

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF

2020



-Class Motto

*"Smile Out There"*



Class Flower:  
**Red Rose**  
Class Song:  
**Memories**  
Class Colors:  
**Maroon,  
Gold, White**

# Benson High School Class of 2020



## Hats off to our Grads!

Mason Jade Abner \*  
 Lakora Ann Bartz  
 Mariah Kristen Ahrndt NHS-2 \*\*  
 Hannah Mary-Lynn Andrews NHS-2 \*\*  
 Jayden Joseph Bailey  
 Kaitlyn JoLee Berreau NHS-2 \*\*  
 Josie Kay Connelly \*\*  
 Brittany Ruth Dale \*  
 Noah David Denzer  
 Garrett Owen Dubbels  
 Brooke Marie Ellingson \*\*  
 William Hans Enderson NHS-2 \*\*  
 Jordan Kaela Erickson \*  
 Grant Thomas Evenson \*  
 Jacob David Fath  
 Carlos Luis Gonsor  
 Ryan Matthew Goulet  
 Megan Ann Grussing \*  
 Austin Michael Hagen  
 Talissa Rose Higdon  
 Brady Floyd Hoberg  
 Teja Jayann Hodge \*  
 Courtney Ann Honermann

Olivia Marie Hughes NHS-2 \*\*  
 Abigail Marie Ilstrup  
 Daniel Charles Johnson \*  
 Logan Ann Johnson \*  
 Kara Jo Kannegiesser NHS-2 \*\*  
 Julia Rose Kill \*  
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 Gavin James Larson \*  
 Joab Cyrus Larson  
 Abigail Jane Lundebrek NHS-2 \*\*  
 Jaden Wyatt Meeks  
 Nayeli Maria Mejia Umana  
 Ross Alexander Metz  
 Cally Jo Miller \*  
 Abigail Lynn Mitteness NHS-1 \*\*  
 Allison Ann Mitteness NHS-2 \*\*  
 Samantha Rae Morales \*  
 Ashley Ann O'Brien  
 Larissa Raye Overlie \*\*  
 Tabitha Renee Pharr \*  
 Kyle Curtis Reese NHS-2 \*\*  
 Claire Eileen Ricard NHS-2 \*\*  
 Carli Christine Rodahl \*

Mariah Marguerite Rodahl \*  
 Sarah Nicole Rosenbrook \*  
 Andrea Ardis Rud NHS-2 \*\*  
 Brianna Kathleen Schriener \*  
 Emily Renee Severtson  
 Andrew Thomas Svobodny  
 Matthew Edward Tolifson NHS-2 \*\*  
 Andrew Michael VanLuven  
 Fernando Ethan Velasquez  
 Cassidy Rae Vergin NHS-2 \*\*  
 Kayden Lee Wenninger  
 Ty David Wersinger \*  
 Jacob Calvin Wolter NHS-2 \*\*  
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 McKenna Mae Ziegler  
 Amy Elizabeth Zniwski NHS-1 \*\*

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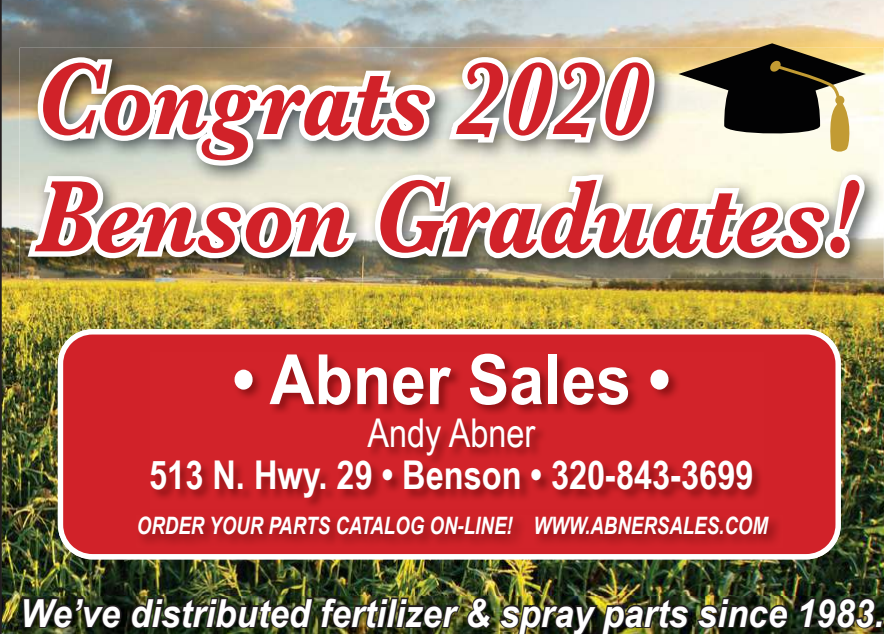
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**Class Motto:**  
"Smile Out There" -- Mr. Mark Grussing

**Class Meme:**  
Lady yelling at cat

**Class Flower:**  
Red Rose

**Class Colors:**  
White, Maroon, and Gold

**Class Song:**  
"Memories", by Maroon 5

**Class Speakers:** Not yet selected

**Class representatives:**  
Allie Mitteness (president), Mariah Ahrndt (vice-president), Abbie Mitteness (co-secretary), Claire Ricard (co-secretary), Will Enderson, Kara Kannegiesser, Matthew Tolifson, and Jacob Wolter



## BHS 2020 Graduation Program

Processional: Pomp & Circumstance..... Edward Elgar  
(High School Concert Band -- Mr. J. Brock Duncan, Director)

"Star Spangled Banner" ..... Francis Scott Key  
(BHS Concert Choir--Ms. Madison Wilson, Director)

Welcome..... Superintendent Dennis Laumeier

Introduction of Student Speakers..... Principal, Michael Knutson  
Student Commencement Address ..... To be determined  
Student Commencement Address ..... To be determined

"You Will Reap What You Sow" .....by Pepper Choplin  
(BHS Concert Choir -- Ms. Madison Wilson-director)

Presentation of the Class of 2020..... Mr. Michael Knutson

Presentation of Diplomas.....ISD#777 Board of Education  
(Mrs. Mary Langan, Mr. Bill McGeary, Mr. Brian Samuelson,  
Mr. Gary Williams -- Board of Education)

Recessional: "Grand March" .....Clare Grundman  
(BHS Concert Band -- Mr. J. Brock Duncan, Director)

## About the questionnaire

**BHS graduation questionnaire:** Each of the Benson High School Class of 2020 graduates was given the opportunity to submit a picture and completed questionnaire to the Monitor-News for use in this supplement. We thank those who took the time to do so.

**Questions:** Most of the questions are self-explanatory, but some were shortened due to repetition. They are explained in more depth below.

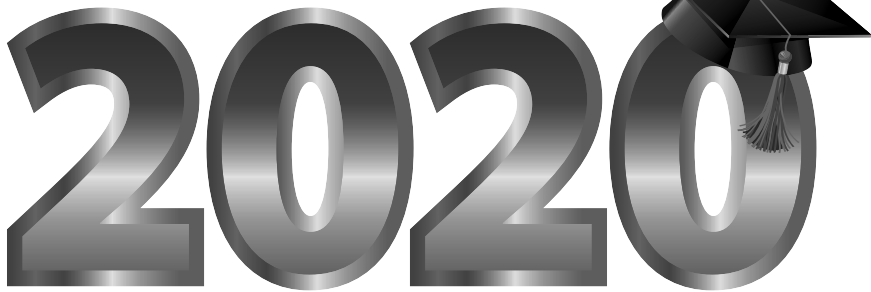
**Main goals for your life:** We asked the students "what are your main goals for the rest of your life (what do you hope to achieve or become)?"

