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The fifth valedictorian in the family graduated June 5

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Having one valedictorian in the family is exciting. Having five is an entirely different story.

For the Rinks family of Fenton, being valedictorian runs in the family.

Mason Rinks, 18, graduated June 5 as valedictorian of his 2016 class at Lake Fenton High School. Before him, his two older sisters, Sarah and Ashley, were both valedictorians at Lake Fenton.

Their mother, Mary Ellen, graduated first in her class when she attended high school in Bay City, and her mother, Marg Luczak, graduated valedictorian as well.

“I was more excited than nervous,” Mason said. Lake Fenton has five valedictorians this year, so his speech was only a minute and a half long.

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The five valedictorians of the Rinks family were together for honors night. Pictured (from left) are: Mary Ellen, Ashley, Mason, Marg Luczak and Sarah.
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“It’s not too nerve wracking. It kind of feels like all my hard work is paying off,” he said. “It’s exciting but I know I have a lot of work to do in college. I’m proud of the work I’ve put in.”

Mason took AP calculus, biology, and English. “I love calc. Calc is the best,” he said.

Mason said he and siblings have always been pretty competitive.

Sarah and Ashley both played softball and volleyball in high school, and Mason played football, golf, track, cross country, and some basketball throughout his time in high school. They all took advanced placement classes.

He’ll be attending Butler University in Indianapolis in the fall to study business. He said it feels kind of like going home because he lived there until he was 8 years old.

“I’m really excited to move on but it’s kind of bittersweet,” Mason said. “I’ll be away from my family and friends. That’s kind of scary but I think it’s going really good for me.”

When he watched his sisters graduate as valedictorian, he said, “I was really proud for them. I think I’m not as proud of me, I guess, just because it’s humility. There was a big sense of pride when I was watching them.”

His mother, Mary Ellen, said she didn’t find out about being first in her class in Bay City until a week before graduation, when they told her she had to write a speech.

“It’s a lot different now than it was back then,” she said.

She said she didn’t have much variety in classes back then, but they had college prep courses.

“That was what was expected,” she said. She attended Alma College for her bachelor’s degree, and then obtained her masters in physical therapy from the University of Indianapolis.

The first born, Sarah, graduated first of her class in 2009. She’s a physician’s assistant with a cardiology group.

The second daughter, Ashley, is studying to become an architect at Notre Dame. She’s currently doing an internship in Georgia.

“I’m very proud and I feel very blessed. They knew that they had to get their stuff done and they made some sacrifices and probably didn’t go to as many social events as they could have. Plus they were all in sports. They definitely had to plan their time,” Mary Ellen said.

Mason’s father, Amos Rinks, varsity softball coach at Lake Fenton said, “We all have responsibilities and their job was being a student. We don’t really put that pressure on them to have to work,” he said, adding that he wanted his kids to focus on school and not a job.

He said it wasn’t a goal they talked a lot about around the house. They didn’t even know their grandma was valedictorian until Ashley graduated.

“I don’t think we pushed them to that. We try to instill good work habits and study habits from day one,” Amos said. They finished their homework right when they got home.

“From a parent standpoint you couldn’t be prouder,” he said. “They put a goal in front of themselves and they achieved it, and it is very fulfilling for them. It was a very proud moment for parents to see that come to fruition.”
WORDS OF WISDOM

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Kendall Nash
GPA: 4.400
Parents: Jim & Lisa Nash

Kendall is a full-diploma candidate in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program. He is passionate about and plans to pursue further studies in economics this fall at Calvin College. He is the recipient of the Calvin College Presidential Scholarship and has been accepted as a Calvin Research Fellow, which will provide him the opportunity to engage in professional, scholarly research with one of his professors.

