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### **Anna Heinen - Valedictorian**

Parents: Dr. Monty and Tiffani

Rank: Valedictorian.

What high school accomplishments are you most proud of? I was both humbled and filled with extreme honor to have been selected by my school as the 2018 St. Edmund Homecoming queen. I am also very grateful to be selected as valedictorian of my class.

What are your thoughts on leading your graduating class as an honor **student?** It is truly an honor being able to represent my class. Together, we have obtained much success and maturity throughout our time at Saint Edmund. I am proud to speak on behalf of my class.

What are your future plans? I am attending LSU Baton Rouge in the fall of 2019. I plan to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and then continue my education to become an occupational therapist.

As a young adult in society, what issues/problems would you like to solve? As a young adult in society, I would like to be able to help put an end to child abuse. Because I have such a deep love for children and have grown up in such a closely knitted family, I hope that one day I will be able to donate my time and effort towards helping children in need.

What are you going to miss most about high school? The thing that I will miss most about high school is being able to cheer on the sidelines for my school at the Blue Jay field. I will never forget the excitement as the canons went off, and our boys succeeded in scoring a touchdown. I will miss the comradery of the whole school coming together on game days.

After completing your studies, do you plan to come back to this community? Why or why not? I am looking forward to coming back and enjoying Saint Edmund as an alumnus. Saint Eds has given me deeply rooted friendships, a support group I can always count



Anna Heinen

on, a Catholic faith that will carry me through life, and much more. I believe it is only right to give back to my school in the future no matter where life takes me in my future endeavors.

What experience/advice do you leave high school with now? The simplest advice that I can leave to high school students is to always be kind. Life is difficult and filled with many obstacles and negativity. No matter what, treat others the way you would like to be treated. Be the light you wish to see

Besides education, what do you hope to gain from college experience? From my collegiate experience, I hope to gain growth and independence. While facing challenges and obstacles in a new and bigger city, I hope to expand my friendships and learn from others who are different than me. I'm excited to form new hobbies, and lastly, I am looking forward to deepening my Catholic faith as I transition into adulthood.

### **Avery McGee - Salutatorian**

**Parents:** Paige Pitre McGee and Donald Wesley McGee.

Rank: Salutatorian.

What high school accomplishments are you most proud of? I am most pleased about being St. Edmund's 2019 Student of the Year. It was such an honor to be chosen by my school's faculty and recognized in front of the student body at church. I was also honored to be named Ms. Bluejay at our school's athletic banquet. I was ecstatic to have been recognized by my coaches for my dedication to sports.

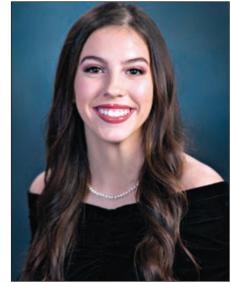
What are your thoughts on leading your graduating class as an honor **student?** I am very excited to graduate from my school as an honor student. I have worked hard these four years to be where I am now, and I have my parents and my teachers to thank for pushing me to be my very best.

What are your future plans? After graduate high school, I will attend LSUE in the fall for a year, then I will transfer to LSU. I plan on majoring in biology to become a dermatologist.

As a young adult in society, what issues/problems would you like to solve? I feel as if today many young adults are losing their sense of courtesy and compassion towards others. I would like to influence my peers to be nicer to one another, and to treat people with respect and kindness.

What are you going to miss most about high school? I will miss the family-like atmosphere amongst my peers and my teachers. I know that in college it will be a much more unfamiliar setting, and I won't know too many people. have been with the same people in my class since kindergarten, so they have become like brothers and sisters to me.

After completing your studies, do



**Avery McGee** 

you plan to come back to this community? Why or why not? I am not entirely sure what my future holds. I do not think I will end up establishing a career in my community, but I know I will have lots of family and friends to come back to and visit.

What experience/advice do you leave high school with now? I hope I have inspired high school students now to really push to be the best. I hope that they become more hardworking now than ever before and realize that what they do now will affect their future also.

Besides education, what do you hope to gain from college experience? I hope I gain many more friends in college; one can never have too many! Also, I hope to become more indepen-

### St. Edmund Alma Mater:

St. Edmund High we honor you, Our Alma Mater through the years To all our teachings will be true, To all that you hold dear, You've taught us Christian unity To love and strive with dignity, To bring your kindness to the world To hold your name revered Christ and Mary keep St. Ed's Close to your loving hearts.

