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# Inspire: Outstanding High School Seniors



## Trevor J Arms

### Cumberland Valley High School

**Parents:** John and Denise Arms

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 104.3

**School Activities:** Captain of the swim team, Student Council class representative, previous class officer, Key Club class representative and board member, National Honor Society member, creator of a new teacher recognition award program

**Community Activities:** West Shore YMCA volunteer swim coach, TOPSoccer captain and buddy

**Student Employment:** Coach Chris Confidence (CCC)

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Rotary Youth Leadership Award, AP Scholar with Distinction, 3-time Soaring Eagle Award, Scholastic Writing Award Honoree

**Future Plans:** I plan to major in Biomedical Engineering and minor in Public Health and Marine Biology as part of the honors program at the University of Miami



## Everett Baker

### Big Spring High School

**Parents:** Shad and Sheila Baker

**Age:** 19

**GPA:** 4.28

**School Activities:** Varsity basketball team, Lettered (2018-Present); Track team (2019-present); Club Care (2018-present), President (2019-present); Spanish Honor Society (2018-present); CEFC Church Youth Group (2015-present), Student Leader (2017-2019); Spanish Club (2019-2020); Dawg Pound (2019-present); Carlisle Young Life (2020-present)

**Community Activities:** Big Spring Youth Basketball coach and referee (2017-present); CEFC Church Sunday school teacher and assistant (2018-present); Service trip to Guatemala (Summer 2017); Coach at Creek's Cagers Basketball camp (Summer 2017-2019)

**Student Employment:** Starbucks, CEFC Church

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Student of the Quarter, Technology Education (Third Quarter 2018-2019, Second Quarter 2019-2020); Student of the Quarter, World Language (Third quarter 2018-2019); Student of the Year, Science (2018-2019); Lenfest Scholar (2020-Present); Rotary Student of the month (February 2021); Pepperdine Regent Scholarship Recipient (January 2021-Present); Rotary Griff Award (February 2021)

**Future Plans:** I plan to attend Pepperdine University to major in biology. After that, I would like to move on to graduate school at Baylor University in Houston, Texas, to get my master's degree in prosthetics and orthotics. With this degree, I plan to become a Certified Prosthetist and Orthotist and help people who have lost a limb. I would like to help people each day and be able to improve prosthetics so that they are easier for patients to use and make their lives as easy as possible.



## Katherine Becking

### Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School

**Parents:** Chris and Sarah Becking

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 98

**School Activities:** N/A

**Community Activities:** Volunteering at the library, various artistic pursuits, submitted an original sketchbook to the Brooklyn Art Library, attended the Pennsylvania Governor's School for the Sciences in 2020

**Student Employment:** N/A

**Awards/Accomplishments:** National Merit Scholar

**Future Plans:** Cornell University – Civil Engineering

## Inside this edition

Our May edition of Inspire focuses on outstanding high school seniors in Cumberland County. In a year where the coronavirus pandemic forced schools to pivot to online learning programs and The Sentinel to alter its Teen of the Week program, we decided to take a moment to profile some of the areas graduating seniors. All information for profiles was submitted through an online form and some area high schools chose not to participate in the program.



## Madeline Bubb

### Boiling Springs High School

**Parents:** William and April Bubb

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 4.0

**School Activities:** swimming; Mini-THON which raises money for children and their families who are battling cancer, money goes directly to Four Diamonds; perfect peers inclusion club

**Community Activities:** Mini-THON—raises money for children and their families battling cancer, money goes directly to Four Diamonds

**Student Employment:** Giant

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Rotary Student of the Month

**Future Plans:** Attend Duquesne University in the fall to major in nursing and specialize in pediatrics or the NICU



## Maggie Byers

### Big Spring High School

**Parents:** Chris and Becky Byers

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 4.38

**School Activities:** President of Mu Alpha Theta Club, C.A.R.E. member, National Honor Society member, Big Spring Golf Team Varsity 2019 season (qualified for women's Midd Penn Championship in 2019), Technology Student Association member, Big Spring Track and Field Team, Big Spring Swimming and Diving Team

**Community Activities:** Tutored a second grader in math, reading and writing for the 2019 summer, helped at the John Graham Library with its festivals and organized their "Free" and "For Sale" shelves (2016-2020)

**Student Employment:** N/A

**Awards/Accomplishments:** National Merit Scholarship Finalist (2021), Rotary Club Student of the Month (2021), Math Student of the Year (2019)

**Future Plans:** I plan to attend Dickinson College this fall to major in either sustainability or environmental science. During my time at Dickinson my goals are to study abroad multiple times, obtain an internship in the environmental science field and complete research with a professor. Right now, I am most interested in the world's energy problem and how to fix it. I would like to focus on how to most efficiently create and use clean, renewable energy.