Donald Rositano
GPA: 4.392
Parents: Don & Lynn Rositano

Donald is interested in math, science and business, and for the last two years has been involved in the robotics team, the Titanium Tigers, as a programmer, business plan team leader, and drive team member. This fall, he will continue his studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He has been named a Research Assistant through the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), giving him the opportunity to collaborate with U-M faculty members on their research.
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**Summa Cum Laude Graduates**
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- Austin, Jacob S.
- Bargabos, Alyssa P.
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- Carr, Griffin M.
- Carter, Kendall R.
- Chandy, Maya M.
- Costigan, Brianna
- Csapo, Kayla Y.
- Cubr, Scott E.
- Cunningham, Sarah E.
- Dagenais, Hope C.
- Degroat, Jared S.
- Dicks, Mckenzie A.
- Dietrich, Anna J.
- Fabutz, Michael J.
- Fleck, Jonathon E.
- Galvin, John
- Gehm, Samantha
- Graves, Joel D.
- Guenther, Natalie B.
- Gurtzeit, Jacob H.
- Herzog, Max P.
- Hittle, Emily G.
- Kiran, Sylee
- Kryza, James M.
- Lane, Emma T.
- Leaske, John W.
- Lee, Jacob S.
- Lewandowski, Kate M.
- Lynch, Leah P.
- Mead, Mckenzie M.
- Megdanoff, Alexis K.
- Miceli, Zachary
- Murphy, Justin T.
- Orlouski, Megan E.
- Pitsowczyk, Katie A.
- Salisbury, Dane A.
- Siddiqui, Abur Rahman
- Strickhouse, Samuel M.
- Sullivan, Caliah S.
- Tallman, Tanner J.
- Tzapp, Megan L.
- Villeneuve, Hudson G.
- Washnock-Schmid, Claire M.
- Withers, Madeline J.
- Xiong, Bethany D.

**Magna Cum Laude Graduates**
(with High Honor) - Cumulative High School GPA of 3.800 - 3.899

- Bayer, Emma R.
- Beck, Molly A.
- Bedell, Erin E.
- Brissette, Alexis S.
- Campbell, Nicholas C.
- Griffeths, Rowan B.
- Keller, Macie N.
- Kirschnan, Hannah R.
- Lentz, Lauren B.
- Lombardi, Nina A.
- Maher, Jessica T.
- Martin, Jacob Steven
- Myers, Matthew P.
- Ryan, Jessica M.
- Shegos, Madison E.
- Swain, Hannah C.

**Cum Laude Graduates**
(with Honor) - Cumulative High School GPA of 3.700 - 3.799

- Flannery, Emma L.
- Gilbert, Christopher V.
- Kromer, Dean P.
- Lane, Kelsie A.
- Mandle, Shealyn J.
- Melnurn, Mckenzie
- Mosley, Zachary T.
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Emma Ford
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Parents: Steve and Melissa Ford

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Swim team, ski team and track and field to Science Olympiad and NHS. Outside of school and competitive sports, I love to read, especially classic literature, and help teach people to ski in the winter months.

Caylin Luebeck
GPA: 4.0
Parents: Andy and Melinda Luebeck

I plan on studying environmental sustainability at the University of Michigan.

I am vice president of NHS, hours secretary for SNHS, and an Ambassador Girl Scout. I am also involved in Rho Kappa and Spanish Club. I love to travel and in my spare time I enjoy volunteering, reading and going to concerts with my friends.

Margaret Schneider
GPA: 4.0
Parents: Bridget and Ben Schneider

Attending Oakland University to study anthropology. I want to better understand cultures so I can help integrate our globalized world. I plan on being a part of study abroad. I want to write a book and get my Ph.D.

I enjoy running and plan on continuing this passion at Oakland University as a part of their track and cross-country teams. I enjoy reading, writing calligraphy while listening to music, baking and cooking for my family.

Allison Spitery
GPA: 4.0
Parents: Doug and Lisa Spitery

I plan to attend University of Toledo to pursue a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree with the Pharmacy Excellence Scholarship and as a part of the University’s contingent admission program.

My other interests include volunteering in the community, participating in Girl Scouts, swimming, and doing yoga. I also enjoy participating in NHS as secretary, SNHS as president and Spanish Club as a member.

Haley Crimmins
GPA: 3.995
Parents: Kevin and Christine Crimmins

Attending Wayne State University with the Distinguished Scholarship & Scholar’s Day Award. Pursuing a degree in Chemistry or Environmental Science. Minoring in Spanish.

Four-year member of the girl’s varsity tennis team, captain for the past two years. Historian of NHS, secretary of SNHS and an Ambassador Girl Scout. Member of Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society and Spanish Club. I enjoy yoga, volunteering, reading, playing tennis and being with my friends.