**Influential people:** We actually asked the students, "How have your parents influenced you during your school years?", as well as "Who, besides your parents, have been the most influential during your high school years (and why)?"

**Defining event of the year:** We asked "what is the defining event of the past year in the state, national or world news?"

**In one small phrase:** We asked the students "in a few words, what words of wisdom would you leave to the sophomore and junior classes at BHS?"

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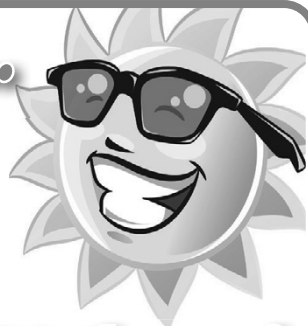
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**Abigail Jane Lundebrek**  
**Parents:** Ron and Lynn Lundebrek of Benson  
**Postsecondary:** Attending Mankato State University in the fall  
**Career path:** A career in the arts  
**Main goals?:** I honestly have no idea  
**Parents:** They have supported everything I've done and have shown me the type of person I want to be  
**Other people:** Jonas Grossman, Steve and Maureen Ricard, Mike Berreau, Janessa Grossman, and Brock Duncan, because they have supported me through my hardships and my aspirations, as well as leadership and the importance of kindness and generosity toward others. I couldn't have made it through the year without them.  
**Memory:** Winning our first game of the season against Morris in basketball  
**Movie of the year:** Moulin Rouge  
**Celebrity of year:** Dylan O'Brien  
**Song of the year:** The Ice is Getting Thinner by Death Cab for Cutie  
**Defining event:** Not being able to finish my senior year due to coronavirus and the tragedy it has caused  
**In a few words:** Pay attention to the good times and cherish them because you never know what could happen

**Amy Elizabeth Zniewski**  
**Parents:** Greg and Julie Zniewski of Benson  
**Postsecondary:** I plan to attend NDSU in the fall  
**Career path:** I intend to major in psychology and minor in criminal justice  
**Main goals?:** To live a full life and to find a career that satisfies my interests  
**Parents influence:** My parents have taught me to always be kind and respectful. They've shown me unconditional love and support  
**Other influential people:** My sister has been a huge inspiration. She's always there to help me through hard times, give me advice, and guide me.  
**Favorite memory:** My favorite memories are all from band/pep band/summer marching band  
**Movie of the year:** Knives Out  
**Celebrity of year:** Robin Williams  
**Song of year:** Magic Shop -- BTS  
**Event:** The coronavirus pandemic  
**In a few words:** Enjoy the time you have. Be adventurous, try new things, and spend time with your friends and family. You're going to miss them.

**Abigail Lynn Mitteness**  
**Parents:** Dan and Annie Mitteness of Benson  
**Postsecondary:** Attending NDSU in Wahpeton, North Dakota  
**Career path:** Dental hygiene  
**Main goals for your life?:** My main goals are to graduate from college and get a dental hygienist job, then get married and have a family  
**Parents influence:** They have always taught me to work hard and do the best I can do  
**Other influential people:** Definitely my high school coaches because they always believe in me  
**Favorite memory:** When Lauren's cat jumped through Mr. Grussing's window during school  
**Movie of the year:** Miracle Season  
**Celebrity of year:** Kylie Jenner  
**Song of year:** That Way -- lil uzi vert  
**Defining event:** The coronavirus pandemic  
**In a few words:** Make the most of your senior year and try to spend every second with your friends because it goes by way too fast

**Andrew Thomas Svobodny**  
**Parents:** Lisa Svobodny of Benson  
**Postsecondary:** Taking a break from school and working from home doing tech-related jobs  
**Career path:** Online developer and programmer  
**Main goals for your life?:** Online IT, programmer, web developer  
**Parents influence:** My mother helped me to stay on-time and up to date  
**Other influential people:** Jonas and Stacy were incredible teachers and incredible supporters. I would not be where I am without their outstanding skills and class.  
**Favorite memory:** Jonas buying me a soda for finishing my final  
**Movie of the year:** Demon Slayer  
**Celebrity of year:** Henry Cavill in Witcher and Keanu Reeves  
**Song of the year:** Dark Night, by Eve, and Unlike Pluto Starlight  
**In a few words:** Don't stress and enjoy ten tutorial levels. The game is just beginning.

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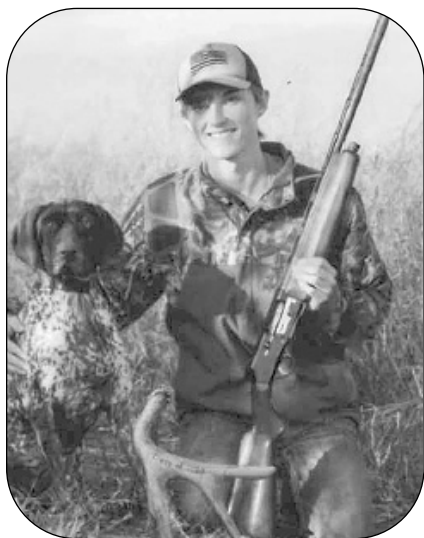
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**Tabitha Renee Pharr**  
**Parents:** Misty and Dalton Pharr of Benson  
**Postsecondary:** College  
**Career path:** Psychology  
**Main goals for your life?:** Living life and becoming an adult  
**Parents influence:** My mom is very supportive and would help me study for tests and help me with my homework  
**Other influential people:** My friends and siblings. My friends because they are going through the same things as me with school and my siblings because of the support they give me.  
**Favorite memory:** My favorite memory is eating lunch outside with my friends  
**Movie of the year:** Pirates of the Caribbean  
**Song of the year:** I listen to a lot of music so I don't really have a favorite  
**In a few words:** Don't stress over the little details in life. Stay positive and go outside.

**Ty David Wersinger**  
**Parents:** Jason and Sara Wersinger of Danvers  
**Postsecondary:** Minnesota West  
**Career path:** Electrician  
**Main goals for your life?:** I hope to become a business owner, a community supporter, and a father  
**Parents influence:** They taught me hard work, dedication and willingness  
**Other influential people:** My grandpa Wayne, because he provided for a big family as he worked all the time  
**Favorite memory:** Carlos sending his car in a snowbank  
**Movie of the year:** 1917  
**Celebrity of year:** Kevin Hart  
**Song of the year:** Better Together, Luke Combs  
**Defining event:** COVID-19  
**In a few words:** Enjoy your time, it goes fast. If there's a will, there's a way.

