

CONGRATULATIONS Class of 2023



2023 HART HIGH SCHOOL Honor Students

Wyatt Dean

GPA: 3.800

Parents' names: Trevor Dean and Lisa Sosnowski
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Basketball all 4 years; Cross Country 4 years; Track and Field 4 years
Plans for the future: I am attending Saginaw Valley State University to run Cross and Track and plan to study exercise science or physical therapy.

Trayce Tate

GPA: 3.492

Parents' names: Shane and Jen Tate
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Varsity Football, 4 years; Varsity Wrestling, 4 years
Plans for the future: Diesel mechanics and welding.

Mya Chickering

GPA: 3.858

Parents' names: Heather Chickering and Jesse Chickering
Activities and accomplishments during high school: 9th Grade band; Peer to Peer; 4 years High Honor Roll; 4 years Academic All Conference; 2 yrs JV Volleyball; 2 yrs Varsity Volleyball; 4 yrs National Team Inside Out Volleyball; Honors Courses; AP Courses
Plans for the future: I will be attending Well's College in New York where I will also be play Varsity Volleyball for the college.

Kelly Vander Kodde

GPA: 4.095

Parents' names: Benjamin Vander Kodde and Laura Vander Kodde
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Cross Country, four years; Drama/Theater Club, four years; National Honors So-

ciety, three years; Hiking Club, one year; Hart High School Academic Showcase Nominee; Scholar Athlete, four years.

Plans for the future: I plan to attend the University of Michigan, aspiring to attain a Bachelor's in Social Work. I, then, hope to work towards a Master's in Social Work in order to go into the Foster Care System specifically.

Kellen Kimes

GPA: 4.07

Parents' names: Ken and Jordi Kimes
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Varsity Track, 4 years; 2022 Outdoor Discus state champ; 2022 Outdoor Shot Put Runner-up
Plans for the future: Attend Liberty University and compete in track and field along with studying exercise science.

Julia Greiner

GPA: 4.025

Parents' names: Todd and Sarah Greiner
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Varsity Soccer, 4 years; National Honors Society, 3 years; Student Leadership, 2 years; 4-H, 2 years; Varsity Volleyball, 1 year
Plans for the future: Attend Michigan State University and major in Pre-Nursing with hopes to become a pediatric nurse practitioner.

James Vega

GPA: 3.921

Parents' names: Christopher and Stephanie Vega
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Marching band, four years; varsity track, three years; Drama, four years; Senior Band, four years
Plans for the future: I plan to attend a government-funded college to pursue enrollment in the space force

Peyton Hansen

GPA: 3.87

Parents' names: Blake and Falon Hansen
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Prostart Management Competition, 3rd in State
Plans for the future: Attend Michigan State University and study Hospitality Business.

Mariana VanAgtmael

GPA: 4.057

Parents' names: Robert and Alma VanAgtmael
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Basketball (4 years); Volleyball (4 years); 4-H (4 years); Student Leadership (4 years); Softball (3 years); National Honor Society (2 years); Soccer (1 year)
Plans for the future: I plan to attend Hope College and major in communications and minor in Spanish.

Lillian Hallack

GPA: 4.040

Parents' names: Heather and Jeremy Hallack
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Varsity Competitive Cheer, 3 years, captain; National Honor Society, 3 years, Treasurer; Student Leadership, 2 years; Oceana Leads TOPPC, 1 year; Track and Field, 1 year; Sideline Cheer, 1 year; Quiz Bowl, 1 year; Drama Club, 1 year
Plans for the future: I will be attending the University of Michigan of Ann Arbor beginning in June of 2023 for the Summer Bridge Scholars Program. In August I will begin traditional classes at the University of Michigan. I plan on pursuing a degree in business through the Ross School of Business.

2023 Oceana County Senior Athletes of the Year

By Brendan Samuels

HERALD-JOURNAL WRITER

This year's senior athletes experienced fairytale-esque levels of success on their respective fields and courts. There wasn't a season that passed where one of the five schools in the county wasn't making some sort of deep push into the postseason. There's been state titles, broken records and plenty of individual improvement. This group of seniors started their journey through high school sports while navigating a national pandemic, making their resilience and commitment to the sport that much more impressive.