Salutatorian

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| Sydney Renehan GPA: 3.995  
Parents: Phillis and Van Renehan  
I plan to attend Michigan State University and am currently undecided about what I will study.  
I like to play tennis, hang out with friends and snowboard. | Javon Barr GPA: 3.990  
Parents: Shalynne and Terrance Barr  
I plan to attend Hillsdale College and play football, while majoring in Kinesiology to become a Physical Therapist.  
My interests are sports, hanging out with friends, video games and shopping. | Amanda Sanders GPA: 3.990  
Parents: Mark and Tammy Sanders  
I plan to attend college in the fall studying Biology on a pre-med track. My goal is to become a pediatrician.  
I love to dance, run track, hang out with my friends and read in my spare time. | Kyle Woodruff GPA: 3.990  
Parents: Deanna and Sean Woodruff  
Attending Marietta College in Ohio to study Health Sciences with the ambitions of becoming a Physical Therapist. I will also be playing basketball.  
My interests are playing basketball but I also really enjoy hanging out with my friends. Besides these two things I like listening to music and watching TV such as the Walking Dead, The 100, and Arrow. | Jenna Pepper GPA: 3.980  
Parents: Robert & Kathleen Pepper  
Attending Saginaw Valley State University to study nursing. My goal is to become a pediatric nurse practitioner. I love to golf, play tennis and basketball. | Jami Vanscoyoc GPA: 3.980  
Parents: James & Shari Vanscoyoc  
Attending Saginaw Valley State University to study Chemistry.  
I participated in choir for four years. I enjoy skiing, reading and being with family and friends. |

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Valedictorian
Miranda Bibb
GPA: 4.0
Miranda Bibb, daughter of Diane and Russell, is co-Valedictorian of the Class of 2016 with a 4.0 grade point average. Miranda, a member of the National Honor Society, has been involved in theatre, competitive dance and the Lake Fenton Marching Band for five years, serving as a section leader. Miranda also was a cheerleader for four years, and competed in track and field. She has served as a Student Council representative and as treasurer of the Key Club. Miranda plans to attend Grand Valley State University in the Honors Program to study Architecture or Civil Engineering.

Valedictorian
Paige LaBoskey
GPA: 4.0
Paige LaBoskey, daughter of Karla and David, is co-Valedictorian of the Class of 2016 with a 4.0 grade point average. A member of the National Honor Society, Paige has earned several class awards and was also voted Student of the Month. For four years, she has been a student leader in the Starfish Initiative, an anti-bullying student group. A recipient of several academic awards, Paige has attended the GCBA Law Day for the last three years. Paige received the Hartt Scholarship from Michigan State University where she will be a student in the Honors College pursuing a degree in Arts and Humanities, leading to a career in music composition or writing.

Valedictorian
Lena Maldonado
GPA: 4.0
Lena Maldonado, daughter of Wendy and David, is co-Valedictorian in the Class of 2016 with a 4.0 grade point average. A four-year member of both the Lake Fenton Marching and Symphonic bands, Lena has also participated in theatre, debate and volleyball throughout high school. She has held offices in Student Council all four years, was a member of the Key Club and National Honor Society. A recipient of the IWOW Debate Scholarship. Lena plans to attend the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor to pursue a degree in Business.

Valedictorian
Mason Rinks
GPA: 4.0
Mason Rinks, son of Mary Ellen and Amos, is co-Valedictorian in the Class of 2016 with a 4.0 grade point average. A member of the National Honor Society, Key Club and YoungLife, Mason has also participated in, and held leadership roles in numerous sports all four years, including football, basketball, track and field, golf, and cross country. He has served as a student representative on the Lake Fenton Board of Education for the last two years, and was team captain of the Lake Fenton Mathletes. Mason plans to attend Butler University where he is a recipient of an academic scholarship. He will pursue his MBA, becoming a Certified Public Accountant.

Salutatorian
Shannon Cody
GPA: 3.996
Shannon Cody, daughter of Jane and Ronald, is Salutatorian in the Class of 2016 with a 3.996 grade point average. A member of the National Honor Society, Key Club and Student Council treasurer, Shannon has participated in numerous activities over the last four years, including theatre and cheerleading. She had received awards for Spanish, cheerleading, the Leave Your Mark Award and several for Honor Roll and Top 10. Shannon plans to attend a four-year university to pursue her Bachelor’s degree in Marketing.

