2021 Graduates

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2021 GRADUATES

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By Sharon Stone

Members of the Class of 2021 have endured the COVID-19 pandemic for their entire senior year and some of their junior year. This has been no small feat.

From schools suddenly being shut down in the spring of 2020 when the global pandemic struck the tri-county area to classes being held remotely as fear hovered of the deadly virus was all anyone could talk about, the students adapted.

With the help of local schools boards making tough decisions, school administrators battling ever-changing rules and mandates and teachers at the frontline of educating our youth, it’s been quite a year.

Since vaccines are readily available, COVID infections and deaths are dropping, and restrictions are being lifted, there is a sense of normalcy upon us.

Undoubtedly, the Class of 2021 will have countless stories for years to come. They’ll share sad stories of loved ones who succumbed to the virus. They’ll also share stories of frustrating Zoom classrooms, internet issues, wearing masks, staying socially distant, not being able to hang out with friends, erratic sports schedules and more.

The Class of 2021 should look back and take pride in how strong they are. Many will begin their journeys at universities, community colleges, trade schools, military or jump right into working full-time jobs. There’s a clean slate in front of them to write their next chapter.

The Times is celebrating this year’s seniors at Fenton High School, Lake Fenton High School, Linden High School, Holly High School and the local students who attended Powers Catholic High School with this special Graduation section.

Congratulations to the Class of 2021.
Goethe, one of Germany’s most famous writers and one of the world’s greatest literary geniuses once said, “Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it.”

While 2020-21 may not have been the year that the Class of 2021 wished for, you can still dream and still achieve. Start small if you have too, keep making forward progress, keep pushing towards your goal. You have learned perseverance and resiliency this year while you survived and thrived during a global pandemic. You have come to be thankful for the small things like spending time with family, talking a walk outside (without a mask), and seeing someone smile. Know that your next phase of life will be one filled with self-discovery, independence, curiosity and joy. While your forge your new path, be reminded of those who helped get you there. Be mindful of their sacrifice on your behalf and their unconditional love in helping you get to this point in your lives. Don’t forget to call or text them, remind them that you are thinking of them, and most important of all, share those new moments and experiences they may not be able to witness firsthand. Share the magic of your new knowledge, your new confidence, and be bold in chasing your future.