**Cassidy Rae Vergin**  
**Parents:** Darin and Shelly Vergin of rural Benson  
**Postsecondary:** Attend MSUM for a double major of accounting and business administration  
**Career path:** I want to work in an office as an accountant or a position involving finance  
**Main goals for your life?:** I hope to become either a CEO/CFO of some company or become CPA certified and work as an accountant  
**Parents influence:** They always pushed me to do my hardest but have fun too  
**Other influential people:** All of my teachers have influenced me during my high school career  
**Favorite memory:** State BPA  
**Movie:** Jumanji: The Next Level  
**Celebrity of year:** Juice WRLD  
**Song of year:** Young and Alive-Bazzi  
**Defining event:** COVID-19  
**In a few words:** Enjoy every moment of school; you never know when it will be taken from you

**Daniel Charles Johnson**  
**Parents:** James Johnson and Wendy Johnson, of Clontarf  
**Postsecondary:** Attend college at St. John's University  
**Career path:** Undecided as of now  
**Main goals for your life?:** Have a successful career, a family and to be happy  
**Parents influence:** They have told me to get good grades  
**Other influential people:** My grandma; she has helped me get through stressful situations  
**Favorite memory:** Debates with Brianna S. -- is ice food?  
**Movie of the year:** Avengers: End Game  
**Celebrity of year:** Robert Downey, Jr.  
**Song of the year:** Old Town Road by Lil Nasx, featuring Billy Ray Cyrus  
**Defining event:** COVID-19  
**In a few words:** Keep your grades high, but your mental health higher

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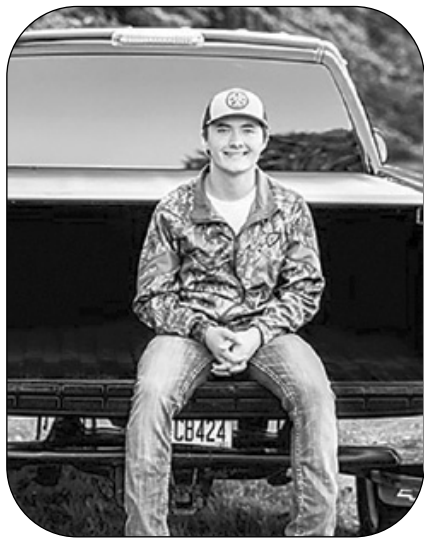
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**Gavin James Larson**

**Parents:** Wade and Nissa Larson of Benson  
**Postsecondary:** Ridgewater College  
**Career path:** Autobody  
**Main goals for your life?:** Business owner  
**Parents influence:** Always supported me in everything  
**Other influential people:** I would probably say my close friends because we all want what's best for each other  
**Favorite memory:** Just having a good time with friends  
**Movie of the year:** Hobbs and Shaw  
**Song of the year:** More Than My Hometown, Morgan Wall  
**Defining event:** COVID-19  
**In a few words:** Enjoy it while it lasts

**Sarah Nicole Rosenbrook**

**Parents:** Tanya and Brad Rosenbrook of rural Benson  
**Postsecondary:** University of Minnesota-Morris for anthropology  
**Career path:** Physical anthropology  
**Main goals for your life?:** My main goal is to travel the world, which anthropology will allow, in a very educated way  
**Parents influence:** My mom always pushed me to get good grades  
**Other influential people:** Definitely my teachers and peers, because I see them every day  
**Movie of the year:** Parasite  
**Celebrity of year:** Phil Swift  
**Song of the year:** It Girl -- DeLorean Black  
**Defining event:** Coronavirus ruining everything for the seniors  
**In a few words:** If something feels wrong in your gut, trust it. More times than not, your gut is right.

**Hannah Mary-Lynn Andrews**

**Parents:** John and Christine Andrews of Danvers  
**Postsecondary:** Attend NDSU for six years as I was accepted into their early admissions pharmacy program  
**Path:** To become a pharmacist  
**Main goals?:** I hope to achieve my Doctor of Pharmacy and live in a big town and then, when I am older, come back to a small town like Benson.  
**Parents influence:** They have always been super supportive in school and sports, and have always pushed me to do my best.  
**Other influential people:** My brother, because he would always help me with my homework or would practice sports with me  
**Memory:** Winning the first round of basketball playoffs against Minnewaska  
**Movie of the year:** Murder Mystery  
**Celebrity of year:** Khalid  
**Song:** Young and Alive, Bazzi  
**Defining event:** Corona outbreak  
**In a few words:** Don't take anything for granted and cherish every moment you get with your friends or teammates during high school

**Mariah Kristen Ahrndt**

**Parents:** Paul and Kathy Ahrndt of rural Benson  
**Postsecondary:** Concordia College in Moorhead  
**Career path:** Business  
**Main goals for your life?:** Have a good job, a family, travel the world, and be happy  
**Parents influence:** They have taught me to work hard, do my best, and enjoy every moment  
**Other influential people:** My brothers have been great role models and a great support to me throughout high school  
**Favorite memory:** Competing at the State Gymnastics Tournament  
**Movie of the year:** Knives Out  
**Celebrity of year:** Shawn Johnson East  
**Song of the year:** Some People Do, by Old Dominion  
**Defining event:** Coronavirus

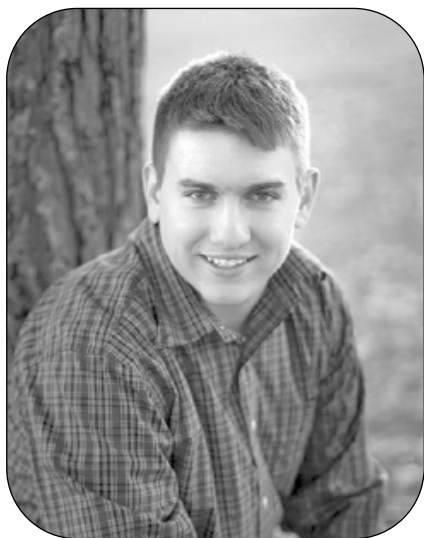


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**Jacob Calvin Wolter**

**Parents:** Jason and Tracy Wolter of Benson  
**Postsecondary:** NDSCS for Master Electrical Technician, and play football  
**Career path:** Become an electrician and one day, run my own business  
**Main goals for your life?:** I hope to become a very well-known electrician and own my own electrical business  
**Parents:** They have encouraged me to push through my problems I may have encountered on my school work, and to try my best at everything I do  
**Others:** My grandpa, because working with him gave me the dream of one day being an electrician like him  
**Favorite memory:** My first career high school football win vs. KMS  
**Movie of year:** Avengers: Endgame  
**Celebrity of year:** Chris Pratt  
**Song of the year:** I only listen to songs that are over 20 years old  
**Defining event:** This little thing called the coronavirus  
**In a few words:** Take every opportunity you have and make the most of it because you never know when the day of that last opportunity has passed you.

**Josie Kay Connelly**

**Parents:** Jason Connelly and Robin Rittenour, of rural Benson  
**Postsecondary:** I will be attending Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU) in Marshall  
**Career path:** I plan on majoring in accounting with a minor in agribusiness  
**Main goals for your life?:** I hope to have a successful job as an accountant and eventually get married and have a family of my own.  
**Parents influence:** My parents have always supported me and encouraged me to always do my best  
**Other influences:** My sister, Kayci, because I have always looked up to her and she is always there for advice.  
**Memory:** New York choir trip  
**Movie of the year:** Forever My Girl  
**Celebrity of year:** D'Angelo Russell  
**Song of the year:** Nobody But You by Blake Shelton and Gwen Stefani  
**Defining event:** The death of Kobe Bryant and COVID-19  
**In a few words:** Don't take things for granted. Enjoy every second of your high school year . . . it goes by way too fast.