## Declan Cudahy

### Trinity High School

**Parents:** Roxane Cudahy and Thomas Cudahy

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 4.57

**School Activities:** Tennis, Politics Club, Quiz Bowl, Investors Club, Spanish Club

**Community Activities:** Member of St. Theresa's Parish

**Student Employment:** Wegmans Food Markets

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Rotary Student of the Month at Mechanicsburg Rotary Club in November

**Future Plans:** Go to college at Penn State Harrisburg to study finance



## Cara David

### Big Spring High School

**Parents:** Kathy Boyd David, Joe David

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 4.25

**School Activities:** Musical Tech Crew 2017- 2020; Art Club 2018-2021, President—2021' Literary Magazine 2018-2021, Head of Art Committee 2019-2021; National Art Honor Society 2019-2021; Art and Marketing Internship 2021

**Community Activities:** Dog walking at Canine Rescue of Central PA 2018-2019

**Student Employment:** Panera Bread food line associate

**Awards/Accomplishments:** PSPA Student Journalism Contest; Penn State Berks Literary Magazine Standalone Artwork 1st place; Carlisle Exchange Club Big Spring Youth of the Year; Art Department Student of the Quarter 11th grade; English Department Student of the Quarter 9th Grade; Distinguished Honors 9th-12th grade

**Future Plans:** I am planning to attend Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis's Herron School of Art and Design as an illustration major with hopes to go on to become a biomedical illustrator and focus on animals and environmental activism.



## Allison Delozier

### Cedar Cliff High School

**Parents:** Sheryl and Chris Delozier

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 4.06

**School Activities:** Varsity Lacrosse, Varsity Soccer, Varsity Swim and Dive, JROTC Raider and Drill Team, NHS, Senior Class Treasurer and JLP

**Community Activities:** Girl Scouts and Walk a Mile for a Veteran

**Student Employment:** Chili's on the Carlisle Pike

**Awards/Accomplishments:** No

**Future Plans:** I will be going to the University of Delaware on a 4-year ROTC scholarship majoring in electrical engineering. Upon graduation I will be commissioned into the Army as a Second Lieutenant.



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## Marissa Duggan

### Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School

**Parents:** John and Michelle Duggan

**Age:** 17

**GPA:** 96.71

**School Activities:** National Honor Society (President); Academic Letter Winner; Tri-M Music Honor Society (President); French National Honor Society; Mechanicsburg Area High School Science Student of the Month; Mechanicsburg Area High School Music Student of the Month; PMEA State Orchestra (flute); PMEA State Band (flute); PMEA Region Chorus (Soprano I); PMEA Region Band (flute); PMEA Region Orchestra (flute); PMEA District Chorus (Soprano I); PMEA District Band (Flute); PMEA District Orchestra (Flute); PIAA National Anthem Soloist for State Football, Basketball, and Soccer; Wildcat Singers; Concert Chorale; Wildcat Musical Productions, Symphonic Band; Flute Ensemble; Glamour Girls (President); Junior Class Vice-President

**Community Activities:** Cantor/Soloist at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Mechanicsburg; Flute Soloist, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church; Voice and Flute Soloist at Various Churches in Mechanicsburg and York; Student Intern at Mechanicsburg Area School District Theater Camp; Student Intern at Glee Preschool; Volunteer for Music Program at Bible School, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, Mechanicsburg

**Student Employment:** N/A

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Class Rank 7 out of 309; Rotary Student of the Month; National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Finalist; National Anthem Soloist for NCAA Division III Field Hockey Semi-Finals; National Anthem Soloist, PA Sports Hall of Fame Luncheon (West Shore Chapter)

**Future Plans:** Having been fortunate to receive a Presidential Academic Scholarship as well as a Wagnild Music Scholarship from Gettysburg College, I plan to attend Gettysburg College, seeking to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (pre-medical curriculum), with a minor in Vocal Music Performance.



## Herbert Edmonds

### Cumberland Valley High School

**Parents:** Jeffery and Sara Edmonds

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 104

**School Activities:** Science Olympiad, Student Council (President), SPIRIT Council, National Honors Society, Odyssey of the Mind, CVHS Musical (Pit Orchestra), Mega Math Modeling, Mu Alpha Theta (National Mathematics Honors Society), Orchestra (Violin), National World Language Honors Society (for Spanish), Student Leadership Cabinet

**Community Activities:** Key Club (Volunteering), Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (raising money for blood cancer research), Piano

**Employment:** Noodles and Company (Journey Leader)

**Awards/Accomplishments:** 32 Science Olympiad Medals, AP Scholar with Distinction, 8 National Piano Guild Certificates, Scholastic Silver Key, Cumberland Valley Hall of Fame for Leadership

**Future Plans:** University of Pittsburgh in a Major of Chemistry for a future Premed Course.



## Morgan Faranov

### Cedar Cliff High School

**Parents:** Kelly Sollenberger (Mother) Andre Faranov (Father)

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 98.738

**School Activities:** Cedar Cliff Post (News Broadcast), Varsity Tennis Captain, Track and Field, Yearbook Staff Member, Young Democrats and Young Republicans, Wind Ensemble, National Honor Society, Key Club Vice President, Salt and Light Club