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### St. Ed Landry recognized for her art work



Logan Landry, left, a student at St. Edmund High, was chosen by members of the Men's ACTS Retreat team for her art-

work, and her art work will be represented at the men's April retreat. At right is Junior Bergeron of Eunice. (Submitted photo)

### A Look at the Past at St. Edmund....

### St. Edmund homecoming queen crowned



Anna Claire Heinen, left, a senior at St. Edmund High School, was crowned Friday evening during St. Ed homecoming game. Heinen is the daughter of Dr. Monty and

Tiffani Heinen of Eunice, and she is pictured with last year's St. Ed homecoming queen Abby Miller. (Photo by Tom Dodge)

### Top GPA students named at St. Edmund



St. Edmund High School named its Top Blue Jay (Highest GPA average). Students are, in front, from left, Anna Heinen, senior; Katherine Sittig, junior; and Jeslyn Rider,

freshman. In back, from left, are Ethan McDavid, a junior; Alex Dupre, junior; and Dylan Miller, a sophomore. (Submitted



# Presenting the class of Class Future awaits SEH graduates

On Friday, the 2019 class of St. Edmund High School will join the ranks of high school graduates. This year's class has 28 young men and women receiving their diplomas.

The commencement ceremony will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 17 at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Diploma." Church.

The class song this year is: "Don't Blink," by Kenny Chesney.

The class colors are blue and white.

The class flower is the white peony. The class motto is: "Let's get that

Class officers are Carter Lejeune, president; and Katherine Fontenot, vice president.

Class sponsors are Lauren Caswell and Kasey Marcantel.

### **Editorial Note**

The list of members of the graduating class and their photos in this section were provided by the school. Questions regarding either should be directed to the school. All individual information was supplied by the students and is unverified.







Dawson Ardoin



Christopher Berzas



**Brock Bieber** 



Olivia Clark



**Dustie Deshotel** 



Caleb Fontenot



Kaden Fontenot



Katherine Fontenot



Tyler Fonville



Olivia Fuselier



Garet Hebert



Anna Heinen



Logan Landry



Carter LeJeune









Brad Miller Jr.



Austin Poncho



Nicholas Savoy



Jillian Simpson



Jacques Soileau II



Felicity Thibodeaux



CynClaire Trahan



Drake Trahan



Aubriana York



Drew Zaunbrecher

### St. Edmund 2019 graduates planning great futures

Dawson Reid Ardoin, Parents: David and Olivia Ardoin. Activities: 5 years FBLA, 4 years, Baseball 3 years, Football 2 years, National Honor Society 2 years, Student Council 1 year, Cross Country. Awards: Freshman: Young Christian of the Year, Sophomore: FBLA state qualifier in current events, 1st team All District Pitcher, District Runner up Baseball. Junior: FBLA state qualifier in current events, 1st team All District Pitcher, All parish Baseball team, District Champs Baseball and Football, Outstanding Baseball Player Award. Senior: Academic All state Cross Country, District Champs Baseball, 1st team All District Pitcher, St Edmund ACT 22+ Club, Senior class- Most Artistic and Most Arguementative.

in kinesiology and play baseball for the Nunez CC

Pelicans. Gabriella Bertrand, Parents: Kip and Holly Bertrand. Activities: Dance team (2015-2019), Track (2015-2018), National Honors Society (2015-2019), Act 22+ club Society (2018-2019) and FBLA (2015-2019). Awards: Literary Rally 1st place at district for English (2016), Young Christian award (2017), UDA All American Dancer (2017), UDA All American Dancer (2018), Track regional qualifier in the 4x400 relay race (2018), Literary Rally 1st place at District for English (2019), Dance team captain's award (2019). Plans after graduation are to attend the University of Louisiana at Lafayette for the next 4 years, live on campus in a dorm room for my freshman year of college, and study and earn a

Christopher Berzas. Parents: Paul and Tanya Berzas. Activities: Football (4 years), Track (2 years), National Honor Society (3 years), ACT 22+ Club (3 years), Literary Rally Team (3 years), and Future Business Leaders of America (1 year). Awards: All District Offensive Line/ Defensive Line (junior and senior year), Football Coaches award (junior and senior year), Track Coaches Award (sophomore year), 1st place each year in district literary (History, English, Physics), and Football All-Academic Scholar, and Football Scholastic Award (Highest GPA). Plans after graduation are to attend McNeese State University

to study agribusiness. Brock Rheinhard Bieber, Parents: Kody and Shelly Bieber. Activities: Football, 4 years, baseball, 4 years. Awards:

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of the Joe Nagata Award, Team All-District Line Backer and Coaches  $\begin{array}{ll} Award. & Junior\ year-2nd \\ Team & All-District & Line \end{array}$ Backer, 1st Team All-District 2nd Baseman and Baseball Captains Award. Sophomore year – 1st Team All-District Baseball. Plans after graduation are to attend LSUE for business then pursue a career in farming.

Olivia Frances Clark, Parents: Ashley and Ger-Clark. Activities/ Honors/Awards: Student Council treasurer, 3 years of being a member of the National Honor Society, Member of the ACT 22+ club, 2 time 1st place winner in the district literary rally and state qualifier. 4 years of being a member of FBLA and 1 year qualifying in state, Honorable mention all-district utility softball player sophomore year, 2nd team all-district

parish utility softball player junior year, 1st team all-district third baseman senior year, 2nd team all-parish third baseman senior year, All-state academic composite softball player, 1 year track team member, 3 years football statistician captain. Plans after graduation are to attend LSU Eunice for two semesters then transfer to LSU in pursuit of a doctorate in veterinary medi-

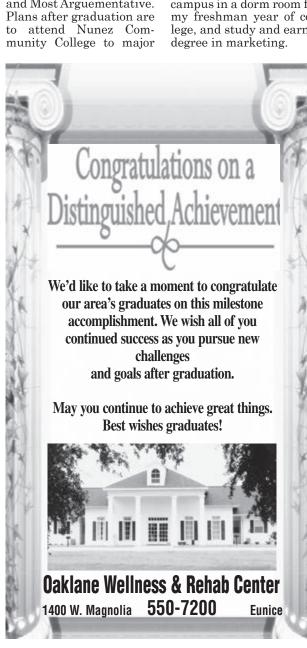
cine. Dustie Deshotel, St. Edmund High, Parents: Ben and Kristie Deshotel. Activities: Softball, 3 years, Drum line, 3 years, track, 2 years. Awards: captain's Drum line award. Plans after graduation are to attend LSU Eunice.

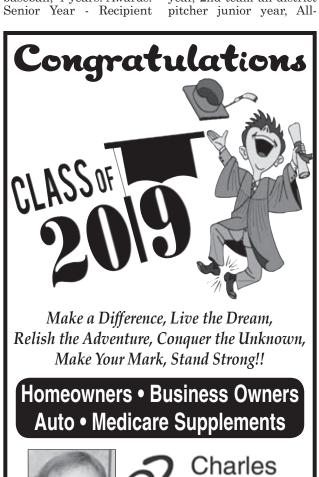
Caleb Gage Fontenot, Parents: Shawn and Denise Fontenot. Activities: Basketball team, freshman, sophomore, and junior years, Tennis team-

Junior and senior years. Plans after graduation are to gain work experience in the oilfield to determine area of interest then possibly attend technical col-

Kaden Jeanard Fontenot, Parents: Greta and Kane Fontenot. Activities/Clubs and Honors: Football, 4 years, track, 4 years; baseball 3 years, campus ministry 1 year; 4-H Market goats showing 9 years. Awards: Honor roll, 13 years; honor classes 3 years; All Academic Scholar 2018 Football Defensive player honorable mention 4 years; Baseball 2018 1st Team All District; 2019 4-H District Livestock Show winner in Market Goat showmanship. Plans after graduation are to attend Sowela, and then transfer to Mc-Neese State University, and pursue a degree in ag-

ricultural business.





