



Congratulations
TO THE
TEA AREA HIGH SCHOOL

CLASS OF 2018

COMMENCEMENT
Sunday, May 20th at 2:00 p.m.
Tea Area High School Gym

Class Motto:

*Behind us are memories. Beside us are friends.
Before us are dreams that will never end.*

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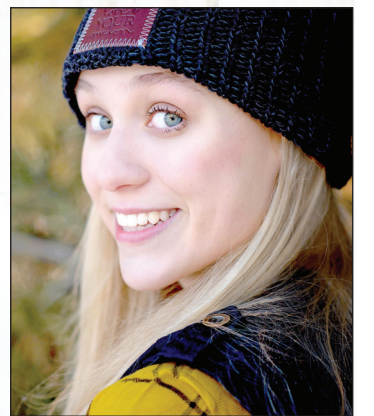


Kaitlyn Friedrich

Parents: Rod and Chris Friedrich; HS Extracurriculars: NHS, GSA, band, quiz bowl; Future Plans: Attend University of Minnesota, Twin Cities to major in history

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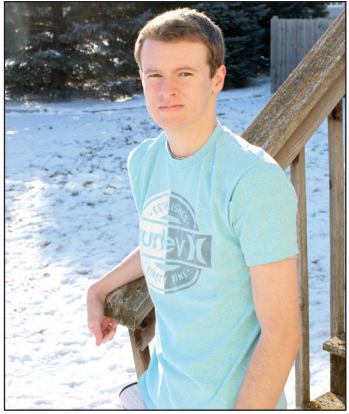


Janai Crawford

Parents: Brenda and Russ Crawford; HS Extracurriculars: Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Band, Tri-M Music Honor Society, National Honor Society, Student Council, Outside of the School: Therapy Dogs International; Future Plans: Attend Augustana University, and eventually become a physical or occupational therapist

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Nick Aeilts

Parents are: Roxane and Jay Aeilts; High school activities include: Baseball; Favorite high school memory: Getting to know everybody in my class; Future plans are: Attend a 4 year College/University

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Cole Anderson

Parents are: David and Nedeane Anderson; Future Plans include: acquiring two Associates Degrees in Media Publishing and Graphic Design, then move to California

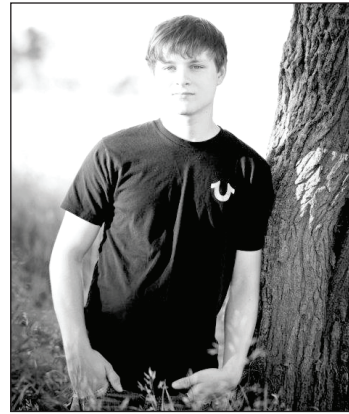
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Jozy Bardsley

Parent is: Dee Bardsley; High School Activities: Soccer, Basketball, Track, FCCLA, and Culture Club; Future plans are: Go to DWU to play soccer and major in Nursing

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Jared Brown

Parents are: Dayton & Jenny Brown; Favorite high school memory: Field trip to the mall and park; Future plans are: to attend USD to major in Nursing

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Samantha Burrows

Parents are: Rod and Christy Burrows; High School Activities Include: Musical Production and Women's Choir; Future plans are: Travel the world, go to college to further a career to do so

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Vincent Campbell

Parents are: Rose and Jesses Campbell; High school activities include: GSA, Band, Marching band, Quiz Bowl, and Technology Club; Future plans are: Go to college at Dakota State University, study animation, and move to Canada

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Emily Christensen

Parents: Greg and Connie Christensen; HS Extracurriculars: Volleyball, Track Manager, Be the Change, Tri-M, Prom Committee, National Honor Society, Characters on Track, and Youth Group; Future Plans: Graduate from USD and become an Elementary Teacher

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Madison Christensen

Parents: Jared and Jamie Winterboer; HS Extracurriculars: Student Council, SADD, TATU, Be the Change building Committee, Tri-M, Summer and Fall Softball, Basketball, Prom Committee, Member of the FCA, Hosa, and National Honor Society; Future Plans: Attend USD and major in Medical Biology

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Nathan Christenson

Parents are: Paul and Arlene Christenson; High School Activities: SkillsUSA; Future Plans: HVAC