**Kaitlyn JoLee Berreau**

**Parents:** Michael and Karri Berreau of Benson  
**Postsecondary:** I plan to attend Bethany Lutheran College to major in exercise science and play basketball  
**Career path:** My intended career path is to become a physical therapist  
**Main goals for your life?:** I hope to become a physical therapist so I can help others to be their best selves. I hope to also start a family.  
**Parents influence:** My parents have always been my biggest fans and #1 supporters and they taught me I can do anything I set my mind to  
**Other influences:** My coaches and teammates because they've always pushed me to be the best that I can be  
**Memory:** Boys dressing as ESPN announcers when the girls basketball team beat Minnewaska in the playoffs  
**Movie of the year:** 1917  
**Celebrity of year:** Morgan Wallen  
**Song of the year:** Heartless, by Morgan Wallen and Diplo  
**Defining event:** COVID-19  
**In a few words:** Enjoy everything because you never know when it may be your last

**Ross Alexander Metz**

**Parents:** Jocelyn (Adrian) Smith, and Andrew (Krista) Kuperus, of Villard  
**Postsecondary:** Work and Alex Tech for the machine tool technology program  
**Career path:** I don't know at this point  
**Main goals for your life?:** Get a good job and eventually, start a family  
**Parents influence:** They encouraged me to work hard and get my work done  
**Other influential people:** My uncle, Gabe, and my grandpa Metz; they have taught me a lot about life  
**Favorite memory:** Carlos ramping his Buick up a snow bank  
**Movie of the year:** Avengers: Endgame  
**Celebrity of year:** Faze Jev  
**Song of the year:** Highest in the Room by Travis Scott  
**Defining event:** COVID-19  
**In a few words:** Don't make Thompson and Manzke mad

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**Matthew Edward Tolifson**  
**Parents:** Dave and Janel Tolifson of Benson  
**Postsecondary:** Attending NDSU  
**Career path:** Civil engineering  
**Main goals for your life?:** I plan to graduate from college and find a good job so I can settle down and have a family.  
**Parents influence:** My parents have always taught me to work hard and never quit.  
**Other influential people:** I would say my coaches because they taught me how to work hard and never give up. Also, Mr. Duncan, because he teaches us valuable lessons about how to be a better person.  
**Favorite memory:** Hanging out with Hammer  
**Movie of the year:** Avengers: Endgame  
**Celebrity of year:** Tiger Woods  
**Song of the year:** The Box -- Roddy Riech  
**Defining event:** COVID-19  
**In a few words:** Enjoy every moment because it goes by faster than you think



**McKenna Mae Ziegler**  
**Parents:** Eric and Melissa Ziegler of Danvers  
**Postsecondary:** I plan to attend NDSCS to major in dental hygiene  
**Career path:** Dental hygienist  
**Main goals for your life?:** My goal is to move to Fargo and become a successful dental hygienist  
**Parents influence:** They taught me how to stick with my goals and strive to be the best I can be  
**Other influential people:** My other family members have always been very supportive while I've been in school. My grandma, Doreen Touhey, was always my biggest cheerleader. She always believed in me even when I doubted myself.  
**Favorite memory:** Going to games with my best friends and eating out after  
**Movie of the year:** Six Feet Apart  
**Defining event:** COVID-19  
**In a few words:** Never take for granted being able to hang out with your friends or go to school and see everyone because you never know what memories will be your last.



**Logan Ann Johnson**  
**Parents:** Kirk Johnson and Julie Ohmacht, of rural Danvers  
**Postsecondary:** Attend Alexandria Technical and Community College  
**Career path:** Nursing  
**Main goals for your life?:** I hope to become a nurse practitioner and my goal is to help others and give back to the community  
**Parents influence:** My parents have been a big influence  
**Other influential people:** My grandparents and my sister  
**Favorite memory:** Being able to experience high school with my classmates  
**Movie of the year:** TV series All American  
**Celebrity of year:** Scott Eastwood  
**Song of the year:** Memories, by Maroon 5  
**Defining event:** COVID-19  
**In a few words:** Have fun, don't take things for granted, and work hard to achieve your goals



**Mariah Marguerite Rodahl**  
**Parents:** Shawn and Holly Rodahl of rural Benson  
**Postsecondary:** I will attend Winona State University  
**Career path:** To get my bachelor of science in nursing  
**Main goals for your life?:** My main goal is to become a flight nurse  
**Parents influence:** My parents have always encouraged me to do my best and never give up  
**Other influential people:** My grandparents have always been there for support and advice  
**Favorite memory:** Luke Bryan and winning the Target contest  
**Movie of the year:** TV series: All American  
**Celebrity of year:** Kelsea Ballerini  
**Song of the year:** Homemade -- Jake Owen  
**Defining event:** Coronavirus shuts down school and states  
**In a few words:** The little things matter, don't take things for granted



**Brooke Marie Ellingson**  
**Parents:** Jon and Janine Ellingson of rural Benson  
**Postsecondary:** I've been accepted to South Dakota State University so I'm considering going there  
**Career path:** I'm considering nursing, but I'm still unsure  
**Main goals?:** I hope to find a career that I enjoy and after I complete my education, I hope to someday get married and have a family of my own  
**Parents influence:** My parents are always encouraging me to do my best  
**Other influential people:** I've always looked up to my big sister, Breanna. She is strong, confident, and a great sister. She always has my back.  
**Favorite memory:** My sister dressed me as an old man for Dolly Days  
**Movie of year:** Bad Boys For Life  
**Celebrity of year:** Kylie Jenner  
**Song:** Adore You, Harry Styles  
**Defining event:** COVID-19  
**In a few words:** Don't take things for granted and find joy in the little things.



**Abigail Marie Ilstrup**  
**Parents:** Jerome and Elaina Ilstrup of Benson  
**Postsecondary:** I plan on attending Anoka-Ramsey Community College  
**Career path:** I plan to become a nurse  
**Main goals for your life?:** I hope to become a nurse and help people in need  
**Parents influence:** I hope to become a nurse and help people in need  
**Other influential people:** My aunt, uncles, and grandparents. They have always supported everything I do.  
**Favorite memory:** Playing pep band at all the sporting events  
**Movie of the year:** The Longest Ride  
**Celebrity of year:** Ian Somerhalder  
**Song of the year:** Chasin' You by Morgan Wallen  
**Defining event:** Coronavirus  
**In a few words:** Never take anything for granted; anything and everything can be taken from you in an instant.

Congrats McKenna Ziegler & the entire BHS 2020 Class!