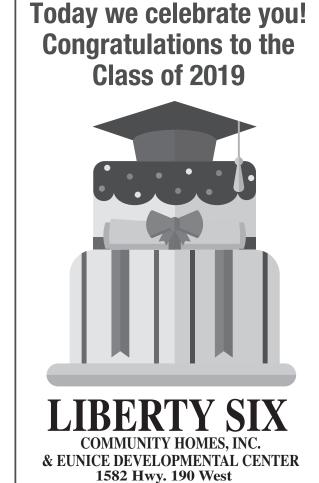
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# Presenting the class of Class of 2019

Katherine Grace Fontenot, Parents: Greta and Kane Fontenot. Activities: Cheerleader, 4 years; track, 4 years; cross country, 1 year; softball, 1 year; campus ministry year; FBLA one year; Junior and senior class officer, 4-H showing market goats- 8 years. Awards: Honor roll, 13 years; honors classes, 3 years; Dual enrollment through LSUE - 2 years; All American Cheerleader two years; Grand champions at Cheer Camp and home routine, 3 years; 2015 4-H District Livestock Show winner in Market Goat showmanship. Plans after graduation are to attend LSU Eunice, then transfer to LSU in Baton Rouge, to pursue a degree in physi-

cal therapy.

Tyler Lee Fonville, Parents: Richard Fonville and De'Borah Isaac. Activities: Basketball-4 years, Track and field-3 years, Cross Country 3 years and golf- 4 years. Awards: All District basketball, All Regional track and field and All State golf. Plans after graduation are to attend LSU Eunice then transfer to Grambling State University to major in Criminal Justice.

Olivia Fuselier. Parents: Ryan And Mary Fuselier. Activities: Dance Team, 4 years, UDA All American 4 years, Regional Track Meet 2 years, and Track 4 years. Awards: National Honor Society, Act 22+ Club, FBLA, Student Council, Student Government, and Class Officer. Plans after graduation are to attend LSUE for a year and then transfer to LSU and major in kinsesiology.

Garet Luke Hebert, Parents: Amy Hebert and the late Toby Hebert. Activities: Football-4 years, positions: Strong safety, Wide receiver, Class A State playoffs 2015 & 2016, 4-1A District Champs 2017 & 2018, Powerlifting-1 year, track-1 year. Clubs, awards, organizations: National Honor Society-2 years, ACT 22+ Club, FBLA-1 year, School mass altar server-4 years, Guatemala mission trip, 2018 Right to Life March in Washington, D.C.-2019, and 2018 All Academic Scholar Athlete award. Plans after graduation are to attend the University of Louisiana at Lafayette to pursue a master's degree in civil engineering.

Anna Claire Heinen, Parents: Dr. Monty and Tiffani Heinen. Activities: Varsity Cheerlead-(2015-2019), Track Field (2015-2019), National Honor Society (2016-2019), National Junior Honor Society (2015-2016), Student Council (2015-2019), FBLA (2015-Literary Rally ACT 22+ Club (2019).(2018-2019), Impact/Adoration Nights at School Chapel, Study Abroad Program in Paris (2018). Awards: Top Blue Jay / Highest GPA (2015-2018), 4.0 GPA (2015-2019), National Honor Society President (2019), Student Council Vice President (2019), Student Council Representative 2018), Homecoming Court (2015, 2018), Homecoming Queen (2018), Captain of Cheerleading (2019), Cheerleading SCA All American (2016-2018), Triple Jump Regionals Qualifier (2017), District Literary Rally 1st place in Psychology (2019), FBLA Parliamentary Procedure State Qualifier (2017). Plans after graduation are to attend Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge to pursue a degree in Occupational Therapy.

Logan Elise Landry, Parents: Dwight and Holly Landry. Activities: National Honor Society (4 years); Future Business Leaders of America (4 years); Varsity Dance Team (4 years); ACT 22+ Club (2 years); Yearbook Staff (1 year); Homecoming Court (1 year); Dual Enrollment (2 years); 4.0 GPA in Honors Curriculum; National Honor Society Tutor. Awards: Women's ACTS Retreat Art Award, Spring 2019, Young Christian of the Year; Universal Dance Association All-American Dancer (4 years); UDA Personal Invitation to Audition for Staff; UDA Pin It Forward Award; Artwork Award for Men's ACTS Retreat; Senior Class Most Artistic; FBLA Convention - first place; FBLA State participant. Plans after graduation are to to obtain a bachelor's degree in Biology then apply for medical school to become a medical doctor.