Congratulations, Class of 2021.
Fenton High School Graduating Class of 2021

2021 GRADUATES

Sunday, June 20, 2021

Bashar Jabri Ahmed
Emily Grace Aller
Shayan Ali Lorenzo
Arthur Aatullah Noor Al Shomali
Christopher Dylan Altheide
Brendan Michael Alvord
Austin David Ames
Lydia Walker Anderson
Madison Gertrude Anderson
Sophia Renee Andres
Logan Joseph Angel
Drew Christian Artheam
Caleb Joseph Wyma-Baker Baker
Drew Evan Baldwin
Nicolas Adam Baldwin
Christopher Michael Bammert
Dominick Edmund Bandemer
Abigail Mary Banks
Kaitlin Anna Bayer
Autumn Leigh Beauchamp
Jennifer Alexis Beauchamp
Kenton Charles Bell
Brian Elizabeth Cecelia Bennett
Kaleh John Berbus
Marcus Brian Berkey
Katelyn Marie Beverly
Gage Hunter Bond
Mary Kim Borg
Edward Joseph Briand IV
Matara Shea Britton
Allison Paige Brown
Caleb David Brown
Trevor Ray Brown
Avery Wyn Bryson
Erin Gabriella Bryson
Chebra Jordan Bujak
Sydney Lynn Butulis
Shae Larie Butulis
Kevin Thomas Byrnes
Francisco Esteban Caballero
Jackson Ronald Cairnsbuff
Victoria Elizabeth Carmell
Avery Marie Carr
Emily Rose Carter
Nur Sammi Cashmere
Sophia Kristen Castelluzzo
Maggie Marie Cates
Peter Ronald Chabot
Keira Dona Chaffin
Connor William Chambers
Lane Joseph Chodacki
Mason Andrew Church
Kaelyn Jean Couch
Desmond Michael Coughlin
Samuel Devon Cox
Gavin James Crews
Isaiah Tywan Crockett
Lilah Marjorie Dagenais
Dylan Thomas Davidson
Jacob Thomas Davidson
Brandon Michael Davis
Landen Nicholas Day
Shawn Thomas DeFina
Madeline Susan Deming
Callie Grace Dickens
Morgin Jane Diesch
Emily Grace Diez
Stone Hampton Dillon
Alexander David Dinstett
Abigail Faith Dolliver
Elizabeth Grace Donohue
Jacob Michael Dierant
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Zoe Madison Eakes
Anna Grace Ebert
Andrea Elizabeth Elsholz
Megan Grace Engel
Chase McCullough Everhard
Taylor Mac Farrell
Holly Alice Fioleak
Alexander William Fisch-Ferguson
Gabriella Rose Fisher
Darren Jagger Fishwick
Ashlynn Manaias Fitzgerald
Blaine Thomas Forsyth
Hunter Ray Foster
Delaney Sue Fries
Carter Jeffrey Frost
Login Robert Fuller
Morgan Elizabeth Fuller
Zander Reece Fulton
Graham Gustave Funke
Evelyn Grace Gallant
Damar Alexander Gau
Joseph Thomas Gorecki
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Nicholas Patrick Grigorain
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Aykyn Jeffrey Harton
Emma Clare Hartsell
Grace Elizabeth Hartsell
Sean Steven Hartsell
Nicholas Tim Harvey
Lauren Nicole Hayden
Catherine Avery Haynes
Briannah Marie Headley
Austin Ray Henard
Adam William Heney
Joseph William Henley
Olivia Anne Herbert
Brook Kathrine Herbstreit
Aiden William Hill
Alexa Mackenzie Hoglin
Charley Beth Holcomb
William Joseph Holmes
Lily Claire Horton
Charles Thomas Hundzinski
Andrew James Hutchins
Kiersten Nadine Hyder
Kennedy Bella Grace Iverson
Ashley Marie Jackson
Melanie Lynn Jackson
Abigail Josephine Jesse
Haydon Ronald Johnson
Joshua William Johnson
Koda Nash Johnson
Emma Grace Jump
Madeleine Kate Kazmerski
Lara Caroline Kemp
Joseph Michael Jeffrey Keros
Ahdam Noor Khan
Samaree R Kiran
Hannah Rae Knifel
Jacob Ford Korzenowski
Julia Christine Koscielnik
Avery Elizabeth Kozak
Madyson Bream Kring
Dominic Roy Krasiuk
Teasha Marie Kupny
Tatum Barbara LaClear
Christopher Scott LaFave
Garrett Dean Langford
Chloe Rae Leferer
Coral Rena Leferer
Mallory Jayne Lehmann
Gavin Bernard Lillie
Autumn Rose Lyn Lizotte
Clara Breanne Lloyd
Samuel Taylor Mead Locatelli
Dominic Matthew Loria
Kaitlynn Lee Lowrey
Reid McIntyre Lochenbill
Hannah Grace Ludwig
Maggie Marie Lutz
Aubrey Nicole Lynch
Kyla Jordan Lynch
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Nathan James Miller
Nathan Thomas Moomey
James Howard Myers
Kelyn Hailey Myers
Cameron Andrew Neatoh
Abigail Tracy North
Anna Ashleigh Nyhoff
Rylee Paige Ochs
Chase William Ort
Emilia Coyote Owocki
Mason Anthony Parks
Shelby Nicole Parks
Coooper Livio Partridge
Ryan William Peart
Brody Daniel Peterson
Sydney Lee Phelps
Joseph Matthew Pierce
Madelyn Rose Powers
Piper May Priskay
Serenity Madelynn Ragan
Antonio Joseph Ramos
Logan Michael Reeves
Cadhyn Marie Reger
Zachary Michael Riedel
Ella Hope Rising
Maxwell Lee Runtfeld
Kendra Rose Ryan
Kiera Grace Ryan
Noah Christian Sage
Brandon Michael Miller
Kendra Ann Sauer
Dante Vincenzo Settimo
Alicia Marie Shable
Cooper John Smith
Korryn Halli Smith
Luke David Snoweart
Danielle Rose Solensky
Ryder Dakota Spence
Brody Stack
Remington David Stepp
Evelyn Marie Stanismlitch
Hayden Robert Steph
Karsten Amadeus Stiers
Skyler Noelle Stroud
Silas F Stuckey
Garrett Michael Sullivan
Joseph James Sullivan
Sophie Kay Swift
Olivia Grace Szpak
Mason Evan Tabor
Tate Adam Temrowski
Samantha Elizabeth Tertian
Madelynn Rene Thomas
Joshua Nolan Thompson
Lily Rachelle Luhalihteng
Lillian Tisch
Aaron Samuel Toth
William Michael Torisman
Elia Rachelle Turnblom
Elia Terese Valley
Payton Ryan Van Pelt
Camden David Veres
Harrison Douglas Vincl
Eli Gerald Visnay
Caileen Rose Vominski
Delaney Lynn Walker
Abbie Rose Walker-Hacket
Matthew Amado Wallen
Greyson Lowell Watson
Caroline Leanne Weaver
Hannah Jo Lynn Weaver
Jace Nicholas Weaver
Matthew Thomas Weaver
Gannon Richardson Welch
Jennifer Joy Wenz
Hunter Michael Wheeler
Mason Chase Wheeler
Alicia Marie Whittaker
Samantha Jade Whitten
Alana Rebecca Williams
Sadie Rose Wills
Taylor Alexis Wire
Gabriel Joseph Wright
James Christian Wright
Trinity Marie York
Ceyden Thomas Youmans
FENTON
Class of 2021
Fenton High School Top Students

Valedictorian

Emilia C. Owocki
4.460 cumulative High School GPA

Salutatorian

Madeline S. Deming
4.420 cumulative High School GPA

SUMMA CUM LAUDE GRADUATES
(with Highest Honor)
Cumulative High School GPA of 3.900 - 4.000+

Allor, Emily G.
Banks, Abigail M.
Borg, Mary K.
Bujak, Chelsea J.
Couch, Kaylyn J.
Cox, Samuel D.
Dagenais, Lilah M.
Davidson, Dylan
Deming, Madeline S.
Dolliver, Abigail
Ebert, Anna G.
Elschlitz, Andrea E.
Farrell, Taylor M.
Fijolek, Holly A.
Fries, Delaney S.
Guerlin, Emilee A.
Haiss, Wyatt
Hall, Emma L.
Henley, Joseph W.
Herbert, Olivia A.
Holcomb, Charley B.
Horton, Lily C.
Johnson, Koda N.
Kazmierski, Madeline K.
Kirian, Sarasee R.
Kniffel, Hannah R.
Krusniak, Dominic
LaFave, Christopher S.
Ludwig, Hannah G.
Owocki, Emilia C.
Pierce, Joseph M.
Powers, Madelyn R.
Reger, Cadyn
Runnels, Maxwell L.
Sahr, Sydney L.
Scott, Thomas J.
Spees, Ryder D.
Stack, Brody
Stapp, Remington D.
Swift, Sophie K.
Thomas, Madelyn R.
Tong, Lily
Toth, Aaron S.
Vysinski, Caitlin R.
Weaver, Caroline L.
Wheeler, Hunter M.
Whitten, Samantha J.
Youngs, Cayden T.

MAGNA CUM LAUDE GRADUATES
(with High Honor)
Cumulative High School GPA of 3.800 - 3.899

Anderson, Madison G.
Angel, Logan J.
Bond, Gage H.
Butka, Sydney L.
Cates, Maggie M.
Chaffin, Keira D.
Harrison, Logan J.
Hayden, Lauren N.
Valley, Ella T.
Wine, Taylor A.
Wright, James C.