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**Noah David Denzer**

**Parents:** Jon Denzer, and Pamela Payne, of Benson  
**Postsecondary:** Undecided  
**Career path:** Graphic design  
**Main goals for your life?:** Have a family  
**Parents influence:** Motivated me to get my work done  
**Other influential people:** Talissa; she's supported me the whole way  
**Favorite memory:** Everything  
**Movie of the year:** Real Steel  
**Celebrity of year:** David Dobrik  
**Song of the year:** Runaround Sue, Gi-Eazy  
**Defining event:** Juice World (not favorite event, but defining)  
**In a few words:** Good luck



**Parker Scott Klemm**

**Parents:** Hilary and Chris Thue, and Justin Klemm, of Benson  
**Postsecondary:** Minnesota West Community and Technical College  
**Career path:** Electrician  
**Main goals for your life?:** To become a master electrician and living a happy life  
**Parents influence:** They were always there for me no matter what and gave good advice  
**Other influential people:** My grandpa and grandma Klemm couldn't have possibly helped me anymore than what they did. They always gave me advice and rides to baseball.  
**Favorite memory:** Heidi Davis kissing a pig  
**Celebrity of year:** Conor McGregor  
**Song of the year:** Through da Storm, Polo G  
**Defining event:** COVID-19 outbreak  
**In a few words:** Work hard! Enjoy the years, they go by fast.

**Talissa Rose Higdon**

**Parents:** Ruby Higdon, and Tomy Southard, of Jackson  
**Postsecondary:** Undecided  
**Career path:** To work with children who have special needs  
**Main goals for your life?:** To start a family  
**Parents influence:** They've influenced me by supporting me every step of the way  
**Other influential people:** Noah; he's my biggest supporter  
**Favorite memory:** Everything  
**Movie of the year:** Cat in the Hat  
**Celebrity of year:** David Dobrik  
**Song of the year:** Runaround Sue, G-Eazy  
**Defining event:** COVID-19 pandemic (not favorite event, but defining)  
**In a few words:** Enjoy it! Time goes by in the blink of an eye.

**Samantha Rae Morales**

**Parents:** Faith Morales of Benson  
**Postsecondary:** Attending Ridgewater College  
**Career path:** Undecided  
**Main goals for your life?:** To become independent and travel  
**Parents influence:** My mom has encouraged me to do my best  
**Other influential people:** My sister; she has taught me a lot about life  
**Favorite memory:** My junior Prom  
**Movie of the year:** Flowers in the attic  
**Celebrity of year:** David Dobrik  
**Song of the year:** Panic at the Disco  
**Defining event:** Coronavirus  
**In a few words:** Always try your best even in the toughest times







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**Olivia Marie Hughes**

**Parents:** Jesse Hughes and Jodi Hughes, of rural Danvers  
**Postsecondary:** I am attending the University of Minnesota-Duluth in the science and engineering program  
**Career path:** I want to be some sort of engineer  
**Main goals for your life?:** I want to work at a good and stable job where I can make a difference in the company  
**Parents influence:** They taught me how to work hard and be myself  
**Other influential people:** I think my teachers have really helped me through the years by always being able to help outside of the classroom  
**Favorite memory:** All the fun times I've spent with my friends  
**Movie of the year:** Five Feet Apart  
**Celebrity of year:** Morgan Wallen  
**Song of the year:** Cover Me Up -- Morgan Wallen  
**Defining event:** Coronavirus (no end to senior year)  
**In a few words:** Don't always focus on grades. Go have fun because before you know it, your senior year could be cut short



**Jordan Kaela Erickson**

**Parents:** Mark Erickson and Nancy Loen, of rural Benson  
**Postsecondary:** I am going to be attending the University of Minnesota, Crookston, for four years.  
**Career path:** I am going to double major in equine science and agricultural education  
**Main goals for your life?:** I want to be happy with who I have become, and what I am doing with my life  
**Parents influence:** My parents have always encouraged me to get good grades, and they have at least tried to help me with my homework.  
**Other influential people:** My grandmother, who passed away before I started high school. She always told me to be myself around people, and taught me to be kind to strangers. Since she died, I have always tried my best to live up to her expectations.  
**Favorite memory:** My favorite part of high school has been being involved

in FFA; it's like being in a second family.

**Celebrity of year:** Would have to be my favorite famous barrel racer, Fallon Taylor

**Song of the year:** Diamond in My Pocket, by Cody Johnson

**Defining event:** Definitely the coronavirus outbreak

**In a few words:** Even though your mother is going to make you fill out all those scholarship applications, it'll be worth it in the end



**Jayden Joseph Bailey**

**Parents:** Jerry and Vicky Bailey of rural Benson  
**Postsecondary:** I will be attending Ridgewater to receive a degree in farm operations and management  
**Career path:** My goal is to obtain a career in the livestock reproduction field, increase my cow-calf operation, and become a volunteer firefighter for Clontarf

**Main goals for life?:** Have a stable career, a farm place for my family, to have a successful cow/calf operation, and live a healthy and happy life.  
**Parents influence:** My parents have always had my back. They have given me countless opportunities to show cattle and have pushed me to do good in school and life in general.  
**Other influential people:** My grandma, for always supporting me in beef shows and sports, along with Mike Forsberg and Sara Erdman at the Farm Service Agency for helping me build my cowherd to where I am today.  
**Favorite memory:** Sneaking over to Hooters with the boys at nationals.  
**Movie of the year:** Toy Story 4 (I haven't seen many movies)  
**Celebrity:** Donald Trump (2020)  
**Song of the year:** God's Country by Blake Shelton  
**Defining event:** COVID-19, senior year getting cut short, the world shutting down, and the Great Toilet Paper Shortage!  
**In a few words:** Don't take anything for granted and enjoy every second of it, because it doesn't last long.

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Claire Ricard is crowned the Snow Week Queen as Abbie Mitteness (left), Logan Johnson, Kaitlyn Berreau, and McKenna Ziegler look on.



Matthew Tolifson (2) returns the opening kickoff for a touchdown during a "Snow Bowl" win over BBE.



Ross Metz is crowned Snow Week King as Ty Wersinger (left), Jacob Fath, Parker Klemm, and Mason Abner look on.



The BHS Student Body did a great job supporting its classmates. Above, the student body takes on a "beach party" theme during a home game.

# "Thanks for the memories"



Members of the BHS Pep Band have some fun during the month of December during a home Benson boys basketball game.

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There were many great athletes in the BHS Class of 2020. Above, senior Amy Zniwski puts down a smash while playing with the Benson-KMS girls tennis team.

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**Parents:** Dan and Annie Mitteness of Benson

**Postsecondary:** Attending NDSOS in Wahpeton, ND

**Career path:** Registered nurse

**Main goals for your life?:** My main goals are to graduate from college, get a good job, be able to support myself, and travel the world

**Parents influence:** They have taught me to have goals, and to always better myself

**Other influential people:** My friends and teachers at school; they are always there for me!

**Favorite memory:** Carlos putting his truck five feet into a snowbank.

**Movie of the year:** Joker

**Celebrity of year:** Beetlejuice Green

**Song of the year:** Magic -- Yung

Gravy

**Defining event:** Coronavirus pandemic

**In a few words:** Have fun, and don't take any moment for granted

**Lauren Renae Wroblewski**

**Parents:** Kristina Smith and Jeremy Wroblewski, of Benson

**Postsecondary:** Undecided between military and Ridgewater College

**Career path:** Military, then law enforcement, or veterinary technician

**Main goals for your life?:** Have a career that I enjoy, and raise a family in rural MN, hopefully on a hobby farm with animals

**Parents influence:** They have supported my dreams, pushed me toward my goals, and taught me integrity

**Other influential people:** My coworker, Lynda; she tells me to do what's best for me, and makes me smile even on my worst days