Carter Dwayne LeJeune. Parents: Čhet and Britinee LeJeune and Andy and Kelli Toups. Activities: 2 years Class Vice President 2015-2017, 2 years Class President 2017-2019, 1 year FBLA, National Honor Society, Senior Class Best Dressed, 4 years Football, Football All-District Linebacker, Football Defensive Player of the Year 2019, 2 years Baseball, 2 Years Powerlifting, Powerlifting State Runner-up 2019, 1 year Tennis, 2 years Track. Plans after graduation are to attend LSU Eunice and major in nurs-

Avery Jade McGee, Parents: Paige Pitre Mc-Gee and Donald Wesley McGee. Activities: Varsity Cross Country (6 years)— Captain (1 year); Varsity Varsity Track (4 years); Tennis (3 years) - Captain (1 year) Varsity Dance Team (3 years) National Honor Society (3 years); FBLA (6 years); Stu-Council-President (1 year); Student Government (2 years); ACT 22+ Club (3 years); Literary Rally Team (2 years); Speech Rally Team (1 year); Yearbook Club (1 year) and Altar Server (10 years). Awards: St. Edmund Student of the Year 2018-2019, LSUE Dual Enrollment Excellence Award, Louisiana American Legion Auxiliary Girl's State Delegate 2018, 1st place local VFW post "Voice of Democracy" Essay Winner 2018, 1st Place District VFW "Voice of Democracy" Essay Winner 2018, 5th Place State Voice of Democracy" Essay Winner, 2018 Åll-Academic Composite Honoree-LHSAA Cross Country 2019, All-Academic Composite Honoree-LHSAA Track and Field, 2017 UDA Drill Down Queen, FBLA Computer Applications State Qualifier 2019, FBLA Computer Applications State Qualifier 2018, LSUE District Speech Rally- Superior in Interpretive Reading, LSUE Speech Rally State qualifier, LSUE Literary Rally-1st Place in Pre-Calculus, LSUE Literary Rally- 1st place English II, UDA All-American Dancer, 2018 UDA All-American Dancer, Most Spirited Freshman, Most Spirited Senior. Plans after graduation are to attend LSU Eunice for one year, and then transfer to LSU to major in biology and to become a dermatologist.

Benjamin Jack Miller, Parents: Randy and Mary Miller. Activities/Honors: Football, 4 years, Honorable Mention running back- 1 year, Honorable Mention cornerback- 1 year, 2nd team All District running back- 1 year, 1st team All District Kick returner- 1 year, SEH Most Outstanding offensive player- 1 year, Baseball, 4 years, 2nd team All District outfielder- 1 year, 1st team All District outfielder- 3 years, Track Awards, 2 years, 1st place District pole vault-1 year, Altar Server, from 5th grade through 12th grade, Ministries. Christian Plans after graduation are to attend LSU Eunice, and then LSU to study ki-

nesiology. Bradford Paul Miller **Jr.,** Parents: Brad and Tonya Miller. Activities/ Awards/Honors: Altar server, St. Edmund Campus ministry, National Honors Society, FBLA, 1 year, football, 4 years, football-sophomore year, Offense First Team All District, Defensive First Team All District, junior year, Offensive All District MVP, Defensive First Team All District, Offensive All Parish MVP, senior year, Offensive All District MVP, Defensive 2nd Team All District, Offensive All Parish, All State, Academic All State, Team MVP, Baseball, 4 years, Sophomore year, First Team All District Outfielder, Second Team All District Pitcher, junior year, Second Team All District Outfielder, Second Team All District Pitcher, Track, 3 years, Junior year, Regionals in 4x1 and 4x2, Cross Country, 2 years. Plans after graduation are to attend LSUE for two years and transfer to McNeese State to major in construction manage-

Lance Miller, Parents: Kerry and Kim Miller. Activities: Basketball, 1 year; baseball, 4 years; cross country, 1 year; football, 1 year. Awards: 2nd Team All District, Utility Player baseball, 2 years. Plans after graduation are to attend LSU Eunice.

Austin Henry Poncho, Parents: Cathy Miller and Cameron Poncho. Activities: football, 4 years. Plans after graduation are to attend LSUE to obtain a degree in radiology technology, then transfer to McNeese to obtain my bachelors degree in radiology.

Nicholas James Savoy, St. Edmund High School, Parents: Remi and Nicole Savoy. Activities: Varsity Football, 4 years, Baseball, 1 year, and Track, 1 year. Awards/ Honors: Honor Society, Most Improved Student, 2 years, All State Football, Coach's Award- football, senior year. Plans after graduation are to attend LSU Eunice and pursue an education degree in Healthcare.