**Community Activities:** Volunteer at an After School Program at Community United Methodist Church, Youth Group Member and Mentor, Church HandBells and Choir Member, Lyra (aerial hoop) and Polesports

**Student Employment:** Server for JDK Catering and Dog Walker for Neighbor, Intern for JC Consulting and Mass Media Teacher William Spong

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Fourteen of my written articles went national on journalism site "Fusfoo," voted by peers "Friendliest Girl of the Senior Class," chosen by all five judges to attend Hugh O'Brian Leadership Conference, achieved school push-up Record with 210 push-ups, President's Volunteer Service Award, written verse chosen for school district's holiday card

**Future Plans:** Azusa Pacific University, Journalism and Honors Humanities Major with plans to pursue a screenwriting minor



## Todd Robert Feil

### Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School

**Parents:** Bob & Deb Feil

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 96.84

**School Activities:** Quiz Bowl (Captain); National Honor Society; National German Honor Society (President); Christians in Action (Leadership Team)

**Community Activities:** Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ church Middle School Youth Small Group Leader

**Student Employment:** No

**Awards/Accomplishments:** March 2021 Rotary Student of the Month; MASH Academic Awards Recipient throughout H.S.; Received 3 Gold Keys from Scholastic for Photography; Two 1st Place Photographs in the General Federation of Women's Clubs Art Contest (won in both local & regional contests. Still waiting to hear about State contest results).

**Future Plans:** I will attend Messiah University as a Communications major and as a member of its Honors Program.



## Matthew Fravel

### Boiling Springs High School

**Age:** 18

**Parents:** Lisa and Bob Fravel

**GPA:** 3.7

**School Activities:** Basketball

**Community Activities:** Luminaries for Christmas around Children's Lake

**Employment:** Employed at the meat department in Karns in Boiling Springs

**Awards/Accomplishments:** I have made honor roll three out of the four years of high school

**Future Plans:** Attend University of Pittsburgh-Bradford and I am still undecided, but I am leaning toward engineering. I will also be playing for their basketball team.



## Haley Gilbert

### Big Spring High School

**Parents:** Tori Gilbert and Dana Gilbert

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 4.22

**School Activities:** Historian of National Honor Society; Hispanic Honor Society; Vice President of Mu Alpha Theta National Mathematics Honor Society; Ambassador and President of TEMPUS/LEO Club; Club C.A.R.E.; Founder and President of Underwater Hockey Club; Aquatic Instructor Internship; Penn State Health PULSE Program; Pennsylvania State University Penn State Mont Alto Med Camp; Harrisburg Area Community College Nurse Aide Training Program

**Community Activities:** Volunteering within the Newville community (Oak Flat 5k Charity Run, National Honor Society Food Drive Distribution Night, Newville PTO Fundraiser, SOM Foundation registration and set-up, Big Spring Presbyterian Church cleanup, Big Spring High School Pool Instructor, Big Spring High School Veteran's Day Ceremony, TEMPUS Club Fundraiser, Newville Economic Development Authority quarterly meetings); Secretary of the Newville Economic Development Authority; Newville Lions LEO Ambassador

**Student Employment:** Meadowbrooke Gourds (employed from October 2016-present; apart of the farm crew and work in retail); Sarah A. Todd Memorial Home (employed from March 2020-March 2021 as a Nursing Assistant)

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Distinguished Honors (9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade); Completion of 27 college credits; Awarded as a PULSE Star of the Penn State PULSE Program; Academic Achievement of the World Language Department Certificate of Recognition (grade 10); Academic Achievement of the Health & Physical Education Department Certificate of Recognition (grade 10); Awarded a Certificate of Completion for the HACC Nurse Aide Training Program

**Future Plans:** Upon graduating high school I have committed to Shenandoah University in Winchester, Virginia, to major in biology with a pre-medicine track along with a prospective minor in business administration. After completing my undergraduate degree, I plan to continue my education in medical school to earn my M.D. and continue onto residency in my preferred occupation of medicine.



## Raegan Gsell

### Big Spring High School

**Parents:** John and Kim Gsell

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 3.6

**School Activities:** National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Stage Tech for the Musical, Technology Student Association

**Community Activities:** Created care packages for the homeless

**Student Employment:** Sarah Todd Nursing home, dinning assistant, 11/2019 to present

**Awards/Accomplishments:** 2021 Galen Berger Engineering Education Award, 2020 Student of Quarter recognition from Tech Ed Dept, 2019 Student of Quarter recognition from Art Dept, 2019 Student of Quarter recognition from the Tech Ed Dept, 2018 Second Marking Period Academic Achievement English Dept

**Future Plans:** My future plan is to attend Shippensburg University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. My goal is to secure a job that is going to make an impact on mankind. I am passionate about looking for ways to improve our technology.