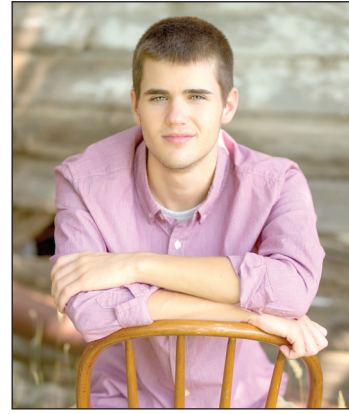
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Brandon Crozat

Parents are: Mariah and Jeremy Crozat; High School Activities: Technology Club, Science Club, and Concert Choir; Future plans are: Start a business in 3D Printing

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Dillon Cuppy

Parents are: Tanya & Brandon Cuppy; High school activities include: Baseball; Favorite high school memory: Sleeping in class; Future plans are: Attending technical school to become an HVAC Technician

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Brenna Daggett

Parents: Mike and Eric Daggett; HS Extracurriculars: Cross-Country and Track; Future Plans: Go to SDSU

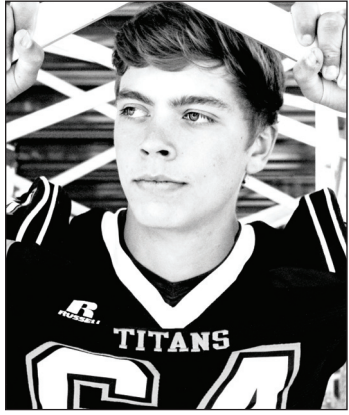
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Tara De Young

Parents: Michelle De Young and Lynn De Young; HS Extracurriculars: Band, Quiz Bowl, GSA, and Tech Club; Future Plans: Attend DSU for Computer Science and Game Design

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Chris Duncan

Parents are: Vicky and Kelly Duncan; High School activities include: Football and Track; Future Plans: Attending SDSU

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Blake Ensz

Parents are: Vic and Sonia Ensz; High School activities include: Football and powerlifting; Future plans: Attend post secondary school

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Aubrey Fodness

Parents are: Jill Madetzke and Chad Fodness; High School activities include: Women's Ensemble and Cheerleading; Future plans include: Go to college to become a nurse

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Jake Friedrich

Parents are: Michele Friedrich and Kurt Friedrich; High School Activities include: Basketball and Baseball; Future Plans: College, Move to Wisconsin, Become a Therapist

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Rebeka Garrabrant

Parent is: Angela Elaine Garrabrant; High school activities include: Choir; Favorite high school memory: meeting my friends; Future plans are: work force

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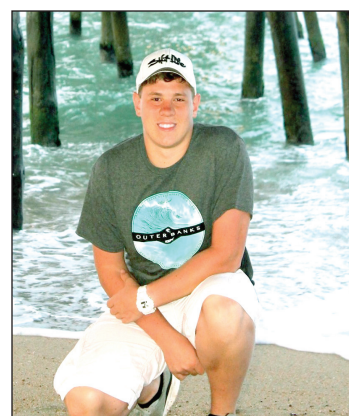
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Connor Gjerson

Parents are: Dean and Denise Gjertson; High School Activities: Band and Quiz Bowl; Future plans are: College at DSU for Network Administration and Computer Programming.

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Austin Griffith

Parents are: Nick and Amy Griffith; Favorite high school memory: Making the yearbook my junior year; Future plans are: Attend STI for a law enforcement science degree

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Cari Hansen

Parents are: Lisa and Mark Hansen; High School Activities: Concert Choir, Volleyball, Soccer, and Be the Change; Future plans: Attend Augustana University as a biology major and going on to Vet school

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Kara Harms

Parents are: David and Allissa Harms; High School Activities: National Honor Society, SADD, Track & Field Statistionist, and Prom Committee

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Grace Hayworth

Parents are: Barry and Nyla Maag, Curtis and Staci Hayworth; High School activities include: Cheerleading, Student Council, Concert Choir, National Honor Society, and Musicals; Future plans are: Attend Augustana, major in Psychology and become an Occupational Therapist