CUM LAUDE GRADUATES
(with Honor)
Cumulative High School GPA of 3.700 - 3.799

Butler, Shae L.
Castelluzo, Sophia K.
Davis, Brandon M.
Difena, Shawn T.
Lehmann, Mallory J.
Lynch, Aubrey N.
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McVey, Jillian B.
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Fenton High School grad receives bowling scholarship

To study at Davenport University cyber security program, join bowling team

By Hannah Ball

One Fenton High School graduate will continue his athletic career in college.

Tate Temrowski, 18, leaves at the end of this summer to study cyber security at Davenport University in Grand Rapids and bowl on the university’s team on a bowling scholarship.

This summer, he’ll bowl in tournaments in Detroit and Indianapolis, and he’s been traveling to Grand Rapids every Wednesday to bowl with the team.

Fenton High School’s graduation was in early June. Temrowski said graduating felt “really good.”

“I think after this year of COVID stuff it definitely felt good to be done. I was ready, ” he said. “It was definitely interesting. We had a lot of people quarantined. Sections for class were out for a time. It was a little freaky but we all made it through.”

He's been bowling for 10 years and was on the high school team all four years.

“I just enjoy it. I fell in love with it when I was young,” he said, adding that he’s made many of his really good friends doing the sport. “It’s taking me places I never thought I could go.”

This past year was more challenging with COVID protocols and limits on spectators, though Temrowski said they still had a “really good season.”

“We had some really good talent this year,” he said.

He almost bowled a perfect game. When playing against Kearsley, he bowled a 288. He had 10 strikes in a row and then knocked down eight pins. He made the spare.

“It was fun for sure,” he said.

In early June, he also received a $2,500 scholarship at the GISD Board Meeting from the IT Department.

“The past four years, I’ve spent a lot of time in the bowling alley,” he said. Temrowski often stayed for hours after practice and sometimes went in on the weekends to bowl at Holly Lanes.

At one point, he did some calculations to find out how many hours he spent bowling. He arrived at 1,500 hours in those four years.

See TATE TEMROWSKI on 27
The Broncho Class of 2021 is truly remarkable

I know what you’re thinking, “Oh, they say that about every graduating class.”

Well, this year is different. These seniors faced the greatest public health crisis in a century head-on with determination, cooperation and flexibility. They need to be recognized for it.

They were given a no-win situation and time and again found a way to come out on top. This required finding creative, safe and truly brilliant ways to hold as many events as possible. The spring production of “Clue” immediately comes to mind.

The Class of 2021 sacrificed many of the senior rites of passage, such as Homecoming in the fall, Snowcoming in the winter, school spirit assemblies and clubs. Our seniors also fully cooperated with safety restrictions to participate in sports during their last year of high school.

The events of the past year have created a resolve in these students that will serve them well into the next phases of their lives. I have no doubt each member of the Class of 2021 is bound for success, regardless of what comes next.

It’s easy to forget the past school year was preceded by the complete closure of school buildings across Michigan last spring. Those uncertain months marked the start of a very challenging time to educate our students that continued throughout the past year.

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It wasn’t easy.

We started the 2020-2021 school year with a larger than normal group of seniors who were off track to graduate. Through hard work and using digital and other tools at their disposal, nearly all seniors who were behind got back on track to graduate on time.

To the class of 2021: The trials and tribulations you faced and overcame over the past year will serve you well into the future. You faced great adversity and I have no doubt you came out stronger individuals because of it.

I’d also like to recognize our committed parents, who worked with us to make this success possible.

Working together, #BronchosUnited, the Class of 2021 showed the world the true meaning of Broncho Pride.

Sincerely,
Peter LoFiego
Holly High School principal
Holly High School  Graduating Class of 2021

Skye Adams
Troy Adams
Emily Amiot
Jameson Anderson
Cooper Anderson
Jasmine Baar
Kells Babin
Jacob Bailey
Madison Baird
Christopher Barczak
Madison Baird

Erica Froman
Grace Fromm
Breyden Goff
Arianna Grant
Madelyn Gray
Devin Groghan
Lynn Gross
Alana Gulish
Kaila Guilliver
Leanna Hammad
Joshua Hart
Tyler Hawley
Alexander Hesper
Scott Hermann
Drew Hignite
Jacob Hild
Brenden Hill
Randal Hillier
Nicholas Hillier
Kennedy Hogan
Ian Holleman
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Mathew Horton
Garrett Huggins
Jenna Hughes
Sarah Hulkkonen
Watt Iery
Mario Isanovic
Jack Jackson
Nolan Jinkinson
Alianna Jennings
Nicole Jewell
Sarah Jewell
Alyssa Johnson
Mia Johnson
Reese Johnston
Brendan Junglas
Jonah Kalish
Maxwell Kennejian
Olivia King
Mikayla Kitchen
Joseph Kittle
Andrew Kolman
Zachary Kowalski
Brett Laclair
Kaidynn Lang
Danielle Lannon
First Last
Noah Launer
Luke Leighty
Corinne Lepage
Lauren Lesch
Hailey Lesterance
Aleczer Lewis
Connor Lewis
Samantha Lilly
Ian Loeffler
Joseph Loeffler
Elia Longbottom
Peyton Loriaux
Gavin Lowe
Jesse Lowe
Chloe Magalski
Justin Mallory
Callee Marsh
Marina Mascorro
Janna Mattin
Emiley Mayes
Kara McCarty
Skye Mcilogal
Hope McGillis
Jacob Mchalepine
Annie Mckay
Fianna Mekoun
Sydnie Meszler
Selena Monette
Yael Morales-Perez
Lucy Moreau
Alliana Morgan
Jasmine Morgan
Ryan Morgan
Eli Morse
Autumn Munawski
Angela Nahat
Kelsey Okkonen
Carr Ollila
Nathan Orow
Ryan Ortiz
Bailey Ostrom
Ethan Palm
Ashton Parker
Caleb Parry
Luke Pascot
Mackenzie Passmore-Simpson
Abigail Pate
Amanda Patterson
George Paulson
Taylor Phillips
Richard Pitman li
Jacob Pittenger
Angelina Pollman
Marie Ponka
Allison Powell
Max Prater
Jeffrey Preston
Selena Quertimeaus
Abigail Rakowski
Noah Ramsey
Samantha Randall
Garrett Reid
Steven Reyes Garcia
Slyor Reynolds
Joshua Rich
Logan Richardson
Marlyn Richter
Colton Roberts
Kaelyn Rose
Anthony Russo
Cecilia Ruiz
Joseph Russell
Joseph Sanson
Morgan Sargent
Jacob Sawade
Marshall Schaefer-Rice
Samantha Schaffer
Maebel Schumacher
Kendall Scribner
Christian Sells
Amiya Semer
Kaitlyn Senter
Calvin Sinton
Ryan Sernick
Mary Shady
Andrew Simmons
Ahman Simmons
Joseph Slater
Kyle Slieff
Katelyn Smith
Christian Smith
Izabelle Smith
David Snow
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Jordan Szewc  Emma Tooley  Hunter Weeder  Paige Weeder  Nolan Weisdorfer  Gabrielle Wyrick