## Hanna Herman

### Boiling Springs High School

**Age:** 18

**Parents:** Kimberly and Patrick Herman

**GPA:** 98.52

**School Activities:** Student Council (President), Friends of Rachel Kindness Club (President)

**Community Activities:** Girls on the Run Coach, Camp Director at Camp H.A.C.

**Employment:** Carlisle Dance (ballet teacher), South Middleton Township Playground Camp (camp counselor)

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Rotary Student of the Month (April 2021), National French Honors Society Member (Springs 2019-Present), Honor Roll (Grades 9-12)

**Future Plans:** Attend Warren Wilson College for Environmental Studies/Education, Outdoor Leadership and French



## Kalei Howard

### Cumberland Valley High School

**Parents:** Scott Howard, Michelle Howard

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 4.0

**School Activities:** Member of the girls varsity golf team for two years. Member of student council for four years. Chair for CV Mini-THON's leadership team. Historian of CV neuroscience. Member of National World Language Honors Society.

**Community Activities:** Volunteer for the Four Diamonds Mini-THON student leadership council.

**Student Employment:** Chick-Fil-A. First ever employee of the month, recipient of a scholarship from Chick-Fil-A. Drive thru team leader.

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Won Mid-Penns, Districts, and placed fourth at states for golf in the 2020 season.

**Future Plans:** Penn State University Park, major undecided



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## Annie Hyde

### Cedar Cliff High School

**Parents:** Lauren Hyde and Chris Hyde

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 4.082

**School Activities:** Throughout my time at Cedar Cliff, I have participated as a violinist in the Cedar Cliff Orchestra and string quartet, as well as in the pit orchestra for Cedar Cliff's musicals. I have also participated in both district and county honors orchestra festivals. I am an active member of National Honor Society and currently placed in an internship with the Cedar Cliff chemistry department.

**Community Activities:** Outside of Cedar Cliff, I take private violin lessons and participate in the Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestra as a first violinist. I have volunteered with the Humane Society and assisted and tutored elementary school students on the violin. Currently, I am working in collaboration with a few fellow seniors from Cedar Cliff to organize a Baccalaureate ceremony for the graduating class.

**Student Employment:** No employment

**Awards/Accomplishments:** I sat as the concertmistress for her final concert in the Harrisburg Symphony Youth Orchestra and was recently awarded the commencement award for the subject of science at Cedar Cliff.

**Future Plans:** After graduation, I will attend the West Virginia University Honors College with an intended undergraduate degree in general chemistry. I plan to use this degree to pursue a medical degree in pediatrics or pharmacology.



## Aidan Johnston-Walsh

### Boiling Springs High School

**Parents:** Lucy and Bill Johnston-Walsh

**Age:** 17

**GPA:** 106

**School Activities:** Class President, Racial Justice Club President, MuAlphaTheta President, French Honors Society President, National Honors Society Vice President, Spanish Honors Society, French Club President, Perfect Peers Officer, Mini-THON Public Relations Chair, Golf Team Captain, Bocce Team Captain, Track and Field, Baseball, Basketball, Envirothon, Interact Club, UNICEF, Four Square Club, Model UN,

**Community Activities:** Interact Club, Voter Registration Drive, Miscellaneous Volunteering

**Student Employment:** No

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Lions Club Student of the Month, National Merit Finalist, Valedictorian, First and Third Place Finishes in the National French Exam, Third Place in Millersville Math and Science Competition, District III Champions (Golf), Third Place Finish in Regional Playoff (Bocce)

**Future Plans:** Attend 4-year university for math related degree and a minor in French.



## Matt Jones

### Trinity High School

**Parents:** Mike and Michelle Jones

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 4.357

**School Activities:** Varsity Tennis, St. Genesius Players, Key Club, Liaison of MiniTHON Committee, National Honor Society President (St. John Neumann Chapter)

**Community Activities:** Altar Server at St. Joseph Parish (Mechanicsburg), Parish Volunteer, Preschool Volunteer (GLEE—St. Peter Lutheran Church)

**Student Employment:** Dairy Customer Service Employee at Wegmans

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Member of National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta (National Math Honor Society), and National Foreign Language Honor Society

**Future Plans:** Attend King's College in the Physician Assistant program

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## Maddie Keefer

### Cumberland Valley High School

**Parents:** Tammie Keefer and David Keefer

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 105.8690

**School Activities:** CV Dance Team, Student Council, Class Council, Mini-THON Leadership Team, Student Leadership Cabinet, School Newspaper

**Community Activities:** Studio '91 Dancer, Spanish Tutor, Tutored in Russian, Volunteer for Preschool Ballet

**Employment:** Worked at Hellenic Kouzina Greek Café from August until May 1, 2021.

**Awards/Accomplishments:** National Honors Society, National World Language Honors Society, AP Scholar with Distinction, Honor Roll grades 9-12, Co-Captain of the CV Dance Team, Class Council Historian, CV Mini-THON Special Events Co-Chair (Leadership Team), Senior in Student Leadership Cabinet, Student Council Representative

**Future Plans:** I will be attending Boston University to major in International Relations with minors in Russian and Spanish Language. After Undergraduate schooling, I want to continue my education to either focus in Global Marketing or International Business Law.