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Kourtney Headrick

Parents are: Kim and Brian Headrick; High school activities include: Volleyball, Basketball, and Golf; Favorite high school memory: Watching the Boys Basketball at State her senior year; Future plans are: studying Elementary and Special Education at USD

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Kyle Heien

Parents are: Craig and Jennifer Heien; Favorite High School memory: State Basketball 2018; Future plans are: Make money n stuff

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Peyton Heins

Parents are: Tim and Jessica Heins; High School Activities: Cross Country and Track/Field; Future Plans: Go to SDSU and become a computer science major

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Austin Hofer

Parents are: Joan Hofer and Vince Hofer; High School activities include: Joan Hofer and Vince Hofer; High School activities include: Baseball; Working for Butler Cat, sponsored by then to go to Lake Area Technical Institute
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Maggie Hofer

Parents are: Mark & Karen Hofer; Favorite high school memory: Homecoming Senior Year; Future plans are: to enter the workforce
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Trevor Hoffard

Parents: Pam and Jack Hoffard; Future Plans: Survive in the real world; Favorite HS Memory: End of 12th grade
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Jordan Huinker

Parents are: Kyle & Kim Huinker; High school activities include: Band, National Honor Society, and Tri-M Honor Society; Favorite high school memory: The 2017 Boys State Basketball tournament; Future plans are: to become an Ophthalmologist
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Shelby Irvine

Parents are: Tim and Kris Irvine; High school activities include: Basketball, Volleyball, track, band, Tri-m, National Honor Society, be the change, TATU, SADD, FCCLA, FCA; Future plans are: Go to USD major in health sciences and become an Occupational Therapist
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Dawson Johnson

Parents are: Dave & Alahna Johnson; High school activities include: President of Student Council, a Principal's Cabinet Representative, Vice-President of National Honors Society, Teen's Against Tobacco Use, Tri-M Honor Society, Class Vice-President; Future plans are: Attend Augustana University, major in Math & Science Secondary Education
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Dustin Johnson

Parents are: Mark & Kelly Johnson; High school activities include: Track, alongside successfully completing his senior project; Future plans are: Attending a technical school to become a welder
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Janne Johnson

Parent are: Aaron (step-dad) & Jesse (mom) Christensen; High school activities include: Volleyball, Fall Softball; Favorite high school memory: When Mr. Ehrisman & our Anatomy class went to the SDSU Human Anatomy Lab; Future plans are: Attend a smaller school
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Nash Johnson

Parents are: Sarah and Matt Johnson; High School Activities include: Basketball; Future Plans: To become a dietitian for a sports team and travel around the world
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Martique Jones

Parent: Joy Jones; Favorite high school memory: Football games; Future plans are: Attend a technical school with an Imagine America scholarship, and own a shop
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John Karn

Parents: Sheila Karn and John Karn Sr; HS Extracurriculars: Wrestling; Future Plans: Electrical Field; Favorite HS Memory: Hanging out with friends
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Sara Karpen

Parents are: Beth & Ryan Jorgenson and Jerad & Amanda Goens; High school activities include: TATU, Tri-M, Yearbook, Cheer, One Act, Newspaper, Musical, Choir, Principal's Cabinet; Future plans are: Attending SMSU majoring in English
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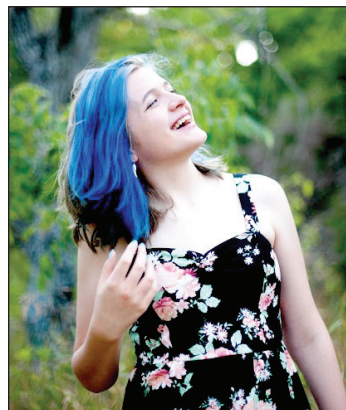
Brady King

Parents are: Carrie Geppert and Bryan King; High School activities include: Track and Golf; Future plans are: Attend USD for computer science
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Isaac King

Parents are: Tammy and Troy Vink, Jeff King; High School Activities: Football and Track; Future plans are: Go to College
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Abby Klocke

Parents are: Lindy Mathison and Brad Mathison; High School activities include: Tri-M; Favorite High School memory: Lindy Mathison and Brad Mathison; Future plans are: Go to Stewart's for a nail technician degree
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Seth Kocer