NOT PICTURED ON THE SENIOR SCHOLAR LIST:

Ally Blodgett  Jenna Burnfield  Mikayla Kitchen  Lauren Lesch  Kara McCarty  Amanda Patterson
‘Join Leadership, it’s the best’

By Sharon Stone

Ethan Palm is wrapping up some fun in the sun while vacationing in Florida following graduation from Holly High School.

His family moved to the Holly school district just after he finished middle school. To get to know more of his new classmates, he became heavily involved in marching band and the band programs where he marched for four years. He eventually became a Quartermaster in his junior year and Section Leader in his senior year.

“I did not know a single person my first day, but was welcomed with open arms into the school and community, where I have met some of the most important people in my life,” he said.

“Over my four years, besides my fellow classmates, I have met many amazing teachers, counselors, secretaries and support staff that I hope to keep in touch with in my future.”

Palm joined the HHS Leadership Class (Student Council), as a general member, before eventually serving as secretary/historian in his junior year, and president in his senior year.

“To incoming and current students, join Leadership, it’s the best,” he said.

Palm also was involved in the HHS Theatre Department, playing Conrad Birdie in “Bye Bye Birdie,” Sam Carmichael in “Mamma Mia!” and Mr. Green/Special Agent Larry Goodman in “Clue”

In his senior year, he also was involved with the Graduation Committee, and sang the Star Spangled Banner with the HHS Show Choir at the school’s Commencement Ceremony, while also serving as Master of Ceremonies, speaking at the beginning of their Graduation.

When asked about finishing his high school days during a pandemic, Palm said, “For me, the hardest part of a COVID school year was not being able to see my friends in person for most of the year, especially since I am a people person. I was able to adapt to the online learning, so I was a lucky one.”

“I am going to be attending the University of Michigan-Flint in the fall, majoring in political science with a minor in economics. I want to one day serve in public office.”

Congratulations to the Broncho Class of 2021!
Class of 2021,

You are about to embark upon the next chapter of your life and I would like to take a moment to congratulate you all for your resilience, determination, and Blue Devil excellence. Each of you have left your mark on this school and community. Each of you had to face your own challenges to get where you are today. I am so proud of you!

Now you will each go forth to make your mark upon this world. Some of you will head to colleges and universities to seek further education in your selected field of study. Some of you will go off to trade schools and apprenticeships to learn valuable skills and improve our skilled workforce and service industries. Some of you will go off to explore with an entrepreneurial spirit and leave your mark in creative ways. Some of you will go off to military and national services to serve and protect us all. Thank you.

We all look forward to the impact you will make and the adventures you will have. You are members of our Blue Devil family now and always.

I would like to close with a selection from President Theodore Roosevelt’s Citizenship in a Republic speech: “It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly.”

Go out and live in the arena, Blue Devils. You are ready. #LFLeads

Proud Principal,
Kate VanHouten Ed. S
Lake Fenton Community Schools
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Lake Fenton High School Graduating Class of 2021

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Mia Anthony
Abbigail Arnold
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David Benjamin
Ty Berggren
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Nicholas Betts
Alexia Bills
Carsten Block
Lexxus Bourque
Ossian Brown
Ty Callison
Aaron Campbell
Skyler Carey
Haley Case
Avarie Chisholm
Mason Cook
Trevor Cook
Lillian Cooper
Blane Copeland
Hunter DeVasher
Thomas Dieck
Gage Dietrich
Zoey Dobbs
Gavin Dolliver
Annabelle Dorenzo
Logan Dreyer
Emily Elrich
Austin Evans
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Alden Finney
Carter Foerster
Ryan Fogle
Jillian Forbush
Elizabeth Franke
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Emma Garty
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Joseph Gilbert
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Cooper Groat
Caleb Hardy
Reagan Harris
Jacob Hart
Noah Hatfield
Alexander Hawkins
Sheldon Heller
Zachary Hempsall
Dylan Henderson
Macgregor Hepburn
Andrew Heron
Jaylyn Hodges
Gavin Hubbard
Isaac Jarvis
Jamie Johnson
Leslie Johnson
Sydney Johnson
Timothy Kessler
Joseph Kline
Joslyn Kiernicki
Claire Kyrulainen
Christina Lamb
Justine Lantphar
Logan LaPean
Gavin Lawrence
Chase LeBaron
Kevin Lewis
Cassie Lipinski
Alyssa Litton
Bella Lloyd
Ivy Lynch
Joel McDonald
Dalton McKown
Sebastian McLaughlin
Melody Miles
Connor Miller
Avery Morgan
Ryan Murany
Isabelle Negrette
McKenna Nugent
Miren Orza
Laci Parker
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Valedictorian: Kayley Gallagher

Kayley Gallagher earned the honor of Valedictorian for the Class of 2021 with a GPA of 4.0. A member of the Lake Fenton Band for seven years at LFMS and LFHS, Kayley earned her Varsity Letter and was Drum Major for her senior year. While at LFHS, Kayley was a two year member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, and was President of the Student Council from 2017-2019. Outside of school, her activities included OLY Swimming for nine years where she was a National Level Qualifier. Kayley received the GV Award for Excellence scholarship and will be attending Grand Valley State University. At GVUS Kayley plans to earn a Master’s Degree in Biomedical Engineering while swimming for the GVUS Women’s Swim and Dive team. Her parents are Jennifer and Mark Gallagher.

