Fenton High School
Class of 2019 ‘Top Grads’

VALEDICTORIAN
Hanna D. Chapin
Cumulative High School GPA of 4.407

Hanna is a full International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma candidate and member of National Honor Society. While in high school, she completed IB coursework in English, Biology, Spanish, Math, Chemistry and Economics. She has also taken AP Government, AP Statistics and AP Calculus BC. Hanna is extremely proud of her 680-plus hours of Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) completed over the last two years as part of her core IB Diploma Program requirements. Her CAS efforts include two mission trips to Guatemala, participation on the cross-country and varsity basketball teams, volunteer service at six blood drives at Fenton High School and active participation in the Linden Presbyterian Church Bell Choir and the Fenton Community Orchestra. Hanna will continue her studies at the University Michigan-Ann Arbor in the fall. She plans to pursue an undergraduate degree in engineering. Hanna’s proud parents are Phil and Lisa Chapin.

SALUTATORIAN
Jack W. Haynes
Cumulative High School GPA of 4.374

Jack is a full International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma candidate, member of National Honor Society, and the Key Club. His coursework in high school included IB courses in English, French, History, Biology, Math, Chemistry and Economics. He also successfully completed AP Government, and four years of Marching Band. He is an avid photographer, keen on capturing images of his travels that focus on environmental care. Jack is also proud of his participation with the Titanium Tigers, the Fenton High School robotics team, and community service completed with fellow students in NHS and Key Club. Jack will continue his studies in the Honors College at Michigan State University where he will major in zoology. His proud parents are Joe and Tricia Haynes.

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Fenton grad is world-traveling videographer

2007 graduate does videography, photography and more

By Hannah Ball

From making videos in high school to traveling the world for clients, one 2007 Fenton High School graduate followed his passion.

Luke McKay, 30, now lives in Flushing with his wife, but frequently travels to film videos and make content for clients of Black Pine Films. He’s traveled to Germany and Great Britain, and was recently in Barcelona, Spain filming for an international conference.

He began making videos in middle school and furthered his passion by taking TV production classes at Fenton High School. He also makes videos for The Freedom Center.

“It wasn’t until winning a short film contest in the Michigan Interscholastic Press Association did I begin truly planning how to make a career of video and cinematography,” he said.

His job goes beyond videos.

This Fenton graduate is now the creative director of Black Pine Films, which was founded by his friend, Taylor Hurley, who also graduated from Fenton.

See VIDEOGRAPHER on 20B

(Above) Taylor Hurley, founder of Black Pine Films, and Luke McKay (right), creative director, both graduated from Fenton High School. Together, they have more than 14 years of experience in the videography marketing business. They specialize in video production, photography, website design and more. They often work with celebrities such as athletes and CEOs. Submitted photos

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Luke McKay, Fenton High School graduate

**VIDEOPHOTY**

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McKay assisted on making a rap music video in 2011 with Hurley and Brian Hecox. The video, “Go Hard,” featured Ionia rapper Joe Buys and was shot in Fenton High School.

Both Taylor and McKay attended Full Sail University in Orlando, Florida.

“I started my career focused solely on video and cinematography but that changed over time as I grew my own business and started to delve into the world of marketing and content creation,” he said. “We do business in all 50 states and even travel internationally for our work. My job as creative director for Black Pine Films centers around learning about the client’s business or story and creating content that helps communicate that with their customers, donors, and or fans.”

This content ranges from photos and videos to graphics and more. The website, blackpinefilms.com, offers full-service production, website design, and social media marketing as well. It has samples of photography for cars, huge football stadiums, engineering, sports and more, as well as video work.

The best part of McKay’s job is being able to create his own path.

“I’ve never been much of a follower and being both a business owner and a creator allows me to choose my own direction. Meeting professional athletes and celebrities is pretty cool, too,” he said.

These celebrities include Fortune 500 CEOs Tim Cook of Apple, the NuCore Steel’s CEO, John Ferriola, who works with the White House on the economic council, politicians at the local and national level, Matt Stafford from the Lions, Antonio Brown from the Steelers, Chase Winovich from the Patriots, Braxton Miller from the Texans and the Eagles, and Josh Martin from the New York Jets.

The hardest part of his job is eliminating self-doubt.

“When big opportunities present themselves, it’s easy for doubt to creep in. Knowing that you were given the opportunity for a reason and believing that you can handle it is a large challenge at times,” he said.

Attending Fenton schools helped shape McKay into the person he is today, and he said he owes a “huge debt of gratitude” to all the teachers and staff.

“I owe a huge thank you to people like Mr. Meade for teaching me how to be a better storyteller and writer and a great group of people — James Neihouse, Keith Smith, Adam Cooke, Chad Taylor, and Luke Hartley — for helping me grow as a cinematographer,” he said.

When asked what advice he would give recent high school graduates, McKay said, “We’re all given a chance to chart our own course in life, just remember that if your true north is pointing toward God, family, and the truth your life will always end up where it should.”