With their college education on the horizon, let's take a look at some of the top performers from each of the 15 sports.

Boys Soccer

Guillermo Ortega, Hart Mason Garcia, Shelby



Guillermo Ortega



Mason Garcia

When Guillermo Ortega started playing varsity soccer for Hart, it wasn't always easy. The Pirates didn't record a winning season until Ortega's senior year, but once they broke that ceiling, they took advantage of it.

Whether it was the fact that the Pirates were still riding high from a 11-6-2 regular season or playing on their home field gave them a jolt, Hart made noise in the postseason. The Pirates shutout both Newaygo (8-0) and Montague (2-0) in the first two rounds of districts before advancing to the finals against Manistee. Hart hung tight with the Chippewas, ultimately falling, 3-2. Ortega was a major factor for the Pirates in their deep run. He scored 17 goals on the season and was one of his team's most valuable players in the midfield area.

Mason Garcia's 25 goals this season were impressive as the speedster was often just too much for opposing defenses to handle. Garcia and Shelby had developed into a formidable opponent as of late and even with an expanded conference with several tough teams, the Tigers still managed to come within one goal of facing Hart in the district finals.

Boys Cross Country

Clayton Ackley, Hart



Clayton Ackley

Clayton Ackley joins a long list of runners in his family that have been honorees either on the boys or girls side for Hart. His freshman year wasn't full of mindblowing finishes, but by his sophomore campaign, Ackley was finishing in the top five consistently.

Ackley finished his final run with Hart cross country with a state title after competing in the MHSAA finals four years in a row. It's fitting that the boys would earn their first ever state title in Ackley's senior season, as it was by far the best year he's had as a runner. Of the 17 races he competed in this past fall, Ackley placed first in 11 of them. His worst finish of the year comes with an asterisk as he placed 11th in the MITCA Meet of Champions – but even that was a personal record time for him.

A large group of seniors depart the program this year, but Ackley will by far be the most missed after being the Pirates' lead man this season. Ackley will run both cross country and track next year as he travels out west to enroll at Colorado Christian University.

Girls Cross Country

Emma Soelberg, Shelby Anna VanDuinen, Pentwater



Emma Soelberg



Anna VanDuinen

It's always a bit of a shock not to see any Hart girls honored here after winning state titles five of the last six years. Fall 2022 proved to be the year that snapped the Pirates' streak and most of their runners are still underclassmen. Two girls deserve to be honored here as Shelby's Emma Soelberg and Pentwater's Anna VanDuinen both made significant strides over their high school careers.

Soelberg didn't compete her freshman year, but since taking to the course as a sophomore, she's been nothing short of consistent. She's run 36 races over those three years and only fallen out of a top 20 placement three times. All three of those finishes were in the MHSAA state finals. Soelberg finally broke through as an All-State runner in 2023, snagging the final spot on the podium with a 30th place finish in the state finals.

VanDuinen, along with younger brother Abe, has been one of the main faces for the Falcons' cross country team for quite some time. While VanDuinen was never able to cross the threshold into the All-State category, her strides for Pentwater kept her team afloat. Three years as a runner saw personal record after personal record set. She finished her 2023 year in the Division 4 regional competition, setting the final personal record of her career.

Soelberg will be off to Brigham Young University in the fall to focus on her education. VanDuinen will take a trip south in the fall to run for the Hornets of Kalamazoo College.

Football

Trayce Tate, Hart



Trayce Tate

Hart football was the only program in the county to come close to sniffing the postseason in 2022-23. A big part of that was the Pirates' commitment to running the football right at their opponents. Trayce Tate was a big part of that rushing attack after lead horse Jose Luis Anaverde missed a good portion of the year.

Tate finished top 10 across both divisions of the West Michigan Conference in rushing yards, taking 91 carries for 508 yards and 12 touchdowns on the ground. Pair that with his effort in the defensive secondary and Tate was a big reason the Pirates finished at 6-3 – the program's first winning season in over a decade.

To sweeten the pot, Tate and the Pirates were one win over Ravenna from having a serious shot at qualifying for the playoffs. That's a major shift from where the program was just two years ago, prior to the arrival of head coach Joe Tanis. Tate was a big reason why major strides were made this season.

