo to the left:

Mitchell Hooten: Mitchell was honest about an assignment he had turned in late. He had a chance to get a perfect grade and a piece of candy but was honest with his teacher, missing out on the perfect grade and piece of candy. What an honest and responsible thing to do!

Leanna Jones: Leanna approached a new student who always plays alone and asked him to play with her and her friends.

Charlie DuPron: During an unannounced fire drill, Charlie's first concern was not for himself, but to help a teacher with a broken foot into a wheelchair and get her out of the building. Truly a selfless act!

Taylor Mercer: Taylor helped pick up containers that fell in the school entrance and, going the extra mile, carried them out to the car for the person who dropped them.

Sofia Nuzzo: Helped a teacher who was in a wheelchair get from her classroom to the music room and back without being asked. She was very considerate of how I was doing.

Landry Hall: Helped a teacher who was in a wheelchair get from her classroom to the music room and back without being asked. She was very considerate of how I was doing.

Charyti Reyna: One of Charyti's classmates was in an auto accident. They made a classroom card, but Charyti took time during recess to gather positive notes from other students and teachers to add to the card to boost his spirits and let him know everyone was thinking of him.

Cali Szabo: Without being asked, Cali picked up all the forks, spoons, and napkins in the cafeteria that were left on the floor by others.

Paul Bates: While walking back from lunch, Paul showed independence and responsibility by staying quiet and in line while those around him were not.

Jon Kipp: We have a new student who didn't have an iPad yet and needed one for an activity. Jon chimed in and said "he can use my iPad." Thanks so much for being a thoughtful classmate.

Alex Julian: Alex made sure the trash liner was in place in the lunch room when it had fallen in.

Carter Addison: When in the library Carter gathered his books to check out. However, a student wanted the book that Carter had. Carter heard the student express interest in the book and graciously gave the other student a book and Carter found a different one! Very kind!



Hobbs Offers Words of Motivation, Inspiration to Sullivan Students

by Lesley Banks

Every now and then, we all need some words of encouragement to motivate and inspire us to push beyond the barriers that can sometimes plague us in our lives.

Monday, May 09, Jeff Hobbs spoke to Sullivan Middle and High School students about the obstacles and barriers he has had to face and overcome throughout his life.

Hobbs was born with Spastic Cerebral, a developmental disorder caused by damage to the brain before or during birth or within the first few years of life.

Spastic CP is characterized by jerky movements and muscle and joint stiffness.

Hobbs spoke about his love of sports and desire to play despite his handicap. His persistence and hard work led him to a spot on his high school's cross country team after he was told numerous times he could not play on the football team.

Hobbs never gave up and cultivated a love and for running. He will be running in the Chicago Marathon on October 09, 2016. Pictured below, students met with Hobbs following his speech.



District Staff Recognized at Annual Teacher Appreciation Dinner

by Grace Mauck,

On March 17th, Sullivan Schools staff members were honored at the annual Sullivan Community Education Foundation Staff Appreciation Dinner. The dinner was catered by Aramark, and was served by the National Honor Society, led by Mrs. Deb Schaljo.

Sullivan CUSD 300 teachers, administration, and staff members were treated to an evening of food, fellowship, and entertainment. The Sullivan Children's Choir, directed by Mrs. Melissa Haegan performed their Invitational show, which consisted of several songs, such as "Walk the Dinosaur."

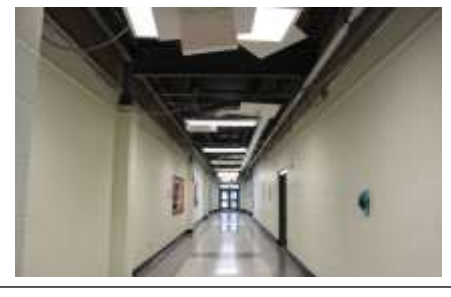
Several Student Council members were recognized and awarded a grant of \$6,000 by the Sullivan Community Education Foundation to be used for an anti-bullying campaign.

The Foundation also awarded grants to several community members and organizations. Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library was given \$400 for its "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program, while the Mid-Illinois Senior Services was granted \$860 to buy two laptops and a printer.

Lori Kirk was granted \$400 towards apps for Special Education. Central IL Public Transit was given \$500 toward its transportation for low income students initiative. Next, the Foundation awarded a \$950 grant to Christine Grohler for the Helping Hands Summer Camp.

\$2,138 was awarded to SHS English teachers Mrs. Badman, Ms. Banks, and Ms. Lawson for mobile keyboards. Mr. Young, Mr. Van Pelt, and Mr. Allen were granted \$4,000 to purchase welding and shop equipment. \$5,000 was granted to SES kindergarten teachers for iPad Mini devices, headphones, and cases. Finally, the Little Theatre on the Square was awarded a \$3,000 pledge with stipulations for its Movie Projector Project.

The Sullivan Community Education Foundation also recognized five teachers for their length of employment at Sullivan Schools. Rikki Ray, Lori Kirk, and Judy Sinkler were honored for 20 years of teaching. Eudora Drollinger was recognized for 25 years, and finally, Mary Ann Hecht was honored for her 30-year career in education.