## Olivia Maddux

### Trinity High School

**Parents:** Jason and Lisa Maddux

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 4.698

**School Activities:** Olivia played on the varsity golf team all four years of high school and was team captain her senior year. She played in the state tournament in the postseason in grades 10-12. Trinity High School adopted a house system as a way to organize student leadership and create unity, and she was a mentor group leader in her school's house system her senior year. Students from every grade were split into small groups of about 15 that meet every day from 12-38 minutes, depending on the day. She organized and led daily activities for one of these groups, and gave them daily announcements pertaining to school. She was available to tutor students through her involvement in the National Honor Society. She was also a member of the Spanish Club.

**Community Activities:** Olivia has volunteered for many years with the Girls Golf program, assisting girls relatively new to golf and helping them to build basic skills important to golf and to life. She has also volunteered as a leader with a local PGA Jr. League team, helping young golfers build skills through instruction and practice, and helping them prepare for matches against other teams. She has volunteered as a craft leader at Vacation Bible School for many years. She spent 2 hours every day for a week helping organize, demonstrate, and lead daily crafts for children who attended the camp. She helped refine the process for crafts during this camp and demonstrated them to the campers while connecting the crafts to the theme of each day.

**Student Employment:** n/a

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Olivia was a member of the National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, and the Spanish Honor Society, and was elected to the office of treasurer for her school's chapter of the National Honor Society. She was a National Merit Finalist. She earned First Honors on the honor roll throughout high school, and was named salutatorian.

**Future Plans:** Olivia will attend the University of Virginia to study chemistry. She has always enjoyed the applications of science and math, and she is looking forward to studying and conducting research in college.



## Clayton Maiden

### Big Spring High School

**Parents:** Kara McKee and Jesse McKee

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 3.8

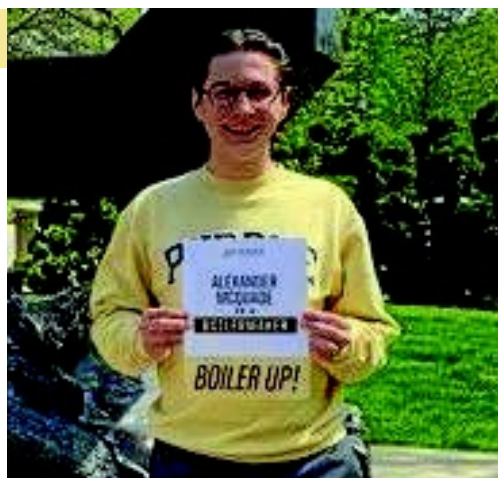
**School Activities:** During my sophomore and junior years of high school I took part in an elementary water safety instruction internship. In this internship I taught students in grades 1 through 5 how to swim safely and accurately. In January of 2020 I became a student assistant in a 3rd grade classroom at Mount Rock Elementary School. I am a mentor in the Big Brother Big Sister Program and have been a part of Key Club, Environmental Club, and Elementary Field Days.

**Community Activities:** I volunteer as an Exterior Firefighter with the Penn Township Vol. Fire Company 50. I have been on over 20 ambulance ride-alongs with Friendship Hose Company of Newville. Last summer I volunteered as a camp counselor at Doubling Gap, Camp YoliJwa for grades 3, 4, and 5. I volunteer approximately 4 hours each week to help children ministries at Newville First Church of God.

**Student Employment:** I am the first Big Spring student to be hired as an elementary instructional aide at Newville Elementary. I was a dietary aide at Green Ridge Village from December of 2018 to August of 2020. For the summer of 2021 I will be joining Doubling Gap, Camp YoliJwa's summer program staff as the technology leader.

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Top Junior Fire Responder of the Year (2019), Distinguished Honor Roll

**Future Plans:** This fall I will be attending Mansfield University of Pennsylvania to pursue a bachelor's degree in elementary education. I would like to return to the Big Spring community as an educator. My dream is to help the future leaders of the world become successful leaders! I will keep making a difference in the community and volunteering every moment I get.



## Alexander McQuade

### Cedar Cliff High School

**Parents:** Susan Lacomba and William McQuade

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 100.235

**School Activities:** Alex has been incredibly involved with the music department through membership and leadership in the school's Chamber Singers for four years (Secretary and Tenor Section Leader) as well as being involved in the past four musicals (which he played a lead role in 3). Alex is also the Secretary for the school's chapter of the National Honors Society. He is also part of Key Club and has tutored for his school's math department. He is also an Opportunity Scholarship Ambassador through the College Board and is tasked with educating his school on scholarship opportunities to afford college. Additionally, Alex is a proud member of his school's Anti-Racist Alliance.