Volleyball

Morgan Weirich, Shelby



Morgan Weirich

Morgan Weirich has been around Shelby volleyball since she was a kid, watching her dad Tom coach the Tigers. Over the last four years, Weirich has been a stalwart for her dad's teams as the Tigers' libero. Playing alongside a generational talent like Navea Gauthier can make it hard to earn a share of the spotlight, but Weirich did just that.

Shelby itself has had a lot of success in recent years and Weirich was a big part of that. In 2021-22, the Tigers found themselves ousted in the regional semifinals by Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian. One year later, Shelby faced the same rival in the regional finals, overcoming that hump and pushing themselves to the state quarterfinals.

Weirich enjoyed a spectacular senior season, posting over 700 digs and making plenty of offensive plays with 120 assists. That earned her All-Conference honors and was a big reason why Shelby volleyball and teammates like Gauthier were able to enjoy such a historic year.

Baseball

Kyan Clark, Hart



Kyan Clark

Clark is a three-sport athlete and while playing keeper on the soccer field seemed to be his main role, he blossomed on the baseball diamond in his senior season. Even Clark didn't realize the power he had with a bat in his hand, but that changed when he started knocking in run after run in 2023.

Clark has had multiple games where he's posted over five RBIs to this point in the season and seems to be a headache for pitchers to figure out when he's at the plate. Clark also gets work at third base and while his defense isn't what makes him most impressive, his role as the team's only senior is invaluable on the infield.

The Pirates are sitting in a good position within the conference to this point and with Clark firing on all cylinders, it shouldn't be shocking if Hart makes a deep run.

Softball

Ali Townsend, Hesperia



Ali Townsend

Hesperia softball has had a lot of close games this season and a lot of that comes with some fresh faces trying to make their mark. Ali Townsend is far from a fresh face for the Panthers, however.

Townsend plays shortstop on defense and is the most likely athlete on Hesperia's roster to give up her body to make a play. Her skills in the field are what set her apart from others in this category, as she hardly ever makes an error and is constantly keeping those around her in positions to succeed.

With a bat in her hand, Townsend is just as effective. To this point in the year she's drawn a lot of walks, which speaks to the patience she displays. When she does find the right pitch, a base hit is all but guaranteed.

Boys Track

Kellen Kimes, Hart



Kellen Kimes

Is there a record in the Hart boys track and field books that Kellen Kimes doesn't own? Kimes has been absolutely destructive when he steps up to any throwing event. Don't believe it? Just take a look at how many times he's set and broken his own records in discus and shot put.

Kimes wasn't always just a thrower either, he competed in the pole vault and a few running events during the 2021 season and experienced the same kind of dominance. With just one year in the pole vault, Kimes placed top five in all the meets he attended, other than the state finals where he was 12th.

Last spring was where Kimes really hit his stride as a thrower. With a runner-up finish in shot put and a first place finish in discus, Kimes' power is unparalleled. That's a big reason he earned this honor and received a rare Division 1 college offer from Liberty University.

Girls Track

Aspen Boutell, Hart



Aspen Boutell

Boutell finds her way onto this list for the second time and this time it's for her efforts as part of Hart's girls track team.

Boutell started running for the Pirates her sophomore year and quickly became one of the best sprinters on the team. Boutell typically runs in the 100- and 200-meter races and has yet to fall out of a top 10 finish.

A key member of Hart's 400, 800 and 1,600 relay teams as well, Boutell's speed is something that the Pirates can rely on to close the gap. Boutell also competes in the long jump where she's finished in the top 25 at the Division 3 state finals each of the last two years.

Girls Soccer

Sandy Salgado, Hart



Sandy Salgado

Hart's girls soccer team had dynamite laid to its foundation not too long ago and has experienced its fair share of struggles in recent years. That hasn't stopped Sandy Salgado from being one of the Pirates' most consistent and dangerous athletes.

If the Pirates need a goal, there's a fair chance that Salgado will be the one they look to. Her aggressive play style and impeccable footwork help her separate from defenders and leave her with several one-on-one opportunities with the opposing keeper.