Valedictorian: Emily Gilbert

Emily Gilbert earned the honor of Valedictorian for the Class of 2021 with a GPA of 4.0. A two year member of the Varsity Swim and Dive team, Emily was named Captain and MVP her senior year. She also broke two pool records and made the state meet cut in numerous events. In addition to being an academic athlete, Emily was also a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and Key club where she served as president her senior year. Emily was awarded various scholarships, including the Founders Scholarship and the S3OAR Scholarship. Emily plans on studying optometry with the hopes of opening her own clinic in the future. Her parents are Renee and Daniel Gilbert.

Valedictorian: Miren Oraa

Miren Oraa earned the honor of Valedictorian for the class of 2021 with a GPA of 4.0. During her time at LFHS, Miren was a two sport athlete, competing on both the Varsity Competition Cheer and Varsity Track and Field teams. In addition to being an athlete, Miren was also actively involved in the National Honor Society, YoungLife, Key Club, and YAC. Throughout high school, Miren was a member of the Top Ten, as well as being awarded Outstanding Academic Achievement for all four years. Other honors include winning the Citizenship Award in 2018 and earning her Academic Honors Letter all four years. Miren was awarded the GCGBM Scholarship and plans to attend the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor to major in cellular, molecular, and developmental biology. Her parents are Julie and Alfonso Oraa.

Valedictorian: Sara Selley

Throughout her high school career at Lake Fenton, Sara Selley served as the Treasurer of the National Honor Society and participated in Key Club. Along with being awarded several departmental awards, she has also received Student of the Month nominations and awarded multiple scholarships. Sara will be attending the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor in the fall and plans on pursuing a business or engineering degree. Her parents are Rick and Denise Selley.

Salutatorian: Nicklaus Besheers

Nicklaus Besheers earned the honor of Salutatorian for the Class of 2021 with a GPA of 3.999. Nicklaus was an active member of the Cub Scouts from 2010-2014, earned a Freshman Top Ten spot in 2018, an Academic Letter in both 2018 and 2019, and was awarded Outstanding Achievement in U.S. History, English, and Algebra in 2018. Nicklaus earned two scholarships, the Lee honors College at WMU and the Bronco Merit Scholarship at WMU. He plans to study political science at Western Michigan University with the goal of becoming a political aide after college. His parents are Lisa and Daniel Besheers.

Ryan Fogle

Ryan Fogle maintained a 3.977 GPA throughout his high school career. A three sport varsity athlete, Ryan was a member of Track and Field, Cross Country, and a seven year member of the band having started when he was in middle school. In addition, Ryan participated in various shows with the LF Theatre between 2017-2019, was class treasurer, a member of the executive board for student council, vice president of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Kiwanis Key Club. In the fall, Ryan will begin classes at the University of California San Diego to study business administration with an emphasis in cinematography. His parents are Heidi and Michael Fogle.

Tori Stewart

Tori Stewart maintained a 3.962 GPA throughout her time in high school. She earned her academic varsity letter, along with earning her varsity letter in country, basketball and track and field. Tori also served as co-editor of the 2020-2021 Yearbook and was student council secretary for four years, as well as being a member of the National Honor Society since her induction at the end of her sophomore year. Tori plans on attending Ferris State University in the fall where she will work toward earning her PharmD/ MBA degree. She has already been accepted into the honors program for pre-pharmaceutical studies. Tori enjoys being outdoors, listening to music, and hanging out with her friends. She wants to give a special thanks to her parents, Kathy and Scott Stewart, as well as her fellow peer and class president, Logan LaPee, for helping her grow into the person she has become today. She would also like to thank Mike, Dianne, C.J., Taylor, Laci, and of course, Lexi Simon for being some of her biggest inspirations and helping her develop her faith, as well as showing her unconditional love and support. Her parents are Kathy and Scott Stewart.

Aubrey Fray

Aubrey Fray maintained a 3.949 GPA throughout her high school career. A three sport varsity athlete, Aubrey participated on the Cross Country, Soccer and Basketball teams. Through these sports Aubrey was awarded numerous accolades including Cross Country Coaches Award in 2017, three Scholar Athlete awards in Cross Country and Basketball, was named 2nd team all conference in soccer for the 2021 season. While athletics was a huge part of Aubrey’s high school career, she was a student council class representative, a member of both Key Club and National Honor Society, and was co-editor of the 2020-2021 Yearbook. Aubrey was awarded the Brad Stone Scholarship and will be attending Michigan State University in the fall to obtain a bachelor degree in Nursing before continuing on with her Masters in CRNA. It is her hope to begin a career as a Nurse Anesthetist after her time at MSU. Her parents are Tammy and Scott Fray.

Avarie Chisholm

Chisholm Avarie Chisholm maintained a 3.946 GPA throughout her time in high school. An avid artist, Avarie took numerous art classes and placed 3rd in the Genesee Country Schools Art Show this spring. A three-year National Honor Society member, Avarie spent much of her time volunteering with different charities including Dr. Nandi Charities. During her time at LFHS Avarie was named Top Ten all four years, won departmental awards for Honors English, Honors Biology, Art I and was nominated for student of the month for being independent, dependable and engaged. In the fall, Avarie will be attending North Central Michigan College for two years before transferring to Michigan State University to obtain a degree in Horticulture. She hopes to open her own greenhouse in the future. Her parents are Chantel and Tim Chisholm.