Parents are: Machel and Brian Kocer; High School Activities include: Basketball; Future Plans include: Go to USD; Favorite High School Memory is: Winning the State Championship
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Sydney Koolstra

Parents are: Deb Tams Brad Tams Bill Koolstra; High School activities include: Volleyball; Favorite High School memory: Homecoming breakfast in the parking lot; Future plans are: USD for Dental Hygienist
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Harrison Krogh

Parents: Dave and Lisa Krogh; HS Extracurriculars: Band, Golf, and Jazz Band; Future Plans: Go to college
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Keegan LaFollette

Parents: Leigh Ann LaFollette; HS Extracurriculars: Hockey; Future Plans: Attend USD and major in Criminal Justice. After college, plans to attend Police Academy and enter the police force
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Dylan Lardy

Parents are: Clint and Christy Lardy; High School activities include: Used to be in football and track; Favorite High School memory: Any memory with my brother, Benny; Future Plans are: To create something that people will feel and relate to. Also to get a corgi
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David Loof

Parents are: tim and Linda Loof; High school activities include: Soccer, Band, Golf; Favorite high school memory: Freshman year band and choir trip to Colorado; Future plans are: Attend a 4 year College/ University
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Cody McCord

Parents are: Donna Bartone; Favorite high school memory: Working out; Future plans: Nuclear technician
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Abigail McIlvenna

Parents are: Joan and Jerry McIlvenna; High School Activities: Volleyball, FCCLA, FCA, Art Club, and Prom Committee; Future plans are: Attend Dakota Wesleyan University and major in nursing
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Chris Morales

Parents are: Adir and Kari Morales; High School activities include: full time baller, cornerback on the football squad, and part time scorer on the b-ball team; Future Plans are: Play basketball and football at Minnesota West
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Kolby Newborg

Parents are: Darren and Jamie Newborg; High school activities include: Golf, Baseball; Favorite high school memory: Winning State Golf; Future plans are: Attend South Dakota State University
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Hunter Otten

Parents are: Melissa and Clint; High School activities include: Football; Favorite High School memory: Going to state for football; Future Plans are: Work at Vern Eide
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Kaylee Panning

Parents are: Jennifer and Todd Panning; High school activities include: Cheer, NHS, FCCLA; Favorite high school memory: Spending time in Rapid while cheering for State Basketball; Future plans are: Attend South Dakota State University to become a Pediatric Nurse

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Brynn Parmalee

Parents are: Stephanie and Preston Parmalee; Future plans: Attend SDSU

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Elliot Peters

Parents are: Dawn and Evan Peters; Favorite High School memory: Seeing my friends everyday; Future plans are: Go to STI to become a computer technician

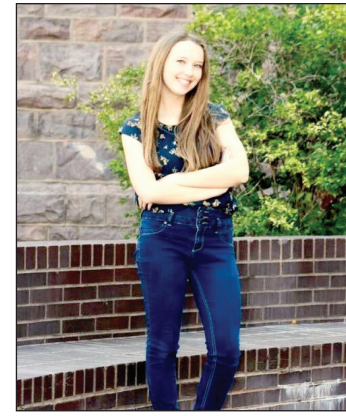
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Samantha Pies

Parents: Amy and John Pies; HS Extracurriculars: Tri-M, Cross-Country, and Book Club; Future Plans: Attend DSU to receive a Bachelor's degree in SPED/EI. Education as well as minor in Spanish

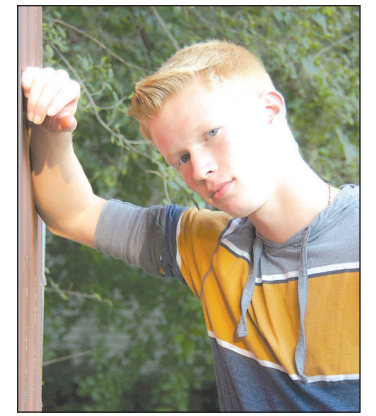
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Kaitlyn Pittenger

Parents are: Bonnie and Ken Pittenger; High School activities include: Band; Future Plans include: Go to USD to study Medical Laboratory Science; Scholarships include: USD Academic Scholarship