Jillian Simpson, Parents: Germaine Simpson and Joseph M. Reed. Activities: Basketball, point guard, 4 years. Plans after graduation are to attend college and obtain a bachelors degree in health and nutrition and continue my edcuation to obtain a masters degree in human nutrition.

Jacques Andre' Soileau II, Parents: Andre and Beth Soileau. Activities/ awards and honors: ACT 22+ Club, National Honor Society – 2 years, FBLA - 2 year member; State Rally Qualifier in 11th grade, Literary Rally – 11th grade; 1st place district level Spanish 2, 12th grade – 1st place district level World History, attended State Literary Rally for 2 years, Track, 9-11th grades; Regional qualifier in pole vaulting, 2 years, Most spirited award - 9th grade; Young Christian Award - 11th grade, and Guatemala Mission Trip - 9th-11th grades. Plans after graduation are to attend Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge this fall and major in business.

Felicity Thibodeaux, Parents: Tiffany and Joey Thibodeaux. Activities: Softball for 2 years and volleyball for 2 years. Plans after graduation are to attend LSUE for 2 years then transfer to UL in Lafayette.

Mandy CynClaire Trahan, Parents: Darrick and Stephanie Trahan. Activities: Dance team, 3 years; Track, 2 years, FBLA, 4 years, Homecoming Court, junior and senior years. Plans after graduation are to attend LSU Eunice then transfer to pursue a bachelor's degree in counseling.

Peter Drake Trahan, Parents: Darrick and Stephanie Trahan. Activities: Basketball, 3 years, track, 3 years. Awards: 2017 Coaches Award for basketball. Plans after graduation are to attend Sowela Technical College in their Plumbers Apprenticeship program to become a certified plumber.

Aubriana Garielle York, Parents: Blake York and Danielle Eve Blake. Activities: 3 years Dance Team, Co-Captain Senior Year, 4 Years FBLA, Sophomore and Junior Year Class Officer. Plans after graduation are to attend LSUE to major in business and then attend cosmetology school with a focus in make-up artistry and skin care with the hopes to one day open her own salon. **Drew Michael Zaun-**

brecher, Parents: Taffy Fall and Patrick Zaunbrecher. Activities/Awards/ Honors: Senior Class Favorite, 4 years of football, Football First Team All-District offensive line, Football First Team All-District Defensive line, Football First Team All-Parish Offensive line, Football Second Team All-Parish Defensive line, Football All-State, Coaches Award Football. Plans after graduation are to attend Sowela Technical Community College and major in Industrial electrical technical followed by farming.

### Productive ways to spend the summer after graduation

Graduation is a momentous day in the lives of college students. After years of schooling that dates all the way back to preschool or kindergarten, newly minted college graduates are finally ready to begin their professional lives.

That can be a scary prospect for some students, especially those who graduate without jobs lined up.

The summer after graduating from college can be a time like no other in the lives of new graduates. It can be easy to grow dejected as weeks or months go by without receiving a job offer.

But spending the summer after graduation as productively as possible can help graduates overcome any dejection they might feel and increase their chances of landing

-Contact career services offices at your alma mater. Career services offices can help recent graduates as they look for their first jobs out of college. Such offices may have access to job and internship opportunities that grads do not.

In addition, they may coach grads on interviewing techniques and on ways to stand out in crowded job markets.

-Seek internships. If part- or full-time employment is proving elusive, don't be afraid to seek and ultimately accept internships, which can provide a way for grads to get their foot in the doors in certain industries.

Summer internships may already be filled, so scour job boards for fall or winter internships.

-Start networking.

can get in touch with their past supervisors or mentors and find out if the company is hiring. Such people may be more inclined to bring someone with direct experience onboard - even if that experience was brief and unpaid. In addition, grads can connect with adjunct professors who work in their desired

-When job hunting, don't get pigeon-holed by your major.

fields.

Just because a student graduates with a particular degree does not mean he or she needs to look for work in that field.

In fact, many companies may prefer entrylevel applicants degrees that are not specific to their industries so their new hires are blank slates who can be easily trained.

-Attend job fairs. While other graduates may be taking the summer off, enterprising grads looking for work should attend as many job fairs as possible.

Graduates likely won't leave job fairs with employment offers in hand, but job fairs are a great way for grads to meet hiring managers and submit their résumés to potential employers.