Andrew Heron

Andrew Heron maintained a 3.936 GPA throughout his high school career. During his time at LFHS, Andrew was a two sport athlete, competing on both the Varsity Football, where he served as a captain his senior year, and Varsity Track and Field teams. In addition to being an athlete, Andrew was also actively involved in the National Honor Society for three years. The last two years he was also a member of the student council where he served as Vice President for the Class of 2021. Andrew served as a student volunteer for the Lake Fenton Athletic Boosters and volunteered with both Friends of Fenton Library and Random Acts of Kindness. Andrew plans to attend U of M Flint to pursue a career as a physical therapist. His parents are Christine and Michael Heron.
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Two Lake Fenton grads are valedictorians, swimmers, best friends

‘Lake Fenton has always been a very small and inclusive community’

By Hannah Ball

After years of friendship, swimming and both being valedictorians, these two Lake Fenton High School graduates, who also are best friends, are celebrating their accomplishments before they attend different schools this fall.

Emily Gilbert and Kayley Gallagher both earned 4.0 GPAs. This summer, they’re working together as lifeguards at the Silver Lake Park beach.

Gilbert said, “Being able to represent my family and my peers as one of the valedictorians was a great accomplishment for me. I worked extremely hard over the past four years and it felt as though that work had paid off.”

Gallagher said being valedictorian has been a goal since freshman year, and she’s “extremely humbled and gracious.”

“I am blessed with supportive parents, friends, teammates, and coaches who have all helped me achieve academic success. They have helped me through long nights studying, and stress before exams. I absolutely love learning, and enjoy school,” she said.

Gallagher was awarded an Academic Varsity Letter, Marching Band Varsity Letter, Student of the Month for Independence, Student of the Month for Citizenship, the Citizenship Award twice, departmental awards in several classes, and multiple scholarships.

Gallagher said she and Gilbert were able to help each other study, peer edit papers and complete projects, and it’s a memory they’ll cherish for a long time. Gilbert said she’s “very proud” of Kayley and that she knows she’ll do “amazing” things in her life.

Gallagher’s favorite classes were biology, marine biology and French, and Gilbert’s favorites were marketing/management, accounting and French.

Both of them swam competitively. Gallagher has been a swimmer since she was 9, and she swam for OLY year round. Her best events are distance freestyle and breaststroke. She competed this past winter at the NCSA Junior Nationals in 100 and 200 breaststroke.

“I also recently competed at Speedo Sectionals in March, where I watched Olympians Lily King, Cody Miller, and more,” Gallagher said.

Lake Fenton has always been a very small and inclusive community — I’ve gone to school with most of the kids in my grade since kindergarten.”

Emily Gilbert
Lake Fenton High School
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Kayley Gallagher (left) and Emily Gilbert have been friends since they were kids. They graduated together this year from Lake Fenton High School. Submitted photos

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As you venture away from the comfort of home, LHS, and community, use the same determination and flexibility in the pursuit of your next educational, personal, or professional goal(s).

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Alexander Bentley is the son of Ted and Jennifer Bentley. He graduates with a 4.3333 GPA. Alex is the President of the National Honor Society and Senior Class Vice President. He enjoys soccer, lacrosse, and Quiz Bowl. Alex plans to attend the University of Michigan where he will pursue a degree in nuclear engineering.

Alicia Otman is the daughter of Marty and Patricia Otman. She graduates with a 4.1339 GPA. Alicia is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as Vice President of the Student Council. She is also a MyLead student representative. Alicia is a member of the girls varsity soccer team and the captain of her club soccer team. She plans to attend Central Michigan University to obtain her Bachelor degree. She plans to one day be an optometrist.

Delanie Prince is the daughter of Jeffery and Kay Prince. She graduates with a 4.0938 GPA. Delanie is a member of the Student Council. She also participates on the volleyball team and is currently the captain of the girls varsity basketball team. Delanie plans to attend Michigan State University to pursue a degree in biomedical engineering.

Hope Toth is the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Toth. She graduates with a 4.2396 GPA. Hope enjoys being part of the cross country and track teams. She plans to study psychology at the University of Ann Arbor.

Aubre Moffatt is the daughter of Ryan Moffatt and Merri Christner. She graduates with a 4.2609 GPA. Aubre is a member of the National Honor Society of the Student Council. She is also a member of the girls varsity soccer team. She plans to attend Miami University in Ohio to pursue a degree in business.

Katherine Ebner is the daughter of Mark and Lauren Ebner. She graduates with a 4.2266 GPA. Katherine is a two year section leader for the marching band. She is also a member of the Linden Wings Winter Guard. Katherine plans to attend Grand Valley State University where she plans to major in liberal arts. She would like to pursue a career that focuses on international relations.

Alicia Mawhinney is the daughter of Nicholas and Sarah Mawhinney. She graduates with a 4.3229 GPA. Alexis is the Student Council Senior Class Secretary. She is a four year cross country runner and team captain, and is also a four year soccer player. Outside of school, Alexis coaches young children at LaForza Soccer Club. She will be attending Michigan State University’s Honors College to obtain a Bachelor degree in human biology. After that, she plans to continue her education to become a physician assistant specializing in pediatrics and cardiology.

Devon Mason is the daughter of James and Mary Mason. She graduates with a 4.0344 GPA. Devon is a member of the marching band, winter guard, and colorguard. In her spare time, she enjoys being a team member at Tim Horton’s. Devon plans to attend Michigan State University.

Jillian Hegenerauer is the daughter of Grant and Jaimi Hegenerauer. She graduates with a 4.2857 GPA. Jillian is a member of the National Honor Society and of the Student Council. She is also a member of the girls varsity soccer team. She plans to attend University of Ann Arbor.

Kathryn Walterhouse is the daughter of Lewis and Kathryn Walterhouse. She graduates with a 4.0625 GPA. Kathryn is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as the class president on the Student Council. She is also a member of the Linden Wings Winter Guard. Kathryn plans to attend Grand Valley State University.

Tristen Berlinski is the daughter of Patrice Berlinski and Stephen Arnt. She graduates with a 4.0512 GPA. Tristen is a member of the National Honor Society and of the Student Council. She also participates in SADD. In her spare time, Tristen enjoys being part of a dance team and studio and has participated in track. She plans to continue her education for development as a leader and entrepreneur in the travel industry.