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Vincent Nagel  
GPA: 3.992  
Vincent Nagel, son of Linda, is third in the Class of 2016 with a 3.992 grade point average. A member of Key Club, treasurer of the National Honor Society and a member of Starfish Initiative, Vincent was captain of the Math Competition Team, and received a varsity letter for his four-year participation on the FIRST Robotics team where he was website manager and design captain. He participated in cross country, earning a varsity letter as well. Vincent plans to attend the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor where he will pursue a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Allison Luke  
GPA: 3.988  
Allison Luke, daughter of Heidi and John, is fourth in the Class of 2016 with a 3.988 grade point average. A member of National Honor Society, Allison held offices on Student Council all four years. She has participated in varsity competitive cheer all four years, and sideline cheer for two years, winning several awards. She was a Youth Cheer assistant coach for one year. Allison is the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Scholarship, as well as placing first in the local VFW Voice of Democracy speech contest, later placing third at the district level, earning a scholarship. She plans to attend Grand Valley State University in the fall to pursue a degree as a Physician’s Assistant, while cheering on the university team.

Allison Muenzer  
GPA: 3.979  
Allison Muenzer, daughter of Carlee, is fifth in the Class of 2016 with a 3.979 grade point average. A four-year Student Council officer, Allison is a member of the National Honor Society and served as editor of the Yearbook for the past two years. She has participated as a dancer/instructor for Visions in Motion Dance Studio for 14 years, and a leader for Wyld Life for four years. A recipient of both the Alma College Religious Leadership Scholarship and the Alma College Dance Performance Scholarship, Allison plans to attend Alma College to pursue a degree in Dance and Early Childhood Education, while dancing in the Alma College Dance Company.

Crystal Abdallah  
GPA: 3.969  
Crystal Abdallah, daughter of Sahar and Fares, is sixth in the Class of 2016 with a 3.969 grade point average. A member of National Honor Society and Key Club vice-president, Crystal has also held offices in the Society of Orthodox Youth Organization. A cheerleader for four years, she earned her varsity letter, while also coaching at Phoenix Gymnastics. A recipient of the Morrill Scholars Prominence Scholarship and the Ohio State Alumni Club Scholarship, Crystal plans to attend Ohio State University in the fall to pursue a degree in the Health Sciences, to become a physician.

Kiri Hungerford  
GPA: 3.968  
Kiri Hungerford, daughter of Kristin and Bert, is seventh in the Class of 2016 with a 3.968 grade point average. A member of the National Honor Society, Kiri also has participated all four years in Drama Club, and three years in the Digital Recording and TV Production programs. A recipient of several awards, she has also received the Presidential Scholarship, and the Academic Excellence Scholarship. Kiri plans to pursue a degree in Accounting, and become a Certified Public Accountant, while still involving herself in the dramatic arts.
TOP GRADUATES

**Sydnie Thompson**

GPA: 3.896

Sydnie Thompson, daughter of Kirsten and Jeremy is eighth in the Class of 2016 with a 3.896 grade point average. Sydnie has been a member of the National Honor Society and Key Club, where she currently holds the office of president. She has participated in the Tech Club, varsity soccer, varsity cross country, and junior varsity volleyball over the last four years. Sydnie has been a member of the Drama Club for three years, and has been studying American Sign Language for two years. She plans to attend Western Washington University in the fall where she will study Biochemistry.

**Devon Corbett**

GPA: 3.887

Devon Corbett, son of Kathy and Dan, is ninth in the Class of 2016 with a 3.887 grade point average. A member of the National Honor Society, Devon has participated in Marching Band since 2012, where he also uses his talents in the areas of vocals, drums and piano. Devon received the Presidential Scholarship of Distinction Award, which he will use to pursue a degree this fall in Engineering at Michigan State University, while attending their ROTC program.

**Joshua Slough**

GPA: 3.887

Joshua Slough, son of Marie and Chris, is ninth in the Class of 2016 with a 3.887 grade point average. Vice-president of the National Honor Society, Joshua has also been active in soccer, track and Drama Club for several years. He has also been a member of YoungLife, and a volunteer for the AYSO Special Needs soccer team for four years. Joshua plans to attend Western Michigan University where he received the Diversity in Aviation Scholarship. He will study Aviation with the intention of becoming a commercial or military pilot.

**Robert Shoultz**

GPA: 3.849

Robert Shoultz, son of Brenda and Frederick, is tenth in the Class of 2016 with a 3.849 grade point average. A member of the National Honor Society, Robert has been active in the FIRST Robotics program where he served as captain and business manager. He has also participated in basketball, cross country and varsity baseball over the last four years. Outside of school, Robert is a member of YoungLife, and is a leader for WyldLife. In the fall, Robert plans to attend Cedarville University, where he received the Chancellor’s Scholar Award, to study Electrical Engineering.