Thus far in 2023, Salgado has recorded a few multi-goal performances and seems to be primed for a great finish to her high school career.

Golf

Andrew Kolenda, Pentwater



Andrew Kolenda

Pentwater golf has been really good for a long time and a big part of that is the Kolenda family. When your family runs a golf course (Golden Sands), it's expected that you'll be competing at a high level. That remains true for Andrew Kolenda, one of the Falcons' most consistent athletes.

Kolenda has experienced a rocky start to his 2023 year, but still finds himself near the top of both Pentwater's leaderboards as well as individual leaders for matches he competes in. Battling with sister Alivia and foreign exchange student Elias Marjassalo has been enough to push Kolenda to new heights.

With another state finals appearance likely in sight for Pentwater, Kolenda should be near the top scorer for the Falcons by the end of the year.

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Ali Marie Townsend

GPA: 4.0

Parents' names: Patti and Jimmy Townsend
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Newaygo County Career-Tech Center: Attend Construction Trades Program; Received Breaking Traditions Award for 2022; Outstanding Student of the Year for 2021-2022; 1/60 for class rank; Passed/Retained OSHA-10 Hour Safety Course; Passed Entrepreneurship and Small Business Exam; Retained 60-hour Pre-licensure; Member of SkillsUSA for two years-went to nationals last year; Hesperia High School: Science Olympiad member junior year-placed second in bridge building competition; 200+ hours of community service; 4.0 GPA-top of class rank; National Honor Society Member. Sports: 1st Team All District, Regional, and Conference shortstop-softball; Muskegon-Area Dream Team Honorable Mention-softball; Defensive Player of the Year award-softball; 1st Team Academic-volleyball; Best Teammate award-volleyball; Recognized for free throw percent-60%-basketball; Varsity Softball, 4 years; varsity volleyball, 3 years; varsity basketball, 1 year; National Honor Society, 2 years; attend Construction Trades Program, 2 years; Outstanding Student of the Year, Construction Trades; SkillsUSA, 2 years; Science Olympiad, 1 year; 200+ hours of community service, 4 years; 1st Team All District, Regional, and Conference shortstop, 1 year; 1st Team Academic, volleyball, 1 year.

Plans for the future: I plan on joining an electrical company and becoming a journeyman electrician and eventually become a mastery electrician.

Sydney Hasted

GPA: 4.0

Parents' names: Gary and Stacy Hasted
Activities and accomplishments during high school: NHS, 2 years; Cross Country, 2 years; Theater Program, 4 years
Plans for the future: I plan to attend Saginaw Valley State University to pursue a degree in occupational therapy.

Lona Grace Richards

GPA: 4.0 unweighted

Parents' names: Matt and Sara Richards
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Poetry Club, one year; Showcase (Academic Nominee), one year; National Honor Society, 2 years
Plans for the future: I plan to get my Bachelor's degree in Business Administration through Grand Valley State University. From

there I plan to start a career in a pro-life nonprofit organization as a director where I would get to coordinate and organize pro-life initiatives to help both parents and their children.

Dylan Mark Page

GPA: 3.96

Parents' names: Juliann Puffer, Curtis Puffer
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Varsity Baseball, three years; Varsity Basketball, one year; Varsity Football, one year; Varsity Golf, one year; NHS member, two years
Plans for the future: I plan to attend college and figure out what I want to do during my time there.

Isabel Danyelle Valdes

GPA: 3.9

Parents' names: Racheal Valdes and Nigel Valdes
Activities and accomplishments during high school: JV Basketball, 2 years; Varsity Basketball, 2 years
Plans for the future: I plan to go to college to become an elementary teacher.

Sky Virginia Milner

GPA: 3.88

Parents' names: Jacy and Brody Milner
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Basketball, 4 years; Varsity Track, 3 years; Student Government, 4 years; Cheerleading, 3 years; Yearbook, 1 year; NHS President; Senior Class President
Plans for the future: I will be attending the University of Alabama in the fall with a National Recognition Scholarship for rural and small town recognition, which is a full tuition scholarship along with a few other things. Currently, I don't exactly know what I'm going to major in but it's between an attorney or a marketing manager.