Meggison Mitchell is the daughter of Steven and Rondell Mitchell. She graduates with a 4.1979 GPA. Brianna is a member of the National Honor Society. She is also a member of SADD where she serves as president. In her spare time, Brianna participates in Battle of the Books, has been dancing since age 3, and is actively involved in her church. Brianna plans to attend SVSU to pursue a degree in physical therapy.

Aubre Moffatt is the daughter of Ryan Moffatt and Merri Christner. She graduates with a 4.2609 GPA. Aubre is a member of the National Honor Society of the Student Council. She is also a member of the Linden Wings Winter Guard. Katherine plans to attend Grand Valley State University where she plans to major in liberal arts. She would like to pursue a career that focuses on international relations.

Graycen Swink is the daughter of Jason and Cryston Swink. She graduates with a 4.0475 GPA. Graycen is a member of the National Honor Society and of the Student Council. She also participates with SADD. In her spare time, she enjoys dance and cheer. Graycen plans to earn a degree in biology while attending college. She plans to become a physician’s assistant.

Emma Mossing is the daughter of Robert and Kimberly Mossing. She graduates with a 4.0833 GPA. Emma is a member of the National Honor Society and a member of the Student Council. She is also a member of the varsity softball and volleyball teams. In her spare time, Emma participates on travel volleyball and softball teams. Emma plans to attend Madonna University where she will earn a degree in nursing and be part of Madonna’s softball team.

Cecilia Anderson is the daughter of Robert and Michele Anderson. She graduates with a 4.0651 GPA. Cecilia has been a member of the marching band for three years. She plans to attend Northern Michigan University where she will major in biology with a concentration in ecology.

Kathryn Walterhouse is the daughter of Lewis and Kathryn Walterhouse. She graduates with a 4.0625 GPA. Kathryn is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as the class president on the Student Council. She is also a member of the Linden Wings Winter Guard. Kathryn plans to attend Grand Valley State University.

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Gabriel Hay is the son of Daniel Hay and Lesia Kosofsky. He has a 4.0661 GPA. Gabriel is also a member of the National Honor Society. He also enjoys being part of the boys varsity soccer team. In his spare time, he plays soccer with the LaForza Soccer Club and volunteers his time with a variety of community service organizations. Gabriel plans to attend Michigan State University where he will pursue a degree in biomedical engineering.

Dominic Bonasse is the son of John and Katie Bonasse. He graduates with a 4.1688 GPA. Dominic is a member of the marching band where he serves as assistant section leader and a soloist. He is also a member of the cross country and track teams and the Quiz Bowl team. One of Dominic’s favorite activities is robotics where he serves as the driver and drive coach for the team. Dominic plans to attend the University of Michigan Ann Arbor where he will study biomedical engineering.

Melanie Strauss is the daughter of Mark and Neily Strauss. She graduates with a 4.1907 GPA. Melanie is a member of the National Honor Society and of the Student Council. She also participates in SADD and Peer to Peer. She participates on the girls varsity soccer team, the varsity cross country team and the varsity track team, and was a member of the varsity dance team. In addition, Melanie attended Mott Community College, danced competitively for 14 years with Ms. Bridge’s School of Dance, and played for the Michigan Legends travel soccer team. Melanie plans to attend Ferris State University in the Fall while majoring in Environmental Biology and will run cross country and track on an athletic scholarship.

Corbin Haak is the son of Brian Haak and Stacy Critchfield. He graduates with a 4.1891 GPA. Corbin is a member of the National Honor Society. He is also part of the Linden Marching Band where he serves as assistant drum major and section leader. Corbin enjoys being part of the cross country team and the track team. He also participates in Robotics and Quiz Bowl. Corbin is also a LINK leader, a freshman transition program. Corbin plans to attend Michigan State University where he plans to major in agribusiness.

Josephine Sokoloski is the daughter of Matthew and Diane Sokoloski. She graduates with a 4.1511 GPA. Josephine is a member of the Student Council. She is also a member of the Quiz Bowl team where she served as JV team captain. In her spare time, Josephine enjoys musical theater. She is a youth liaison for a non-profit children’s musical theater. Her love of theater has given her the opportunity to direct shows. Josephine plans to attend the University of Michigan Flint, but has not yet decided on a major.

Taylor Scott is the daughter of Gregory and Lisa Scott. She graduates with a 4.1292 GPA. Taylor is a member of the marching band. She plans to attend the University of Michigan Flint where she plans to pursue a degree in biology. She hopes to one day be a plastic surgeon.

Elle Haney is the daughter of David and Susan Haney. She graduates with a 4.1319 GPA. Elle is a member of the National Honor Society and the secretary of the Student Council. She also served as a LINK leader, a freshman transition program. Elle also enjoys giving back to the community by volunteering. Elle plans to attend St. Mary’s College to pursue a degree in biology.

Samantha Kosofsky is the daughter of Jaron and Sandra Kosofsky. She graduates with a 4.0661 GPA. Sam is the Vice President of the National Honor Society. She is also a member of Student Council and SADD. She also chose to be a MYLead student representative. Sam has served as a LINK leader, a freshman transition program, and on the volleyball and soccer teams. She has also been part of basketball while in high school and has participated in club soccer. Sam plans to attend Michigan State University where she will be part of the rowing team. Sam plans to one day be a pediatric oncologist.


Abigail James is the daughter of Shawn and Gwynne James. She graduates with a 4.0031 GPA. Abigail is a member of the marching band and the Linden Wings Winter Guard. She plans to attend Lyman Briggs College at Michigan State University.

Kathryn Smith is the daughter of Steven and Julie Smith. She graduates with a 4.0174 GPA. Kathryn is a member of the National Honor Society and of the Student Council. She also participates in SADD and dance. Abigail plans to attend Grand Canyon University to study finance. She has also earned the honor of being part of Grand Canyon University’s dance team.