**Words of Wisdom**

“A person cannot fail if they attempt to accomplish something. Attack every challenge and every opportunity like it is your last. Don’t allow life to go by without taking risks and learning from failures.”

- Todd Reynolds
Lake Fenton High School principal
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Matthew Tyler Helm GPA: 4.4792
Matthew Tyler Helm is the son of Randy and Nancy Helm. He graduates with a 4.4792 GPA. Matthew is the class Valedictorian. He is an AP Scholar with Distinction having taken 10 AP classes. He was awarded 1st place in Calculus (2015) and Physics (2016) at the Flint Metro League Math and Science Competition and is the Captain of FIRST Robotics Team 3568, the Roboeagles. Matthew is the Co-captain of Varsity Quiz Bowl, a member of National Honor Society, and an assistant section leader of low brass in the Linden Eagles Marching Band having performed at Ford Field for State Finals all four years. He is 1st chair trombone in Wind Ensemble and Jazz Band and received Division I Ratings at State Solo & Ensemble Festivals. His musical talent prompted his earned him a spot on the District Honors Band and District Honors Jazz Band. Matthew is also part of the track team. Outside of school Matthew is an instructor, 4th degree black belt (dan) in Tae Kwon Do, 3rd dan in Judo, and 2nd dan in Hapkido from World Martial Arts Academy. Matthew plans to attend Princeton University where he will pursue a Bachelor of Science in Engineering with a major in aerospace engineering and minor in music composition.

Courtney Alexandra Buckley GPA: 4.4196
Courtney Buckley is the daughter of Julia Buckley and late Michael K. Buckley. She graduates with a 4.4196 GPA. Courtney is the class Salutatorian and a recipient of Mid-Michigan’s Best & Brightest Award. She is actively involved in the school and community and has challenged herself with nine AP classes. Courtney is the President of Student Council and represents Linden High School on the Flint Metro League Student Council. She is also the President of SADD (Student’s Against Destructive Decisions); a member of National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, and National Art Honor Society; and a mentor to incoming freshmen as a Link Leader. Courtney is a three-year Academic Award recipient and AP Scholar. Within her community, Courtney has worked with Christmas Express and the Linden Summer Literacy Camp helping elementary students with math, reading, and writing. In the fall, Courtney will be attending the University of Michigan School of Nursing in Ann Arbor. After completing her undergraduate studies, Courtney hopes to further her schooling and become a nurse anesthetist.

Melissa Prise GPA: 4.3517
Melissa Prise is the daughter of William and Veronica Prise. She graduates with a 4.3517 GPA. Melissa is a member of the National Honor Society and the AP Art Honors Society. She is a member of the Student Council and SADD. Melissa mentors incoming freshmen as a Link Leader. Melissa plans to attend Oakland University’s Honors College to pursue her nursing degree and then pursue a degree as a nurse practitioner.

Sydney Scofield GPA: 4.2833
Sydney Scofield is the daughter of Steven and Tamara Scofield. She graduates with a 4.2833 GPA. Sydney is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and SADD, as well as a participant of Battle of the Books. She mentors incoming freshmen as a Link Leader. Sydney attended the MyLEAD leadership conference, Girls State, and the National Youth Leadership Forum: Careers in Medicine. In her free time, Sydney volunteers at Hurley Medical Center. She plans to attend Oakland University, and later pursue a medical degree and practice as an anesthesiologist.

Megan Klavitter GPA: 4.2467
Megan Klavitter is the daughter of Patrick and Brenda Klavitter. She graduates with a 4.2467 GPA. Megan is the Student Council Communications Officer and serves as a member of the National Honor Society. She was the varsity volleyball team captain as well as the starting libero for Linden. She participates in varsity softball and travel volleyball in the spring. Outside of school, Megan volunteers as the Linden Middle School’s volleyball coach and as a score keeper during basketball games. She also edits students’ papers in her free time. Megan plans to play Division I volleyball for Chicago State University where she will pursue a degree in English. She then plans to pursue a law degree at an Ivy League school and live a passionate life.

Chase Morse GPA: 4.2196
Chase Morse is the son of Marvin and Patricia Morse. He graduates with a 4.2196 GPA. Chase is a member of the National Honor Society. He is also a member of the cross country, the bowling, and the track teams. Chase plans to attend the University of Michigan Flint where he will pursue a degree in Forensic Science and Technology. He would like to work as a forensic scientist, with a focus on blood splatter analysis.