**Community Activities:** Alex has been in Boy Scouting since he was in First grade and is a Eagle Scout. He is also involved at his local church (Grace Lutheran in Camp Hill) where he sings solo and as a part of the choir. Alex is the only tenor intern with the professional choir, the Harrisburg Singers. He is also a recording artist with music on all streaming platforms. He records at Sound Design Music Studio with John Levasseur. He writes, produces, and performs all his own songs. He sings at local coffeeshops and has worked to get his music on all platforms (Spotify, Apple Music, etc.). He takes voice lessons with Kathleen Nisley.

**Student Employment:** Alex is not currently employed, but prior to the pandemic, he worked at Juice & Java in Mechanicsburg.

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Alex is an AP Scholar with Distinction, holds the Boy Scout World Conservation Award and Eagle Scout Award, is a member of the Order of the Arrow, is in 2021 PMEA's All State Choir, was invited to and attended American Music Abroad, and is a member of the National Society for High School Scholars.

**Future Plans:** Alex will be attending Purdue University in the fall to become a Doctorate of Pharmacy (6 year program). Alex will also pursue a certificate in Medical Humanities, and has hopes to attain a PhD in Molecular Pharmacology following the attainment of the Doctorate of Pharmacy. Alex wants to help people on a macro scale by developing and distributing medications. He will also continue music in college with involvement in a Purdue honors choir ensemble.



## Abbie Miller

### Cumberland Valley High School

**Parents:** Heather and Matthew Miller

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 97.39

**School Activities:** Captain Varsity Girls Soccer, Captain Varsity Girls Basketball, Cumberland Valley Mini-THON Committee member, Student Leadership Council Member, Student Representative to the School Board, Honor Roll Student

**Community Activities:** Special Olympics Volunteer, Bethesda Mission Woman's Shelter Volunteer, Active (confirmed) member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Shiremanstown, Little Lady Eagles Basket Camp Volunteer, CVYBA (Cumberland Valley Youth Basketball Association) Youth Trainer

**Student Employment:** Babysitter

**Awards/Accomplishments:** CBS 21 Scholar Athlete of the Year, M&T Bank John Travers Award Finalist, Miss PA Basketball Nominee, PIAA District 3-4A Champion—Girls Soccer, PIAA District 3-6A Champion—Girls Basketball, Mid-Penn Commonwealth Division All-Star—First Team—both Soccer and Basketball

**Future Plans:** My future academic endeavors are to study Early Childhood/Elementary Education at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania as a member of the Wood Honors College as well as to play on the Women's Basketball team. After I graduate with my undergraduate degree, my aspirations are to become a well-respected and loved elementary school teacher, hopefully in the Cumberland Valley School District. I would also love to become a coach and role model for young ladies and possibly a high school basketball coach. After I become an established teacher, I plan to return to graduate school so that I may earn a higher degree and to eventually become a principal.



## Jonathon (Jack) O'Brien

### Boiling Springs High School

**Age:** 18

**Parents:** Greg and Meryl O'Brien

**GPA:** 4.0

**School Activities:** National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta math honor society, Model United Nations, Debate Team (Co-Captain), Chemistry Club (President), French Club

**Community Activities:** Boy Scout Troop 171, Palmyra Junior Rifle Team

**Employment:** Not employed currently. Worked previously as a camp counselor at Camp Tuckahoe Boy Scout Camp

**Awards/Accomplishments:** National Army ROTC 3 Year Scholarship recipient, Eagle Scout, NRA Youth Education Summit (selected, cancelled due to Covid) District Debate Team winner for poetry, Silver Key winner for scholastic writing, First place position paper at Model United Nations

**Future Plans:** I will be attending the University of Akron, majoring in Political Science with a National Security focus as well being a member of the Army ROTC.



## Olivia Olsen

### Boiling Springs High School

**Parents:** Erik & Cindi Olsen

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 100.7

**School Activities:** Soccer, Drama Club, Interact Club, Basketball

**Community Activities:** Salvation Army bell ringing, Veteran's Breakfast

**Student Employment:** Giant—barista at Starbucks

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Boiling Springs Lions Club Student-of-the-Month, Scholastic Art & Writing Award (Poetry)

**Future Plans:** Playing soccer at Washington & Jefferson College in Washington, Pa. Majoring in Biology with a minor in Forensic Science.



## Jackson Rioux

### Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School

**Parents:** Trang and Jeff Rioux

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 97.5

**School Activities:** Soccer, Tennis, Track, National Honors Society

**Community Activities:** Jackson is a member of the Mennonite Youth Fellowship at Slate Hill Mennonite Church.

**Student Employment:** Target

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Mid-Penn First-Team All-Star for soccer as a senior; Mid-Penn Second-Team All-Star as a junior

**Future Plans:** Jackson will be attending Boston College in the fall where he'll study education and mathematics as he pursues his goal of becoming a math teacher.