-Customize a résumé for every job. Be sure the curriculum vitae is not

Write and refine résumés for each job you apply for, mildly tweaking the wording or accomplishments to address the key phrases used in the job listing.

recent college grads to spend the summers after graduation relaxing, but those who spend that time productively may lands jobs more quickly than those who do not.







### Presenting the class of Class of Class 19



### Basile High graduates begin new journey

The 2019 senior class of Basile High School will hold its commencement exercise at 7 p.m. May 17 in the McFarlain Memorial Gymnasium.

Anthony Bertrand is principal at Basile

The Basile Class of 2019's motto is as follows: "Don't be afraid to go after what you want to do, and what you want to be. Don't be afraid to be willing to pay the

The class song is "Five More Minutes," by Scott McCreedy.

The class flower is fire and ice rose. The

class colors are red and white. Class Officers are: Alaina Denette, president; Jermone Thomas, vice president; Preslea Laird, secretary-treasurer; Andre "Bubba" Reed, student council representative. Class sponsors are Richelle Frey and Jerome Perron.



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Dawson Ashford



Carly Bazinet



Hannah Berg



Gabrielle Chachere



Gavin Christ



Alaina Denette



Harlie Denette



Katelynn Douget



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Jon Fontenot



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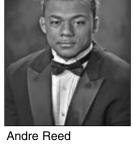


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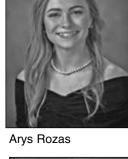


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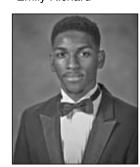
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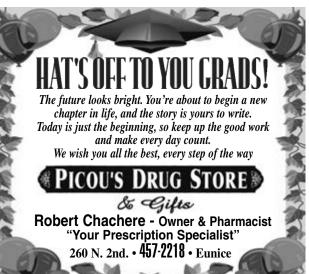


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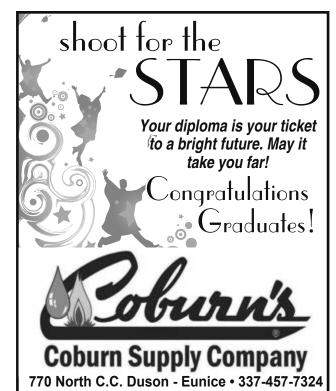


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Graduation time for Iota High School

Iota High School held its graduation at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, at the Bulldog football stadium.

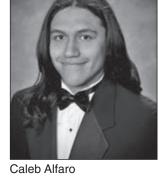
The class sponsors are: Ray Aucoin, Stacy Bertrand, Meghann LeJeune, Debra Marquart, Melissa Pellerin and Tara Sarsfield.

The principal of Iota High School is Cindy Abshire. Assistant principal is Coby Wallace.

The class colors are Plum, grey and sky blue. The class song is "Laugh Until We Cried," by Jason Alden. The class motto is, "We didn't know we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun." The class flower is the Plum Dahlia.

The senior class officers are: Corinne Fruge, president; Joseph Dupre, vice president; Maci Spell, secretary; Anna Perron, treasurer; Alayna Daigle, reporter; and spirit captains are Kiley Francois, Noah Rasberry, Kolby Regan and Rose







Madison J. Ardoin



Madison T. Ardoin



Kameron Aucoin



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Logan Bogard



Morgan Boone



Erin Bouley



Seth Bourque



Dakota Breaux



Kyla Breaux



Lindsay Breaux



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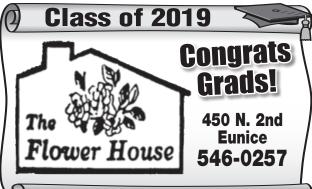


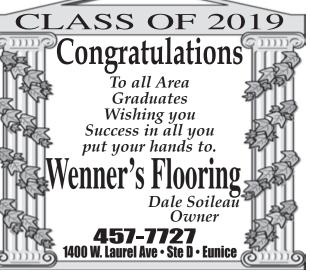
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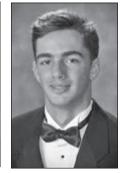
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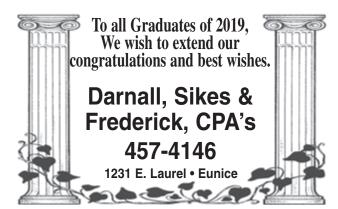
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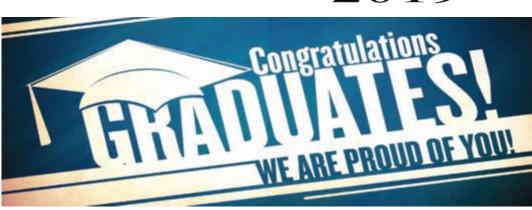
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### Tips for graduation party planners

Newspaper Metro

Graduation is a milestone moment worthy of celebration. Whether newly minted graduates will be pursuing further education after donning their caps and gowns or embarking on their lives as professionals, come commencement season. graduates and their families should pause to celebrate and recognize the hard work it took for grads to earn their degrees.