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Trevor Hall
GPA: 4.2154
Trevor Hall is the son of Charles and Amber Hall. He graduates with a 4.2154 GPA. Trevor is the National Honor Society secretary. He completed five AP and one honors course during his tenure at Linden High School. He participates on the Cross Country, Track and Quizzing Bowl teams. Outside of school, he is part of the Grand Blanc Hall. He graduates with a 4.2154 GPA. Trevor is the son of Charles and Amber Hall. He graduates with a 4.2154 GPA. He is also the president of the youth group at South Mundy United Methodist Church. Trevor plans to attend Oakland University’s Honors College where he will pursue a degree in actuarial sciences.

Charles Novak
GPA: 4.1729
Charles Novak is the son of Laurie and Joseph Novak. He graduates with a 4.1729 GPA. He received a National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation, was recognized as an AP Scholar, and is a member of the National Honor Society. He earned a position on the Flint Metro League’s Academic All-Conference Second Team. Charlie has performed with the Linden Eagles Marching Band and Linden Wings Winter Guard. This summer, he will be performing with the Legends Drum and Bugle Corps. Charlie has taken part in many theatrical productions and directed the musical, The Atomic Brain. He also served as the captain of the Varsity Quiz Bowl team and set many records for total questions answered and accuracy. Charlie will be attending Michigan State University to pursue a degree in Neuroscience. He plans to earn a medical degree and pursue a career in Psychiatry.

Logan Steiert
GPA: 4.1571
Logan Steiert is the son of Frank and Brenda Steiert. He graduates with a 4.1571 GPA. Logan is a member of the National Honor Society and Student Council. Logan was the captain of the Varsity Basketball team. He plans to attend the University of Michigan where he will major in Neuroscience and pursue a degree in the medical field.

Madison Wabel
GPA: 4.1433
Madison Wabel is the daughter of Kent and Lisa Wabel. She graduates with a 4.1433 GPA. Madison was a Flint Metro League Scholar Athlete for both Varsity Gymnastics and Varsity Volleyball. She has been a member of National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society. She is a member of Student Council where she was nominated to attend the MyLead Conference and Girls State. She is a LINK Leader. She is the co-captain of the cross country team and a member of the track and bowling teams. Outside of school, Maddie is involved in dance and works at Little Caesars. Maddie plans to attend Hope College where she will follow the pre-med path. She would like to become a pediatric surgeon.

Megan Losey
GPA: 4.1383
Megan Losey is the daughter of William and Laura Losey. She graduates with a 4.1383 GPA. Megan was captain of the Varsity Gymnastics team as well as a Regional Qualifier. She was also a Flint Metro League Scholar Athlete for both Varsity Gymnastics and Varsity Volleyball. She has been a member of National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society. She is a member of Student Council and SADD. Amber mentors incoming freshmen as a LINK Leader. She is also the captain of the Bowling team. Amber plans to attend Wayne State University’s Honors College where she will pursue her nursing degree and then pursue a degree as a nurse practitioner.

Amber Prise
GPA: 4.1248
Amber Prise is the daughter of William and Veronica Prise. She graduates with a 4.1248 GPA. Amber is a member of the National Honor Society and the AP Art Honors Society. She is a member of the Student Council and SADD. Amber mentors incoming freshmen as a LINK Leader. She is also the captain of the Bowling team. Amber plans to attend Wayne State University’s Honors College where she will pursue her nursing degree and then pursue a degree as a nurse practitioner.

Maddie Novak
GPA: 4.1248
Maddie Novak is the daughter of Kent and Lisa Novak. She graduates with a 4.1248 GPA. Amber is a member of the National Honor Society. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the AP Art Honors Society. She is a member of the Student Council and SADD. Amber mentors incoming freshmen as a LINK Leader. She is also the captain of the Bowling team. Amber plans to attend Wayne State University’s Honors College where she will pursue her nursing degree and then pursue a degree as a nurse practitioner.
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National Honor Society, President  
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Varsity Volleyball, Gr. 11  
Academic Letter, 4 years

Kyle Evans  
GPA: 4.21  
Parents: Kip and Kristen Evans of Holly  
College Plans: Michigan State Honors College of Engineering  
Award/Achievements/High School Activities:  
National Honor Society  
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