

VHS Graduation Firsts: Outdoors, Sanitizer & Fireworks

Congratulations Class of 2020



GRADUATING IN THE TOP 10 FROM THE MARIES COUNTY R-1 HIGH SCHOOL FOR 2020

From left, back row; Timmy Schwartz, Dawson Wansing, Trenton Rowden, Abram Weider, Dylan Buschmann,
front row; Klaire Tappel, Rachel Slocum, Paige Breeding and Jena Schwartz

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THE VHS senior girls had a good time growing up and attending school at Maries R-1, but they were ready to move on to the next chapter as they said goodbye to high school days on Friday night at their graduation.

Maries R-1 graduates 32 seniors Friday night at outdoor ceremony

Graduation during a pandemic—under the stars at the ball park

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VIENNA — Graduation for the 32 members of the Vienna High School Senior Class of 2020 finally happened last Friday night. It was a special graduation event like no other as the seniors had their final day on a beautiful Mid-Missouri evening with

family and friends present surrounding the baseball diamond at the city park, which had been transformed into an excellent graduation venue.

The seniors were supposed to graduate in May and because of the Covid-19 coronavirus global pandemic that closed schools, businesses, government buildings—life, it was uncertain if such a gathering could take place. Certainly not in the gym,

where social distancing may not be possible, and in mid-June, it would be hot and uncomfortable. Instead the health department gave the go-ahead to have the annual graduation assembly at the park. Those present were asked to social distance and wear masks if they wanted to. Each of the seniors had their own folding chair

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We have BIG plans...

Mikela Bland, daughter of Rosie Bland and Sam Hagan, plans to enter into the workforce and later attend the University of Wisconsin in Whitewater to study business and computer science.

Paige Breeding, daughter of Scott and Dawn Breeding, plans to attend the University of Missouri—Columbia to study health professions then attend medical school to study physical therapy with an emphasis in rehab science.

Dylan Buschmann, son of Mark and Stephanie Buschmann, plans to attend Central Methodist University in Fayette to study sports management and play for the CMU Eagles Baseball team.

Tyler Collins, son of Douglas and Melissa Collins, plans to attend

Truman State University in Kirksville to study exercise science.

Gracie Crismon, daughter of Terry and Krista Crismon, plans to attend Lincoln University in Jefferson City to study nursing.

Summer Fawcett, daughter of Brandi Pendleton, plans to enter into the workforce and later attend college to study nursing.

Sutton Hauck, son of Travis and Leslie Hauck, plans to attend Northwest Central Missouri College in Trenton to study industrial technology and play for the NCMC Pirates Baseball team.

Kamryn Hayes, daughter of Mark and Kari Hayes, plans to attend East Central College in Rolla to complete her general education

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A Proud Moment

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Good Luck, Class of 2020!

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We're so proud of you, graduates! You've worked hard to get here, and now it's time to enjoy the sweet rewards.



Special congrats to Autumn Smith & Mikela Bland

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THE GRADUATION assembly finally happened for the Vienna High School Class of 2020. It was held under the stars and the bright lights of the baseball field at the Vienna City Park on Friday night. The seniors were spaced six feet apart and families sat together in their own chairs on the baseball field. The seniors were so happy and received congratulations from their families and the community. The event was ended with a surprise round of fireworks. Good luck to the members of the Class of 2020.



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requirements then transfer to University of Central Missouri–Warrensburg to study interior design.

Kody Hertzog, grandson of Sharon Hertzog, plans to enter into the workforce.

Joseph Kestermont, son of Shannon Fannon and Joseph M. and Holly Kestermont, plans to enter into the workforce and later join the military.

Abby McHugh, daughter of Maria Roberts and Chris Roberts, plans to attend East Central College in Rolla to complete her general education requirements, transfer to a four year university to study psychology, then complete a graduate degree in psychology.

Levi Messersmith, son of Teresa and Richard Messersmith Jr., plans to attend Missouri Valley College in Marshall to study exercise science and play for the MVC Vikings Baseball team.

William Patterson, son of Lori Von-gunten and Lindell Patterson, plans to attend Ranken Technical College in St. Louis to study high performance racing technology.

James Phelps, son of Daniely Yeomans and Jim Holt, plans to enter into the workforce.

Lilyanna Potter, daughter of Stephen and Rebecca Potter, plans to enter into the workforce.