Graduation parties provide perfect opportunities for grads to unwind and celebrate their achieve-

People tasked with planning such festivities can heed the following tips to make sure the party is one grads won't soon forget.

–Personalize the affair. Much like birthday parties, graduation parties are celebrating a particular guest of honor. As a result, planners should not hesitate to personalize graduation parties so they reflect the grad who's being honored. If the guest of honor just earned his or her law degree, order a cake in the shape of Lady Justice.

Planners tasked with honoring college grads on their way to medical school can ask guests to don scrubs or white coats. Such personal touches can add fun to the festivities while still honoring the new grad.

-Ask grads before devising the guest list. Since the day is all about the recent graduate, let him or her provide input about the guest list.

Some grads may be uncomfortable serving as the focal point of a large soirée, while others may prefer family gatherings or less formal affairs with only friends. The goal of the party is to celebrate the new graduate, so make sure they're comfortable with who is in attendance. If grads choose a friend-heavy guest list, plan a dinner out with family on another night.

-Invite teachers. Some graduates form strong bonds with teachers who helped them get through difficult coursework or provided invaluable ad-



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vice during their academic careers.

Make sure these people, who may include teachers past and present, are invited to the party, and recognize their role in helping the guest of honor achieve his or her academic and professional goals.

- Speak with other par-Graduaents/planners. tion season is a social time of year. Planners and parents can speak with one another to ensure that parties are not scheduled on the same day. This allows all graduates to enjoy their moment in the sun and ensures friends won't miss the chance to celebrate one another's accomplishments.

Planners and parents can even coordinate parties together if graduates express a desire to do so.

### Did you know?

Newspaper Metro

Receiving a diploma is something to take seriously, even for those students who are somewhat older than their fellow graduates.

In 2003, Gustava Bennett Burrus graduated from Richmond High School outside of San Fransisco, Calif., at the age of 97.

Ruth Hayes Green graduated from the Adult High School of the Perth Amboy, New Jersey Adult Education

Center in 2010 at age

In 2013, 106-year-old Fred Butler, a student at Beverly High School in Massachusetts, received his high school diploma. He broke the Guinness World Record for oldest graduate previously held by Allan Stewart of Australia, who received a Bachelor of Laws degree at age 91 from the University of New England, New South Wales, Australia.





### Learn more about valedictorian honors

Newspaper Metro

Commencement season is an important time in a soon-to-be-graduate's life. There is excitement at the prospect of new opportunities on the horizon as well as a feeling of accomplishment for successfully making it through years of schooling. Receiving a top honor such as valedictorian can be the icing on the cake of a job well done.

Academics can be very competitive. The highest academic honor a student can receive in high school is to be named valedictorian of his or her class.

Typically, valedictory honors are determined by grade point average; however, some schools may measure rankings differently. For example, certain schools may have weighted GPAs, which means students in higher level classes can earn weighted GPAs. If a student takes advanced-placement course, he or she can garner a 5.0 score for that class by earning an A grade. Standard courses may top out at a 4.0 for a course for an A grade, according to PrepScholar, a school-testing guide and tips resource.

Even though top grades are part of the equation, it may take more than grades alone to be named valedic-

torian. Some schools may weigh other achievements as well. It is important for students to speak with a guidance counselor about their school's requirements to be named valedictorian.

Once these qualifications are determined, students eager to compete for the top prize can do the follow-

ing.

—Take a variety of cours-

es, including AP classes when available. -Study and do well on

exams and in-class assign-–Do not be afraid to take

risks and challenge one--Maintain a good rap-

port with teachers and seek extra credit when available.

–Maintain an optimis-

tic outlook even when things may not be going as planned. Adapt to the situation and make changes that can bring success, rather than throwing in the towel.

Being named valedictorian is a great honor for students that may propel some to academic success for years to come.