## Maggie Shaver-Wilson

### Cumberland Valley High School

**Parents:** Wendy Shaver and Nick Wilson

**Age:** 17

**GPA:** 4.0

**School Activities:** Orchestra (cello), International Baccalaureate diploma program

**Community Activities:** Volunteer for Power to the Hill (voter education in Allison Hill Harrisburg) and MILPA (Movement of Immigrant Leaders in PA), member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Harrisburg

**Student Employment:** Noodles and Company

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Recipient of AFS Speedwell Scholarship (2018), Soaring Eagle student of the month (2019)

**Future Plans:** I am going to take a gap year, during which I will take honors classes at HACCC and work as a shift manager at Noodles and Company. Then in the Fall of 2022 I will attend Central European University in Vienna, Austria and complete the Culture, Politics, and Society Bachelor's program with a major in Social Cultural Anthropology.



## Elliot Payton Shoff

### Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School

**Parents:** David and Tammy Shoff

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 4.0

**School Activities:** Girls Tennis, National Honor Society, French Honor Society, Random Acts of Kindness, Cheery Center

**Community Activities:** Assisted with Blood Drive, planning school dances, and assist with Equipment Manager of UAMBA

**Student Employment:** None

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Upper Allen Woman's Club award

**Future Plans:** Attending PSU main campus to major in Biology



## Ian So

### Cumberland Valley High School

**Parents:** Troy and Soyoung So

**Age:** 17

**GPA:** 105.6

**School Activities:** I am a 4-year Varsity Water Polo player (Undefeated State Champions of 2020), 4-year Varsity Swimmer (AAA Mid Penn Qualifier and District III Qualifier), 2018 JROTC ALPHA Raider Team Member (Undefeated State Champions of 2018). I am also the Spanish Club President, and a member of National Honors Society, Key Club, Mini-Thon Committee, UNICEF, and Patriot's Club.

**Community Activities:** I am a TOPS Soccer Buddy and work on providing a safe, social environment to learn soccer for children who are mentally or physically impaired. I also volunteered as a Pantry and Drive-Up Volunteer at New Hope Ministries in Dillsburg and Mechanicsburg throughout the pandemic, ensuring that the people hit hardest by the pandemic were provided with food and necessities. I am now a volunteer coach at Cumberland Valley Aquatic Club and work on improving basic stroke technique with the Mini Team.

**Student Employment:** I am currently employed at Target and have worked for Giant. During the summer, I work as a lifeguard.

**Awards/Accomplishments:** I am a Keystone Boys State Graduate, a Coast Guard Academy Seminar graduate, and an Army and Air Force ROTC four-year-scholarship recipient. I have been awarded a Letter of Commendation for the PSAT, the Silver Spring Veterans Day Essay Runner-Up award, and I am an AP Scholar with Distinction.

**Future Plans:** I will be attending Carnegie Mellon University on a Type I four-year Air Force ROTC scholarship and I hope to commission as an Intelligence Officer. I plan on majoring in Behavioral Economics and Policy Organization and hope to find a potential career in finance/public policy/economist after my time in the military, with investment banking as my tentative goal.



## Maggie Swank

### Boiling Springs High School

**Parents:** Ty and Amy Swank

**Age:** 17

**GPA:** 105.2376

**School Activities:** Mini-THON, National Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta (national math honors society), Field Hockey, Debate, Art Club, Model UN, Racial Justice Club, For Kindness club

**Community Activities:** Volunteering through National Honors Society and Mini-THON, painting a mural in the school

**Student Employment:** Messiah Lifeways

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Salutatorian for class of 2021, scholastic essay contest honorable mention

**Future Plans:** Attending Virginia Tech for fall 2021 semester, University Studies (undecided) major



## Jenna Tochterman

### Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School

**Parents:** Scott and Yvonne Tochterman

**Age:** 17

**GPA:** 4.0

**School Activities:** Varsity Soccer, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society

**Community Activities:** Assistant Soccer Coach, volunteer at Messiah Lifeways

**Student Employment:** Summer Camp Counselor, Licensed Soccer Referee

**Awards/Accomplishments:** First Honor Roll every semester during middle school and high school. Sustained GPA of 4.0 for every semester of high school. Received academic awards at each MASH annual ceremony.

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## Luke Wyland

### Trinity High School

**Parents:** Kelli Jones, Scott Wyland

**Age:** 18

**GPA:** 4.463

**School Activities:** Tech Crew

**Community Activities:** Volunteer Math Tutor for St. Theresa School

**Student Employment:** Wegmans

**Awards/Accomplishments:** Rotary Student of the Month, AP Scholar with Honor

**Future Plans:** Study Computer Science at Rochester Institute of Technology



# WHAT'S NEXT FOR SENIORS – WHOOPS – COLLEGE FRESHMEN?

**LEE SHULMAN BIERER**  
The Charlotte Observer

**W**ith this school year finally behind us, the responsibilities of rising college freshmen are just beginning. Here are some things you should be on top of. Some will be taken care of by your high school registrar or guidance office; some are tasks you and your family need to complete.