Trenton Rowden, son of Roger and Amy Rowden, plans to attend State Technical College in Linn to study heavy equipment operations.

AJae Schell, son of Tim and Amber Schell, plans to attend State Technical College in Linn to study biomedical engineering technology and volunteer for the Vienna Fire Protection District.

Danny Schraft, son of Donald Schraft and Sabrina Schraft, plans to attend Rolla Technical Center to study construction trades.

Jena Schwartz, daughter of Darryl and Paula Schwartz, plans to attend College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout to study agronomy and minor in chemistry.

Timothy Schwartz, son of Gerald and Darla Schwartz,



plans to attend State Technical College in Lin, to study welding technology.

Zachary Schwartz, son of Brian and Carrie Schwartz, plans to attend State Technical College in Linn to study electrical distribution systems.

Rachel Slocum, daughter of Christopher and Bethany Slocum, plans to attend College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout to study criminal justice.

Autumn Smith, daughter of Mike and Beth Smith, plans to attend State Technical College in Linn to study business and nursing.

Taylor Staiger, daughter of Becky Ressler, plans to enter into the workforce.

Klaire Tappel, daughter of Keith and Jan Tappel, plans to attend East Central College in Rolla to complete her general education requirements then attend a four year university.

Colby Toebben, son of Kenny and Susan Toebben, plans to attend Missouri University of Science and Technology in Rolla to study environmental engineering.

Uriah Veasman, son of Samantha Shadursky, plans to attend Rolla Technical Institute to study construction

trades.

Dawson Wansing, son of Chris Wansing and Jennifer Martin, plans to attend Ozark Technical College in Springfield to study accounting and business management.

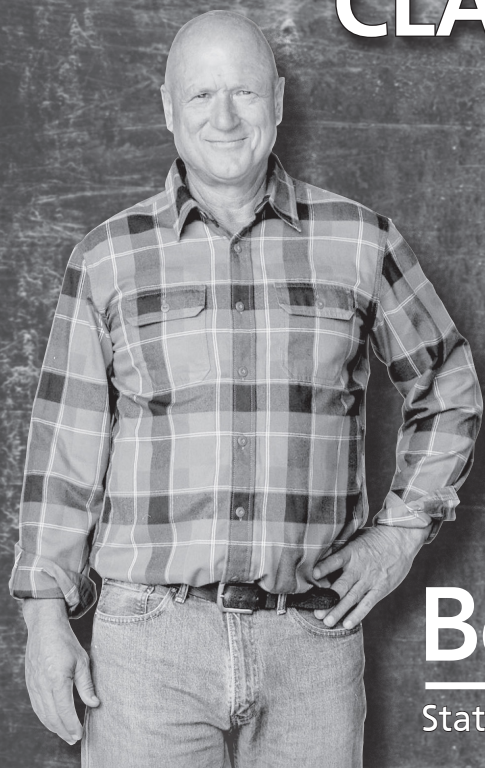
Gavin Weathers, son of Leanna and Travis Weathers, plans to attend University of Central Missouri–Warrensburg to study mathematics and throw for the UCM Mules Track and Field team.

Abram Weider, son of Diane Branson Weider, plans to attend Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar to study nursing.

Spencer Wieberg, son of Dawn and Raymond Wieberg, plans to attend State Technical College in Linn to study industrial electricity and volunteer for the Argyle Fire Department.

Benjamin Wilkinson, son of Denise and Patrick Wilkinson, plans to continue volunteering for the Vienna Fire Protection District and later will attend college and/or join the military.

Congratulations CLASS of 2020



Mike Bernskoetter

State Senator – District 6



Proclamation

WHEREAS: The Vienna High School will graduate 35 seniors at the school's annual commencement exercises Friday, June 19, 2020.

WHEREAS: These 35 graduating seniors represent the future of this community, the state, and the nation; and

WHEREAS: Among these 35 graduating seniors of the Vienna High School Class of 2020 will be tomorrow's civic and business leaders, political figures and educators, and will contribute unselfishly to the continued growth and well being of the Vienna community, the state and the nation,

THEREFORE,

The City of Vienna extends sincere congratulations to each and every one of the 35 members of the Class of '20, their parents and their teachers, and honors them for the success they have achieved and recognizes the potential for their future success.