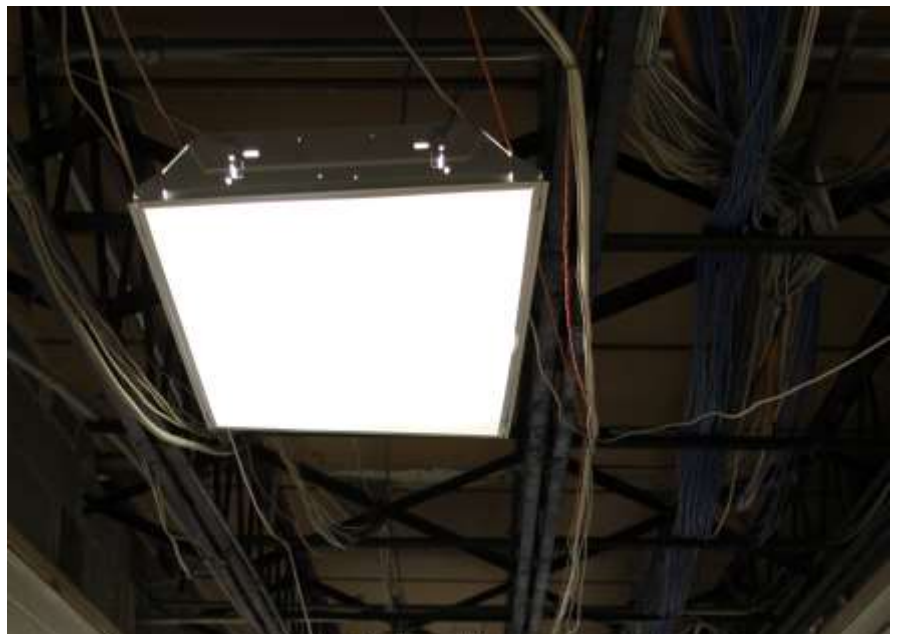


Preliminary construction work at Sullivan High School.

Attention Community Members:

If you have business to conduct at Sullivan High School or Sullivan Middle School, you might want to call ahead to see if the buildings are accessible. Many camps, clinics, driver's ed. And summer school programs have been moved to other locations due to roof and H-VAC construction/repairs going on throughout the summer.

Students and Staff at Sullivan High School came back from Spring Break to find the ceiling in the hallways was gone. All that remains of the old is the lighting, wiring and exposed duct work. This work is the first phase of construction that will continue over the summer and will include a new roof and new heating and air conditioning units. Photos by Lexi Elder.



Congratulations to the Graduates of the Class of 2016



Ryan A. Baker
Lily A. Bales
Alec L. Ballinger
Evan J. Barker
Benjamin T. Berner
Edward D. Byers
Matthew J. Black
Taylor E. Booker
Dani M. Boyer
Hailie L. Britton
Austin B. Burdick
Kelsey E. Clark
Heidi J. Clements
Keegan M. Coe
Danielle E. Crawley
Kiersten R. Creek
Jasmine S. Culp
Joshua A. M. Davis
Joseph R. Davison
Victoria L. Decker
Clayton W. Doss
Gage K. Duzan
Aaron J. Dyer
Jake D. Eaton
River D. Edwards
Cori J. Elder
Whitney J. Elder
Abby L. Elzy
Hannah R. Elzy
Charniqua M. Emel
Brandon B. Fleshner
Andrew I. Frost
Hannah B. Goad
Tyler M. Green
Sara C. Griffin
Emma J. Hair
Zachary H. Hall
Kyler T. Houser
Zachary S. Hrvol
Michael W. Hubbert
Wyatt K. Ingram
Audrey I. Inman
Coral L. Isaacs
Aaron A. Jones
Brad L. Kay
Eric J. Keller
Nicholas K. Kelsey

Grant M. King
Niels T. Kursell
Holly A. Lamb
Jefrey D. Liddiard
Demetrious L. Mack
Alyssa M. Marshall
Alexis M. Matlock
Summer M. McClain
Ross A. Metzger
Austin K. Minnigerode
Tyler R. Molzen
Jocelyn P. Nashland
Gabrielle E. Nelson
Preston R. Nunamaker
Cadisen L. Nuzzo
Carlin R. Nuzzo
Katherine J. Payton
Dalace C. Ray
Denton M. Roberts
Kaitlyn N. Russell
Brodie L. Scribner
Kaleb Shumard
Sierra M. Shumard
Sebastian X. Smith
Seleste R. Smith
Bailey M. Sparling
Blake W. Steward
Emily M. Stutzman
Trevor G. Tarr
William R. Tate
Danielle B. Tingey
Jordan T. Tuttle
Zane A. Uphoff
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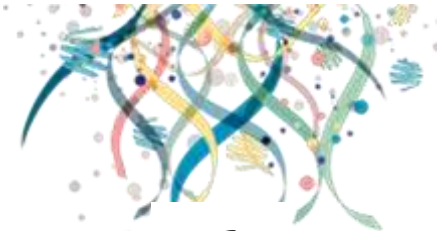
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