- 1 Pay up**  
You should have already submitted your deposit. If you have been accepted off a college's waitlist, you will be asked to deposit right away and will have to forfeit the initial deposit you made before May 1. You will be able to find specific instructions on how and where to do this on the student's portal of the college website.
- 2 Send in the forms**  
Turn in any residency verification forms requested, as well as AP Exam scores. Send official final transcripts from your high school plus any dual enrollment, community college or summer programs where you're seeking credit. Create your own paper trail by bringing hard copies of your high school transcript, your test scores (SAT, ACT, SAT Subject Tests and AP Exams) and your resume. Hopefully you won't need them.
- 3 Get real about the money**  
Accept any institutional grants you've received. Be sure you understand the rules associated with renewing specific grants, including maintaining a minimum GPA. Make sure you are clear about your loan arrangements, including the payment schedule and potential penalties.

## **4 Follow up with where you'll be living**

Residency arrangements this fall may continue to be unpredictable. Turn in whatever paperwork you've been sent. Make hard copies to take with you on move-in day, just in case.

## **5 Get oriented**

Many college orientations are being done virtually. Listen, participate and take notes. A lot of time-sensitive and valuable information will be disseminated.

## **6 Choose classes**

Identify the specific distribution requirements, as well as areas you may have already fulfilled with any AP courses from high school. Ask about the progression of classes, particularly in your potential major (i.e. which courses are prerequisites for more advanced classes), and know how often those classes are offered. Some classes are offered every semester and some classes may only be available every other year.

## **7 Get advice**

If possible, meet virtually with your adviser before selecting your classes.

## **8 Understand the full cost of attendance**

Make sure you understand all the expenses and fees associated with being a freshman. This may include lab fees, activity fees, fraternity/sorority charges and/or club fees.

## **9 Find a bank**

Identify your local banking options. Open a checking account. Get a debit card and credit card if that makes sense.

## **10 Learn basic life skills**

Use this summer to teach yourself how to budget and understand the workings of a credit card, a debit card, Venmo, the ATM and a checking account.

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# Great gift ideas

## TO HELP YOU SAY CONGRATS TO YOUR GRAD

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The Charlotte Observer

**C**ash may be still be king when it comes to what high school grads want to see when they open their graduation cards, but if you're interested in igniting a spark of creativity or trying to personalize your gifts, here are some fun suggestions.

### Staying connected

Students are constantly connected electronically, so most anything to make that connection easier and more convenient will be appreciated.

**Amazon Prime membership (Amazon.com):** This could be every student's favorite gift. I think it's worth it for the free delivery alone, but access to free movies, music and discounts is truly a gift that keeps on giving. To make it extra special, you can order it in a gift box and include a small gift card with it.

**Mophie juice pack reserve (mophie.com):** This is an iPhone and iPod charger that students can carry on their key chains. It can be used when they run into a situation where they find themselves with a low battery and a must-have app download or a photo upload that can't wait.

**Jackery portable charger (Amazon.com):** It's a fabulous, affordable gift, and every time they run out of juice on their phone or tablet, they will think of you for saving the day.

**Bedphones (dubslabs.com):** One of the toughest adjustments for many freshmen is adapting to a roommate's sleeping/working/partying schedule. The Bedphones are earphones designed for sleeping with foam-covered speakers that lie flat against your ears. There's even a free app with the product that turns the music off when they fall asleep.

**Card iPhone cases:** What else do students need besides their phone, their student ID and a credit or debit card? Just a convenient, good-looking place to keep their lives together. They're everywhere, just google "card iPhone cases."

### Making them more comfortable

**Removable wallpaper (www.dormify.com):** What a great way for students to personalize their rooms with a cool variety of fun design choices. Be sure to check with your RA (resident assistant) before papering your walls.

**Travel HoodiePillow (www.dormify.com):** Featured on the popular reality show "Shark Tank," this hooded pillowcase is made from a soft sweatshirt material that covers a pillow insert which deflates.

### Helping them survive

Create your own "off to college" survival kit. This is a great idea if you are industrious, frugal and have multiple gifts to purchase. Some items you might include:

- Put together a laundry basket with the supplies they'll need to do their own laundry: soap, a roll of quarters, stain remover, fabric softener, etc.

- Design your own basket filled with their favorite candies and snacks, plus gift cards to their favorite coffee shops and restaurants.

- Purchase a hot pot for cooking their favorite soups, snacks, hot cocoa, etc. Personalize it by adding a hand-compiled recipe book of simple things they can make with limited kitchen resources.

- Keep them safe with a first-aid kit. You can buy one ready-made or put together a kit yourself. Include bandages, anti-bacterial cleansing wipes, Advil, Neosporin, Benedryl, matches, tape, gauze and scissors.

- Get them a basic tool kit that includes a hammer and screwdriver, or find a kit with a little of everything.

- Homesick candles offers large scented candles with a label displaying a student's home state. (\$30.00, www.uncommongoods.com)

- Check out etsy.com for creative grad gift boxes (\$28.00).

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