**Favorite memory:** Softball bus rides

**Movie of the year:** Criminal Minds and NCIS

**Celebrity of year:** Pink

**Song of year:** I Am Here, by Pink

**Defining event:** COVID-19

**In a few words:** Do what's best for you-and do it with integrity

**Andrea Ardis Rud**

**Parents:** Pam and Darrin Rud of Benson

**Postsecondary:** Attending North Dakota State University

**Career path:** Business administration

**Main goals for your life?:** Does anyone really know what their life goals are when they are 18?

**Parents influence:** My parents have encouraged me to work hard and never stop learning

**Other influential people:** My grandparents because they have always been supportive

**Favorite memory:** State BPA

**Movie of the year:** The Art of Racing in the Rain

**Celebrity of year:** Joe Exotic

**Song of the year:** Hard to Forget -- Sam Hunt

**Defining event:** COVID-19

**In a few words:** Enjoy every minute because you never know when it will all end

**William Hans Enderson**

**Parents:** Dan and Donna Enderson of Benson

**Postsecondary:** Attending NDSU and majoring in exercise science

**Career path:** To become a chiropractor

**Main goals for your life?:** To one day own a chiropractic business and coach in any way I can

**Parents influence:** They have kept me focused and taught me the value of school

**Other influential people:** Coaches, teachers, and friends because they have helped make me the person I am today

**Favorite memory:** Beating KMS in football and going to the Gophers game the next day

**Movie of the year:** John Wick 3

**Celebrity of year:** Flight Reacts

**Song of the year:** One Man Band, by Old Dominion

**Defining event:** COVID-19

**In a few:** It's hard sometimes, but try to cherish every moment The Class of 2020 is an example of why you should

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**Julia Rose Kill**

**Parents:** Kim Kill and Alfred Kill, of Benson

**Postsecondary:** I will be attending Southeast Technical Institution in Sioux Falls, SD

**Career path:** Business management and accounting

**Main goals for your life?:** I would love to be graduated from college, and have my own salon run by me

**Parents influence:** My parents have always pushed me to do my hardest and give it my all

**Other influential people:** My sister has influenced me and always pushed me to do my best and helped when I had struggled during the school year

**Favorite memory:** When C.G., M. A., T. D., and G. E. were shaking my car and lifting it up

**Movie of year:** All the bright places

**Celebrity:** Machine Gun Kelly

**Song:** Canceled, by Kiana Lede

**Defining event:** COVID-19

**In a few:** Don't let fear stop you from stepping outside your comfort zone

**Kyle Curtis Reese**

**Parents:** Curt and Michele Reese of rural Clontarf

**Postsecondary:** I plan on attending SDSU

**Career path:** I would like to design after-market products for agricultural equipment

**Main goals for your life?:** My main goal is to farm full time on our family farm

**Parents influence:** By encouraging me to work hard

**Other influential people:** My grandparents; they have taught me to be kind and humble

**Favorite memory:** Summer marching band trip to Blaine, WA

**Movie of the year:** Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker

**Celebrity of year:** Dave Ramsey

**Song of the year:** Memories, by Maroon 5

**Defining event:** The Australian Wildfires

**In a few words:** Don't procrastinate

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**Brianna Kathleen Schriener**

**Parents:** Angie Pierce and Andrew Schriener, of Benson  
**Postsecondary:** Going to Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ  
**Career path:** Criminal psychology  
**Main goals for your life?:** I want to be a profiler for the BAU of the FBI  
**Parents influence:** They've been very supportive and helped me figure out what I want to do with my life  
**Other influential people:** My sister has been supportive of all my decisions  
**Favorite memory:** Being in the student section  
**Movie of the year:** Annabelle Comes Home  
**Celebrity of year:** Lewis Capaldi  
**Song of the year:** Adore You by Harry Styles  
**Defining event:** Juice WRLD dying  
**In a few words:** Enjoy it because it goes by fast and have fun

**Mason Jade Abner**

**Parents:** Jade Abner and Michelle Abner, of Benson  
**Postsecondary:** Enlisted into the United States Air Force  
**Career path:** Get a job in the Air Force. I will be a crew chief tactical aircraft maintenance person. Then, after four years, I'll switch to be a pilot.  
**Main goals for your life?:** I will become a pilot. I'll have a full career in the Air Force and retire at the age of 38. Then, I'll start a new profession.  
**Parents influence:** They had me work hard for what I want.  
**Other influential people:** Bob Erdman. He's a hard worker and a very dedicated person. He has given me an experience most high schools don't get. He is a huge role model for everyone.  
**Favorite memory:** Being the first one down the field to grab the trophy after dominating KMS; my first high school win in football.  
**Movie of the year:** Fast and Furious  
**Celebrity of year:** Vinn Diesel  
**Song:** Shout at the Devil, Motley Crue  
**Defining event:** COVID-19  
**In a few words:** Cherish every moment-it goes by fast

**Carli Christine Rodahl**

**Parents:** Shawn and Holly Rodahl of Benson  
**Postsecondary:** I am attending University of Minnesota-Crookston for health science  
**Career path:** Occupational therapist  
**Main goals for your life?:** Get my bachelor of science degree in health science and then complete the occupational therapy program at the University of North Dakota  
**Parents:** They go above and beyond to make sure I have everything I need and push me to do my best  
**Other influential people:** My teachers have provided so much guidance. My friends have made the past four years very memorable and fun.  
**Memory:** Winning the Target contest and Luke Bryan coming to Benson  
**Movie of the year:** All American  
**Celebrity of the year:** Kane Brown and Dan + Shay  
**Song of the year:** Better Together by Luke Combs  
**Defining event:** COVID-19 closing down states  
**In a few:** Make the most of every day

**Kara Jo Kannegiesser**

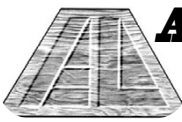
**Parents:** Ted and Kristy Kannegiesser of Clontarf  
**Postsecondary:** After graduation, I plan on attending NDSU  
**Career path:** I plan on becoming a nurse anesthetist  
**Main goals for your life?:** My main goal in life is to always be happy and make others happy  
**Parents influence:** My parents have always pushed me to be better than I was yesterday  
**Other influential people:** Any coach that I've had because they have all taught me so much and showed me hard work pays off  
**Favorite memory:** The volleyball team and Shannon dancing after a win  
**Movie of the year:** Midsommar  
**Celebrity of year:** Timothee Chalamet  
**Song of the year:** Young and Alive by Bazzi  
**Defining event:** Coronavirus  
**In a few words:** Love every minute of it because it goes by so fast

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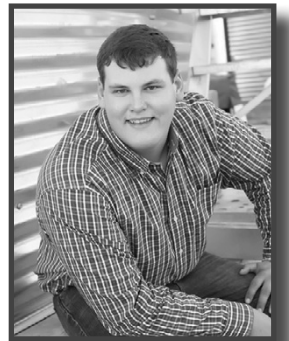
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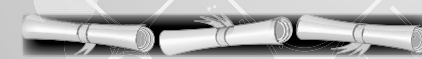


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**Grant Thomas Evenson**

**Parents:** Kent and Cindy Evenson of rural Benson

**Postsecondary:** I will be attending Ridgewater College for farm operation and management

**Career path:** I plan to become a farmer and continue the family farming operation

**Main goals for your life?:** Run and own a successful farming operation

**Parents influence:** My parents supported me and encouraged me to have good grades

**Other influential people:** My grandmother, Shirley, always made sure I was on the honor roll and my name made the newspaper