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Joshua Quamen

Parents are: Carrie and Kirby Quamen; High school activities include: Soccer, Track, Student Council, NHS, and FCCLA; Future plans are: I am going to attend SDSU for electrical engineering

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Katrina Relph

Parents are: Shirley Relph and Tommy Niemeyer; High school activities include: Be the Change and the Cadet Program at the Tea Fire Department; Future plans are: Attending DSU to earn a degree in Nursing

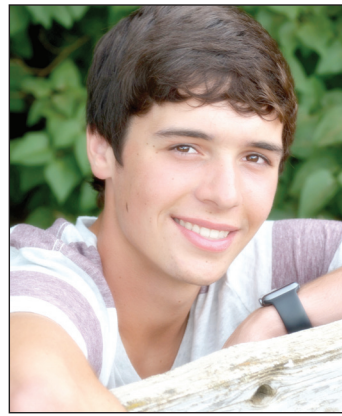
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Jake Rotter

Parents: Angie Rotter and Gunner Rotter; HS Extracurriculars: Football, Track, Powerlifting, and Yearbook; Future Plans: Go to STI for accounting

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Mason Schlunsen

Parents are: Terri and Todd Schlunsen; High School activities include: Soccer, Track, Golf, Band, Jazz Band, Choir, Student Council, Boy Scouts, FCCLA, Tri-M, Honor Choir, Club Soccer; Future Plans are: I plan to attend Mount Marty College for a Bachelor's in Nursing

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Ryland Schmitt

Parents are: Kirt and Lisa Schmitt; High school activities include: Band and Jazz Band; Future plans are: Attend the South Dakota School of Mines and majoring in chemical engineering

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Hailey Schneidermann

Parents: Katie and Tom Van Kley; HS Extracurriculars: Softball, Choir, and Basketball; Future Plans: Attend college and move out of the state

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Maci Schroeder

Parents are: Linda and Guy Schroeder; High School Activities include: Softball; Future Plans are: to attend a technical school; Favorite High School Memory is: School Dances

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Mariah Schroeder

Linda and Guy Schroeder; High School activities include: Cross Country and Track; Future plans are: To attend Lake Area Technical Institution to become a Dental Assistant

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Lindsie Sechser

Parents: Alan and Stacie Sechser; HS Extracurriculars: Tri-M and Be the Change; Future Plans: Attending USD for Psychology

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Savanna Stratmeyer

Parents are: Steve & Delores Stratmeyer; High School activities include: Marching band and Tri-M; Future plans are: Preschool teacher

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Jakob Thomas

Parents: Travis Thomas and Heather Thomas; HS Extracurriculars: Track and Wrestling; Future Plans; Mechanical and Engineering Technology

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Aaron Vales

Parents are: Hope and Paul Vales; Future plans: Attend STI and get a job in multimedia design

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Issy Van Westen

Corey and Nicole Van Westen; High School Activities include: Band; Future plans are: Medical School

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Caleb Van Zee

Dwight/Joyce Van Zee; Favorite High School memory; playing football and basketball; Future plans are: Farming

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Miranda Voelker

Parents are: Rob and Wanda Voelker; High School Activities: Track and Field management, softball, SADD, FCCLA, and prom committee; Future Plans: Nursing at DWU

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Kayla Vonk

Parents are: Kristi and Brent Vonk; High School Activities: Band and Quiz Bowl; Future Plans are: Attending the University of Sioux Falls

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Mikayla Wevik

Parents are: Heidi and Scott Wevik; High school activities include: Track, Volleyball, Soccer, TATU, Student Council, NHS, Tri-M; Favorite high school memory: Winning the 4x100 at the state track meet in 2017; Future plans are: Go to SDSU to major in nursing

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Nick Zabel

Parents are: Kurt & Jeanine. High school activities include: baseball; Favorite high school memory: Watching the Boys Basketball team win state; Future plans are: to attend college

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Chanda Zuniga

Parents are: Jamie Gonzalez and Carlos Zuniga; Future Plans are: Meet a panda and go to college

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Carlos Zuniga

Parents are: Jamie Gonzalez & Carlos Zuniga; High school activities included: football; Favorite high school memory: being in class with his buddies; Future plans are: to enter the workforce in construction

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