Natalee Ann Marie Taylor

GPA: 3.80

Parents' names: Randy Taylor and Kendra Taylor
Activities and accomplishments during high school: JV Volleyball, 2 years; National Honor Society member, 1 year; Vice President, 1 year; 6 dual enrollment courses completed and currently taking 2 more dual enrollment classes; maintained a part time job, 2 years.
Plans for the future: I plan to attend college to pursue degrees in Social Work and Psychiatry and become a child and adolescent therapist. I currently have not chosen/committed to any college yet.

Caylee Jane Lattin

GPA: 3.73

Parents' names: Melanie Lattin and David Dutcher
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Band, 8 years; Quizbowl, 3 years; Marching Band, 4 years; Drum Major, 1 year; National Honor Society Member, 1 year; Theater, 4 years.
Plans for the future: After high school, Caylee plans to attend West Shore Community College to further her love for performing arts and plans to obtain her Associate of Arts Degree through West Shore's two year program.

Hunter James White

GPA: 3.73

Parents' names: Adam and Jessica White
Activities and accomplishments during high school: National Honor Society, 2 years.
Plans for the future: After high school I have planned on going to college to study either business or pilot school. I've been accepted into North Western Michigan's Pilot Program.

Travis James Kurtz

GPA: 3.7

Parents' names: Troy and Whitney Kurtz
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Varsity Football, 1 year; Varsity Track, 1 year; Varsity Baseball, 4 years; National Honor Society; Oceana County YAC, 4 years.
Plans for the future: Lineman



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Briseida Brito

GPA: 3.95

Parents names: Javier Brito and Rosalia Burgus
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Marching Band, 4 years; Varsity Soccer, 2 years; Science Olympiad, four years; Class Officer, 4 years; Cross Country, 2 years; Student Council, 4 years; National Honor Student, 1 year
Plans for the future: Currently undecided between Wayne State, Kalamazoo College and University of Detroit Mercy to pursue a degree in dentistry or law.

Abigail Lytle

GPA: 3.97

Parents Names: Patrick and Roxanne Lytle
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Honor Roll Student, 4 years; Ski Club, 4 years; Math Support Center, 2 years; and Peer Tutoring, 1 year
Plans for future: Go to Muskegon Community College for Graphic Design. As well as help run her family's lawn care business.

Mallory West

GPA: 3.92

Parents Name: Jayson West
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Marching Band, four years; Colorguard Captain; Sideline Cheer, four years
Plans for the future: Attending MSU to study Pre-vet then will go on to Vet School at MSU

Morgan Weirich

GPA: 3.89

Parents Names: Tom and Stephanie Weirich
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Varsity Volleyball, four years; Varsity Basketball, 2 years; JV Soccer, 1 year; Varsity Track, 1 year; Student Council, 4 years; NHS, 2 years; Dance, 4 years
Plans for the future: I plan to attend college to become a Speech Language Pathologist. I hope to work in a hospital with young children one day.

Kiera Ransom

GPA: 3.86

Parents Names: Linda Ransom and Ryan Ransom
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Marching

Band, 4 years; Jazz Band, 3 years; Christmas Ensemble, 2 years; Science Olympiad, 4 years; Academic Awards, 3 years; Pep Band, 3 years; Rothbury Community Church Youth Group, 4 years

Plans for future: I plan to go into the accounting field, with a minor in business. I am planning to go to either Central Michigan University or Muskegon Community College to pursue this career.

Alex Calixto

GPA: 3.99

Parents Names: Maria Sanchez and Roman Calixto
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Varsity Wrestling, Regional Qualifier, 1 of the Team Captains, 4 years; National Honor Society, 2 years; Varsity Football, 1 year; West Michigan Student Showcase Academic Representative; Attend West Shore CTE and take a Mechatronics Class to earn college credits
Plans for the future: Plan to attend Northern Michigan University and pursue a Mechanical Engineering Degree