**Favorite memory:** Building a fish house with my friends and breaking it the first time we took it out

**Movie of the year:** Step Brothers

**Celebrity of year:** Joe Diffie

**Song of the year:** I Wish Grandpas Never Died by Riley Green

**Defining event:** COVID-19

**In a few:** Set yourself up for success

**Jacob David Fath**

**Parents:** Dave and Denise Fath of DeGraff

**Postsecondary:** Alexandria Technical College

**Career path:** Diesel mechanic

**Main goals?:** Get enough training and education to one day become a part owner in Ascherman Oil

**Parents influence:** They have taught me to be hard working and not take the easy way out

**Other influential people:** My grandparents; because they have taught me to have a good work ethic and always be honest

**Favorite memory:** Building a fishhouse with my friends

**Movie of year:** Fast and Furious 6

**Celebrity of year:** Adam Thielen

**Song:** Wild Side--Motley Crue

**Defining event:** COVID-19 pandemic

**In a few words:** Don't take school for granted; it can be tough, but there are always memories to be made

**Teja Jayann Hodge**

**Parents:** Ian and Linda Hodge of Benson

**Postsecondary:** Heading off to college

**Career path:** Something to do with nature. I'd like to work in state parks or become an entomologist and help the little guys in the world; bugs

**Main goals for your life?:** I just want to be happy and have a job I love

**Other influential people:** Teachers have been really influential to me. They've helped me figure out what I want for my life, and how to get there.

**Favorite memory:** Just hanging out in the halls during lunch. To all the teachers that had to talk with my group over the year; sorry for being so loud.

**Movie of the year:** Midsommar

**Song of the year:** January 31, 438 by The Mountain Goats

**Defining event:** We've had too many "events" this last school year that could be considered defining -- Australia was on fire, Trump was getting impeached, and we were all forced into our homes. I'd say those are the highlights.

**In a few words:** If you need a break, you need a break. It's okay.

**Megan Ann Grussing**

**Parents:** Thea Vick and Cory Grussing, of Danvers

**Postsecondary:** Attend Ridgewater College for liberal arts, they transfer to SMSU for a political science major

**Career path:** Paralegal

**Main goals for your life?:** I hope to become a paralegal, own a house on a farm, and eventually have kids and get married

**Parents influence:** They've always encouraged and pushed me to do my best and accomplish goals

**Other influential people:** My grandma; she has always helped me through any struggle

**Favorite memory:** Wrestling season

**Movie of the year:** After

**Celebrity of year:** Kane Brown

**Song of the year:** Better Together-Luke Combs

**Defining event:** COVID-19

**In a few words:** Whatever you decide to do in life, make sure it makes you happy

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**Larissa Raye Overlie**

**Parents:** Ben and Stefanie Overlie of rural Benson

**Postsecondary:** I will be attending Ridgewater College in Willmar

**Career path:** Veterinary technician

**Main goals for your life?:** I hope to complete college and become a veterinary technician. After college, go work at a vet clinic and help on the family farm for a while.

**Parents influence:** My parents believe in my dreams and help me accomplish my goals. They have been supportive throughout my FFA career; pushing me to try new things and telling me I can do this. They reminded me that high school is just another part of my chapter in life. This is my time to shine and figure out what I want to do for the rest of my life.

**Other influential people:** This last year, Jeanne Anderson has been awesome helping me with FFA. She pushed me to try proficiency, with beef production placement. I said no way . .

. then I did the proficiency and got first place in my division and a spot for State FFA. Her faith in me is what drives me to do my best.

**Favorite memory:** Going to all the FFA events and having a blast. Meeting new people and having fun with my friends at the contests.

**Movie of year:** Fast and Furious Presents: Hobbs and Shaw

**Celebrity of year:** Reba McEntire

**Song of the year:** Eyes of You, by Chase Rice

**Defining event:** Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**In a few words:** Believe in yourself and don't let other people tell you how to live your life. Be true to yourself and follow your dreams. Live every moment to the fullest because you may never get those moments back.



**Claire Eileen Ricard**

**Parents:** Steve and Maureen Ricard of Benson

**Postsecondary:** I plan to attend the University of St. Thomas to major in music business and also play volleyball

**Career path:** I'm not sure of my exact career path, but I know I want to do something in business

**Main goals for your life?:** My main goals are to keep working hard and leading by example. In college, I will learn more about the jobs I could do with a music business major. I hope to find a career that suits me so I can work hard at it and enjoy it. After high school, I will try to keep setting goals for myself and become a better student, athlete, and person.

**Parents influence:** My parents have supported me through my entire high school journey. They have encouraged me to work hard, but didn't force me. It was up to me to want to join sports and extracurricular, and it was up to me to keep my grades up. And I did.

They never coddled me, but the utmost support was there through it all. They motivated me to work hard and I hope I made them proud.

**Other influential people:** Definitely my varsity sports coaches and my music teachers. Sports and music were the most fun things about high school, and I now have a big passions for them.

If it wasn't for them, I would have never found that love for volleyball, basketball, track, band and choir. All of them taught me many lessons that I will use for the rest of my life. Thank you all so much for pushing me to reach my potential and helping me find my love for sports and music.

**Favorite memory:** The day I made an instagram post for a basketball game day, and it turned into a huge, friendly cat fight with KMS and I, with the help of my fellow BHS students were commenting comebacks all day. I think we got the best of that exchange.

**Movie of the year:** Hannah Montana The Movie

**Celebrity of year:** Emma Chamberlain

**Song of the year:** Wonderwall by Oasis

**Defining event:** COVID-19 really was a curveball to our senior year, but we are in it together and we will soon be able to get together and reminisce on all the good high school memories we had together

**In a few words:** Don't take high school for granted. Enjoy every moment with your friends, classmates, teachers, and teammates, because one day, it could all of a sudden be taken away from you sooner than it was supposed to end. And, Go Braves!

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Benson Kiwanis Scholarship ..... Kaitlyn Berreau  
 Benson Jaycees Scholarship ..... Hannah Andrews  
 Benson Music Boosters Scholarship ..... Jacob Wolter  
 Harvey Hoffman Memorial Nursing Scholarship ..... Logan Johnson  
 Brockmeyer Memorial Scholarship ..... Megan Grussing  
 DECA scholarships ..... Andrea Rud, Cassidy Vergin

Class of 1983 Scholarship ..... Abigail Mitteness  
 Class of 1974 Scholarship ..... Jacob Wolter  
 Class of 1962 Scholarship ..... Olivia Hughes  
 Class of 1963 Scholarship ..... Hannah Andrews  
 Class of 1964 Scholarship ..... Kara Kannegiesser  
 Class of 1955 Scholarship ..... Jacob Wolter  
 Class of 1954 Scholarship ..... Hannah Andrews  
 Centennial of Ed Alumni Scholarships ..... Abigail Mitteness,  
 ..... Carli Rodahl, Brianna Schriener  
 Centennial of Ed General Fund Scholarships ..... Kara Kannegiesser (\$400),  
 ..... Allison Mitteness (\$250), Jacob Wolter (\$150)