Molly James is the daughter of Kevin and Traci James. She graduates with a 4.0115 GPA. Molly is Secretary of the National Honor Society and of the President of the Student Council. She also participates in SADD. Molly plans to attend Lyman Briggs College at Michigan State University. She plans to attend Belmont University to pursue a degree in entrepreneurship.

Taylor Scott is the daughter of Gregory and Lisa Scott. She graduates with a 4.1292 GPA. Taylor is a member of the marching band. She plans to attend the University of Michigan Flint where she plans to pursue a degree in biology. She hopes to one day be a plastic surgeon.
Linden graduate earns pilot license

‘He has always been able to focus on whatever he set his mind to…’

By Hannah Ball

One Linden High School graduate managed to attend school during a pandemic, play multiple sports and receive his private pilot license while his family experienced a medical emergency.

Carson Kelley, Linden graduate, started taking pilot lessons in June 2020 at Crosswinds Aviation at Bishop Airport.

“I always liked driving things and flying seemed like a fun career to have,” he said. “Flying gives you the sense of a different freedom, kind of like you’re on top of the world.”

Carson said “Top Gun” is his favorite movie, and that it sparked his interest in flying.

Lessons were two hours long. He was preparing to take his final test, which is four hours long, in January, but the date kept changing due to weather.

In this time, his father went into complete heart failure and received a heart transplant. Carson said his father is doing “a lot better” and he’s back at home and up walking now.

“I had a lot of support from family and friends when he was in the hospital and am very grateful for all the help from everyone during that hard time,” he said.

He’s worked at Alpine Marketplace since he was 15 while going to school, playing baseball, football and working toward his pilot license. Carson was an All State kicker for football.

He received his private pilot license Tuesday, April 27, and he’s able to fly single piston engine planes. Carson plans to go through Crosswinds Aviation to continue flight training.

Going to school during the pandemic was “very different” than normal. Carson did hybrid learning, a mix of face-to-face and online schooling.

“I didn’t see as many people at school because they had half of the grades go two days a week and the other half of the grades go the other two days. It didn’t seem normal at all,” he said. “I have enjoyed going to Linden schools growing up. Some of my favorite classes I took at Linden are English and History,” he said.

Kelley’s mother, Randie Kelley, said she’s so proud of her son.

“He put in a lot of effort to get his private pilot license. He went to school and worked, played football and went to flight training all during a pandemic. Then had to prepare for the checkride, which is a four-hour test. He had to do that while his dad was in heart failure and had to have a heart transplant,” she said.

Carson wasn’t able to see his dad in the hospital.

“He has always been able to focus on whatever he set his mind to and didn’t stop until he had accomplished it or was the best he could be at it. One of the most impressive things to me was how he took care of everything at home while I was in the hospital. I am truly proud of him and the man he has become,” said his father Brian Kelley.

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Mrs. Bartos

While this year was not everything I would have hoped for you, you still made it memorable. Your class had so much heart and I am so proud of the graduates of the Class of 2021. Please know that the best is yet to come and I am sure your star will shine brightly as you become the leaders of tomorrow!

Peace and Blessings, Mrs. Bartos

May you continue to develop your gifts and grow in faith, hope and love.

ST. JOHN SCHOOL STAFF & STUDENTS wish you all the best!
BEST FRIENDS
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Kelsi Dahlia, and Blake Pieroni swim while I was at finals. It was extremely fun for me to be able to watch world class athletes at a meet that I was at,” she said. “My team is like a second family, and my coaches Adam Cooper and Stephanie Olsen have been two major influences and mentors in my life.”

She plans to attend Grand Valley State University to study biomedical engineering, with the future goal of designing prosthetics, and she’ll also compete for the swim and dive team.

Gilbert has been swimming since she was 10. She joined the Lake Fenton/Kearsley team her junior year, and her favorite stroke is the butterfly.

She broke the school record for the 100 backstroke with a 1:04 and the 100 butterfly with a 1:02.

“Breaking those records was an incredible accomplishment for me, especially because I had only been back to swimming for a year, and I was extremely proud of myself for giving the sport another chance,” Gilbert said.

This summer at Silver Lake Beach, Gilbert said they’re able to have a lot of fun on the job, but they still take it seriously. It’s the last summer before they attend college. Gilbert will attend Ferris State University in the fall to pursue a career in optometry. After completing the seven-year program and receiving her doctorate, she plans to open her own optometry clinic. She also plans to work with a program called VOSH in which optometrists travel to lesser developed countries to provide eye care.

“Lake Fenton has always been a very small and inclusive community — I’ve gone to school with most of the kids in my grade since kindergarten, so I enjoyed the community aspect of the school. Everyone was willing to help when it was needed and I’ve always felt very secure and loved by those around me,” Gilbert said.

Gallagher said, “Graduation has been a rewarding feeling for all of the effort that was put into school work for the last four years. Celebrating with my classmates has been fun, and a great way to end high school. I will truly miss my friends, clubs, and my team, but I am excited about my future.”

TATE TEMROWSKI
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He chose Davenport University for the cyber security program and for bowling. He was recruited to their bowling program.

“Davenport has a really good cyber security and a really good bowling program so it was a perfect fit,” he said.

He chose cyber security because he’s always liked computers, and taking a class at Genesee Career Institute helped solidify that interest.

“It opened me up to different realms of computers. I chose computer security because I thought it was really cool and I just ran with it,” he said.

Temrowski likes the Grand Rapids area and is excited to spend more time there. He’s welcoming the change of no longer living in a small town like Fenton.

One of his favorite things about Fenton Area Public Schools is the teachers.

“Fenton teachers were really amazing, they were always really personable. You could talk to them about anything,” he said, specifically naming Brian Murphy. “He was so relaxed and he just understood so much about life and the challenges that we as high schoolers face. To be able to talk to your teachers about what you’re going through is a big thing.”

Tate Temrowski, Fenton High School graduate, will attend Davenport University in the fall on a bowling scholarship. Submitted photo

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