Emma Soelberg

GPA: 4.0

Parents Names: Caitlyn Soelberg and Joel Soelberg
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Cross Country, 4 years; 3 time state qualifier, MVP 4 years; All-Conference 1st team; All-Region, 1st team; All-State; V Soccer, 2 years; V Competitive Swim, 1 year; Track, 1 year; Concert Band, 4 years - section leader senior year; Marching Band, 4 years; Section Leader; Christmas Ensemble, 2 years; NHS, 2 years, President; Science Olympiad, 1 year, State Qualifier; West Michigan Student Showcase, Visual Arts 1st place, State Qualifier; Art Club, 2 years, founder and president; Homecoming Queen; Peer Positivity Class; DAR Good Citizen nominee from school.
Plans for the future: I will be attending BYU and getting a Bachelors in Art or Design. From there, I hope to own my own business

Andrea Parker

GPS: 4.0

Parents Names: James Parker and Christina Parker
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Concert/Marching/Pep Band, 4 years; JV Soccer, 1 year; Cross Country, 1 year; Track, 1 year; Art Club, 2 years; Christmas Ensemble, 2 years; Youth Group, 4 years. Accomplishments: 4.0 GPA for all 4 years of High School; Grit Award for Cross Country; Division 1 for Solo & Ensemble for Flute Junior & Senior Year; State Solo & Ensemble Junior & Senior Year; All Star Band Senior Year; 1st Chair Flute Senior Year and Sec-

tion Leader

Plans for the future: I plan on going to either Michigan State University or Baker College towards a degree in Veterinary Medicine

Mary Bisard

GPA: 3.82

Parents Names: Eric and Kristen Bisard
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Science Olympiad, four years; Marching Band and Symphonic Wind Ensemble, four years; Academic Award, three years; "The Herd" 4-H Club (Steer Project), four years; "Fun Finders" 4-H Club Teen Leader; Oceana County Market Livestock Committee, two years; MI Shows Cattle Stock Show Exhibitor, two years; New Era Bible Church "girls group member", four years; Oceana County 4-H Youth Council, one year; Pep Band, four years; Maxine's Closet volunteer; Feeding America Food Truck volunteer
Plans for future: Attend Michigan State University to pursue a degree in Animal Science

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Joseph Schwarz



Isabella Storm



Josiah Walker

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Hunter Oomen

GPA: 3.86

Parents Name: Elizabeth Oomen, Daniel Oomen
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Student Council, 3 years; Traverse Williams Academic Award, 4 years
Plans for the future: This summer I will be attending the University of Michigan. As of now, I am undecided, but am leaning towards computer science or business. Go Blue!

Isabella Storm

GPA: 3.7263

Parents Name: Paul Storm, Aubrey Storm
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Basketball, four years; track, one year; National Honor Society, 1 year; class president, 1 year; student council, 1 year; Phlebotomy, 2 years; body life support, 2 years
Plans for the future: I plan to go to West Shore Community College for nursing. I plan to get my associates degree. Once completed, I plan on possibly going into travel nursing.

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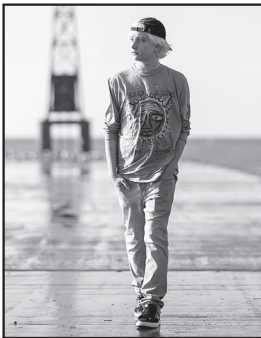
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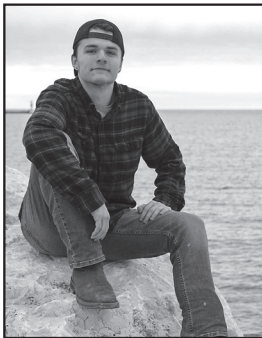
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Jacob Arnouts



Craig Cornelisse



Jennifer Costilla



James Davis



Carmen Garceran Martinez



Madelyn Green



Matthew Green



Evalena Jeruzal



Audrey Kieda



Andrew Kolenda



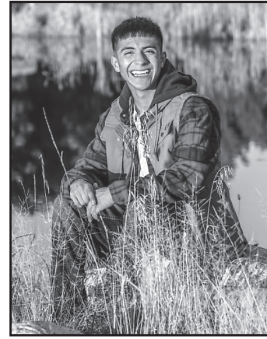
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Gavino Olivarez