L.A. Amundson Scholarship Foundation scholarships (First Security Bank) • a total of \$48,500 was awarded to BHS students this year, including \$23,500 to the Class of 2020 -- Jayden Bailey (\$3,000), Grant Evenson, Abigail Lundebrek, Abigail Mitteness, Allison Mitteness, Ty Wersinger (each \$2,500), Kaitlyn Berreau, Claire Ricard (both \$2,000), Mariah Ahrndt, Brittany Dale, William Enderson, Kyle Reese (each \$1,000)

John Philip Sousa Award ..... Claire Ricard  
 Band Director's Award ..... Kyle Reese  
 Arion Award ..... Brittany Dale  
 Choir Director's Award ..... Daniel Johnson  
 Craig Johnson Award ..... Claire Ricard, William Enderson  
 Ernie Wheeler Memorial Award ..... Abigail Mitteness, Jacob Wolter  
 MSHSL AAA Award nominees ..... Mariah Ahrndt, William Enderson

Larson Memorial Scholarships (\$4,000) ..... Mariah Ahrndt, Kaitlyn Berreau  
 ..... William Enderson, Olivia Hughes, Claire Ricard

Tama Staton-Jackson Memorial Art Award ..... Teja Hodge  
 William Jackson Memorial Mechanical Art Award ..... Matthew Tolifson  
 Wrestling Boosters Scholarship ..... Megan Grussing  
 Brian Flanders Memorial laptop computer ..... William Enderson  
 Joel Hoium Memorial (\$1,000) ..... Abigail Mitteness  
 Dr. Richard and Anita Horecka Scholarship ..... Logan Johnson  
 Johnson Fertilizer Memorial Scholarship ..... Grant Evenson  
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 Olson Scholarships (\$1,000) ..... Logan Johnson, Abigail Mitteness  
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 Susan Anfinson Memorial Scholarship ..... Mariah Ahrndt  
 Albert Lokken Music Honors Scholarship ..... Andrea Rud  
 Benson Lions Club ..... Olivia Hughes, Abigail Lundebrek  
 William "Bill" Collins Memorial ..... Mariah Ahrndt  
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 Benjamin Mast Memorial ..... Jayden Bailey  
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 SC-Benson Health Services RN-LPN Professional Union ..... Logan Johnson  
 Coryell and Walls \$2,000 Scholarship ..... Mariah Ahrndt, Matthew Tolifson  
 Thomas Patrick Weber Memorial Scholarship (\$500) ..... Logan Johnson  
 Co-op Credit Union (\$500) ..... Andrea Rud, McKenna Ziegler  
 Benson Post #1403 VFW Scholarships (\$500) ..... Parker Klemm, Sarah Rosenbrook  
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 Barry F. Jungwirth \$500 science/health scholarship ..... William Enderson  
 Divine Home Care, Inc. Scholarship (\$1,000) ..... Allison Mitteness  
 Mary Lou Abner Terwilliger Memorial ..... Logan Johnson, Cally Miller  
 Benson Sidekicks Tae Kwon Do Scholarships ..... Sarah Rosenbrook  
 Al and Mary Ann Grage NDSCS (\$1,000) ..... McKenna Ziegler  
 Carl Hoffman (Class of 2012) Memorial (\$1,000) ..... Abigail Lundebrek  
 Cory Braaten Memorial Scholarships ..... Kaitlyn Berreau, Abigail Lundebrek  
 NDSU Foundation Honor Scholarship (\$1,000) ..... Andrea Rud  
 Midwest Machinery Scholarship (\$2,000) ..... Larissa Overlie  
 Oscar and Cora Sather Presidential Award ..... Josie Connelly  
 SMSU Mentor Scholarship (\$4,800) ..... Josie Connelly  
 SMSU President Scholarship (\$12,000) ..... Josie Connelly



The BHS Pep Band plays prior to the start of a Benson Braves home football game in 2019.



Andrea Rud plays a trumpet solo during the Indoor Marching Band Concert.



Parker Klemm (left) and Kaitlyn Berreau have some fun during a Snow Week skit.

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Members of the BHS Homecoming Royalty brave the bad weather during the Homecoming Parade.



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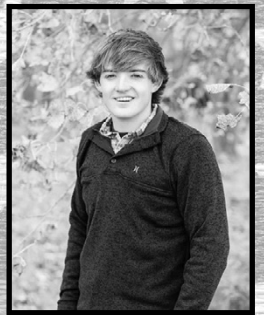
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Larissa Overlie

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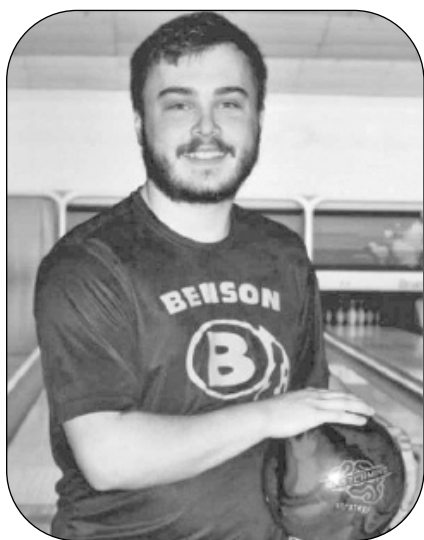
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- Jaden Wyatt Meeks
- Kayden Lee Wenninger
- Ashley Ann O'Brien
- Emily Renee Severtson



**Talon Charles Jacobson**

**Parents:** Alan and Kathleen Jacobson of rural Benson  
**Postsecondary:** Undecided  
**Career path:** Become a professional bowler  
**Main goals for your life?:** Make it past age 25 and become a professional bowler  
**Parents influence:** By motivating me to complete my school work  
**Other influential people:** My brothers and sisters helping me with homework, and bowling with my brothers  
**Favorite memory:** High school bowling  
**Movie of the year:** Zombieland: Double Tap

**Celebrity of year:** Woody Harrelson  
**Song of the year:** Set Me Free by Avenged Sevenfold  
**Defining event:** COVID-19 pandemic  
**In a few words:** I do what it do, but sometimes, it can't be what it gotta do tho. Love life.

I am graduating from Seton Home Study School, but have always had the support from BHS. I reported my grades to District 777 and have always felt a part of Benson High School. Thank you and congratulations to all my former classmates. . . . Talon Jacobson



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Mariah Ahrndt is crowned the 2019-20 BHS Homecoming Queen as Cassidy Vergin (left), Allie Mitteness, Carli Rodahl, and Mariah Rodahl (right) look on.



Pictured above is Carlos Gonsor being crowned the new Benson High School Homecoming King during the 2019 Homecoming coronation as the other king candidates, Ryan Goulet (left), Will Enderson, Matthew Tolifson, and Gavin Larson (right), look on.

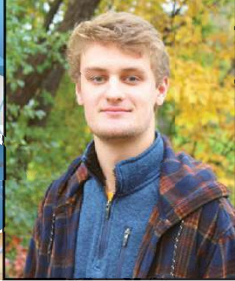
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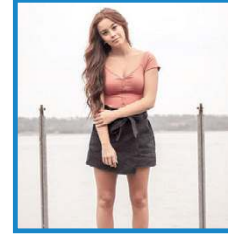
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