Elijah Powers



Jocelyn Richison



Lane Rood



Marissa Sayles



Carissa Scheckel



Michael Sproul



Grace Stoneman

2023 PENTWATER HIGH SCHOOL Honor Students

Jocelyn Richison

GPA: 3.896

Parents' names: Sarah Brosnan and Aaron Richison
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Varsity Volleyball, four years; Varsity Basketball, four years; Varsity Track, three years; Green School, two years; Quiz Bowl, two years; Student Council, three years; National Honor Society, three years; Youth Advisory Council, four years, Vice President and President
Plans for the future: I plan on attending Davenport University for four years to get a Bachelor's Degree in business management. I will also use my degree in Real Estate.

Anna VanDuinen

GPA: 4.0

Parents' names: Bradley and Carrie VanDuinen
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Activities: Cross Country, four years; Varsity Track, four years; Green Schools, four years; Student council, four years; NHS, three years; Girl Scouts. Accomplishments: Cross Country MVP, two years, cross country coaches award, two years; Varsity Track coaches award one year; track teamwork award, one year, Cross Country 1st team all-conference, one year, cross country 2nd team all-conference, one year; Track event - 3200 meter run 2nd team all-conference; West MI Showcase Athletic nomination; West Michigan Class "D" AAA Nominee; 4.0 GPA; West Shore GPA; DAR essay chapter winner; Girl Scout Silver Award; Pentwater Service Club September Student of

Cumulative G.P.A. of
3.3 or higher - derived
from 7 semesters, plus the
3rd 9-weeks marking
period of the senior year.

Marissa Sayles

GPA: 3.942

Parents' names: Melanie Sayles and the late John Sayles
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Varsity Volleyball, four years; Varsity Basketball, four years; Varsity Softball, three years; National Honor Society, three years; Student Council, two years; Honor Roll, four years; Quiz Bowl, one year.
Plans for the future: I plan on attending Northern Michigan University to obtain my bachelors and then my masters degree in Nursing. After I graduate from College, I will be a Nurse Practitioner and specializing in Emergency Medicine.

Evalena Jeruzal

GPA: 4.0

Parents' names: Carrie and Christopher Jeruzal
Activities and accomplishments during high school: National Honor Society, three years, Vice President; Student Council, three years; Quiz Bowl Team, four years, Captain; Spanish and Art Club, three years; Yearbook Committee, three years; Green Schools Club, two years; Robotics Team, one year; Cross Country, two years;



Alexandra Swanger



Anna VanDuinen

Cheerleading, two years; Track and Field, three years; 1st place HOSA Medical Terminology 2022; 3rd place Pentwater Lake Association 2022 Speech Contest; Girl Scout Silver Award 2019
Plans for the future: I plan to attend Aquinas College for a Bachelors degree in Biology. Then I hope to go to Medical School to become a pediatrician.

Grace Stoneman

GPA: 4.0

Parents' names: Jennifer and Ronald Stoneman
Activities and accomplishments during high school: Competitive Dance, four years; recreational dance, four years; Quiz bowl, four years; Green Schools, four years; Youth Advisory Council, four years; Track and Field, one year; National Honor Society, four years; West Michigan Showcase Nominee, two years; Service Club Student of the month, one year; President's Education Award; Outstanding Achievement Award, three years; Pentwater Lake Association, one year; Special Award for maintain 4.0, one year.
Plans for the future: I plan on attending the University of Michigan starting this summer. I am going in undecided but have hopes to study a social science. I plan on going for 4 years to receive a bachelor's degree.

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2023 Decision Day

Oceana College Access Network celebrates seniors pursuing education beyond high school including certificate programs, skilled trades training, apprenticeships, and degree programs. Over 64 percent of jobs in West Michigan will require post-secondary education by 2025 and we encourage younger students and families to prepare early and explore the variety of paths available. May is when seniors must inform colleges of their plans to enroll and we are excited to share their decisions here!

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Gavi Olivarez



Aquinas College

Pentwater
Evalena Jeruzal



Baker College

Shelby
Andrea Parker
Sandra Salgado
Harrison Jenkins



Calvin University

Shelby
Morgan Weirich



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Shelby
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ASM Tech
Luke Parzych



College of Creative Studies

Hart
James Vega
Shelby
Thane Stevens
Walkerville
Bryana Arredondo



Cornerstone University

Hart
Caleb Bitely
Easton Vander Zwaag
Seth Ackley



Hesperia

Alexandria Glenn
Lacey McCallum
Emma Muckey
Pentwater
Jocelyn Richison

Douglas J Aveda Institute

Hart
Anngelena Karas



Hart

Savanna Owens



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ASM Tech

Hesperia

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Dylan Page
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Victoria Vega

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Shelby

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Haydee Pedroza
Samara Sherman

Walkerville

Chloe Masta

French Academy of Cosmetology

Hesperia

Olivia Huffman



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Chloe Coker
Sandy Salgado

Hesperia

Ciara Ransom

Pentwater

Matthew Green
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Pentwater

Lane Rood



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Ashley Guardiola
Avery Ramseyer
Julia Greiner
Xochitl Gonzalez

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Lanie Hutchinson
Carson Claeys
Mallory West



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Jenna Sauser
MaKayla Rockwell

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Claire Gowell



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Brayden Gilland

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Army National Guard
ASM Tech Early College
Abel Sill - Marines
Zac Griffes - Marines
Harley Hren - Air Force

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MI National Guard
Pia Hübner - Army

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Daniel Butler - Marines
Taylor Davila - Marines
Marcus Hoaglin - Marines



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Guinevere DeBrot
Kyan Clark
Peyton Hansen
Manuel Vazquez

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Haevynn Boisvert
Karissa DeCheney
Tara Helmer
Camden Kasinger
Lona Richards
Marcy Tanner
Natalee Taylor
Alivia Tomaras
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Marissa Sayles



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Gael Pena
Jaden Whelpley
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Kaden Taylor

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Leticia Estrada-Navarrete
Esmeralda Guerrero
Shelby Hilliard
Desirae Melchor
Gladys Moncada-Pineda
Isabel Omness
Anahy Ramirez
Mya Ramos
Yareli Rodriguez
Gladys Rosas
Tanner Soelberg

Walkerville

Josiah Walker
Joseph Schwarz

Apprenticeship

Hesperia

Armando Escobedo -
Lineman
Noelle Evans - Lineman
Christian Fuentes -
Operators Local 324
Deegan Klaus -
Local 174 (Welding)
Travis Kurtz -
International Brotherhood
of Electrical Workers
(Lineman)
Blake Tinkham -
Local 174
Ali Townsend
Apprenticeship-Electrician

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Michael Overla -
Ruiter Fenske Mechanical
Edgar Valenzuela
Peterson Farms
Mason Garcia - Carpentry

Pentwater

James Davis - Electrical

Deciding

Hesperia

Rodnin Beardsley
Jaxon Olin

Workforce

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Grace Felix
Hope Bolan
Rhett (Madison) Crase

Hesperia

Terri Berry
Zachariah Glenn
Gabriel Gould
Colton Heller
Destinie Hiskey
Kaden Hornsby
Maverick McKinnon
Zander Nadjkovic
Scott Quinn
Hunter Spencer

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Craig Cornelisse
Nate Lentz

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Allyson Corey - ASM Tech
Alissa Coulter
Isaiah Vega
Earl Alms Jr.
Marcel Felix
Noah Cherney
Dean Santos
Emilee Boos
Evan Bouwkamp
William Wallace
Edgar Valenzuela -
Peterson Farms
Matthew Fessenden

Walkerville

Wyatt Achterhof
Taylor Carr
Ryan Hill
Elisha MacDonald
Hunter Mannor
Kennith Meitner
Ricardo Saenz

Gap Year Students

Pentwater

Audrey Kieda

Hesperia

William Blount, II
Maddox Mosley
Caylee Lattin

Exchange Students

Hesperia

Anastasia Chiperi - Moldova
Samantha Logana Munoz -
Ecuador
Matteo Materdomini - Italy

Shelby

Rebecca Cenni - Italy
Giulia Palladinelli - Italy

Internship

Hesperia

Brendon Wright

Out of State Colleges

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Johana Carreon

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

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Miguel Guerra

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

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