The City of Vienna, Missouri ~ June 19, 2020

Tyler James

MAYOR

VHS Class of 2020

Senior Class Achievements, Awards, Scholarships

Mikayla Bland

WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate- Silver Show-Me Scholar
A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees
Vienna Chamber of Commerce Show-Me Scholar Scholarship- \$500

Paige Breeding

MO Agriculture Skill and Knowledge Assessment- Floriculture Certificate
WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate- Gold Show-Me Scholar
A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees
Maries County Bank Four-Year Scholarship- \$500 per semester
MFA Farmers Elevator Company Scholarship- \$2,000
Shelter Insurance Scholarship- \$2,000
The Karlee Hallahan Scholarship- \$500
Vienna Chamber of Commerce Show-Me Scholar Scholarship- \$500
Vienna FFA Scholarship- \$500
VHS National Honor Society & American Red Cross Leaders Save Lives Scholarship- \$1,000
Vienna Tax Service Book Scholarship- \$300
Vienna-Bassett Eagles Club, Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 4340- \$600
University of Missouri Columbia- Miz-

zou Undergraduate Grant- \$1,050

Dylan Buschmann

MO Agriculture Skill & Knowledge Assessment- Forestry Certificate
A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees
The Schwartze Family Scholarship- \$1,000
Vienna-Bassett Eagles Club, Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 4340- \$600
Central Methodist University CMU Baseball Scholarship- \$2,500
Central Methodist University Dean's Scholarship- \$7,000

Tyler Collins

WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate- Silver Show-Me Scholar
A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees
Vienna Chamber of Commerce Show-Me Scholar Scholarship- \$500
Truman State University President's Honorary Scholarship- \$500
Truman State University President's Leadership Scholarship- \$1,000
Truman State University Live Learn Lead Scholarship- \$1,500
Truman State University Truman Access Grant- \$1,500

Gracie Crismon

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Summer Fawcett

MO Agriculture Skill and Knowledge Assessment- Floriculture Certificate
Missouri Information Technology Sequence 1 Certificate
WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate- Silver
A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees

Susan Hauck

MO Agriculture Skill and Knowledge Assessment- Forestry Certificate
A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees
North Central Missouri College NCMC Baseball Scholarship- Full Tuition

Kamryn Hayes

Missouri Information Technology Sequence 1 Certificate
A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees

Joseph Kestermont

Missouri Information Technology Sequence 1 Certificate

A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees

Aby McHugh

A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees

Levi Messersmith

WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate- Silver
A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees
Missouri Valley College MVC Baseball Scholarship- \$13,000

William Patterson

WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate- Gold
A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees

James Phelps

Missouri Information Technology Sequence 1 Certificate
WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate- Gold

Trenton Rowden

MO Agriculture Skill and Knowledge

See **Class Awards** on Page 9



An Achievement to Celebrate

We salute the hard work and dedication that got you here today, graduates. As you receive your diplomas, please know you have made us proud, and we wish all of you all the best. Congratulations!



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Assessment- Livestock Evaluation Certificate
MO Agriculture Skill and Knowledge Assessment- Dairy Cattle Evaluation Certificate
A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees
Maries County Bank Vocational Scholarship- \$250 per semester for two years
Vienna FFA- \$500

Ajae Schell

WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate- Silver
A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees

Danny Schraft

WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate- Bronze
Missouri Information Technology Sequence 1 Certificate

Jena Schwartze

MO Agriculture Skill and Knowledge Assessment- Entomology Certificate
MO Agriculture Skill and Knowledge Assessment- Floriculture Certificate
MO Agriculture Skill and Knowledge Assessment- Nursery and Landscaping Certificate
WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate- Platinum Show-

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A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees
Argyle V.F.W. Post. No. 8045 Scholarship- \$300
Maries R-I "Jeans" Scholarship- \$595
Shelter Insurance Scholarship- \$2,000
The Thomas Coffey Scholarship- \$500
Vienna Chamber of Commerce Show-Me Scholar Scholarship- \$500
Vienna FFA Scholarship- \$500
VHS National Honor Society & American Red Cross Leaders Save Lives Scholarship- \$750
College of the Ozarks Scholarship- Up to \$13,732
College of the Ozarks Work Program- \$5,768

Timothy Schwartze

MO Agriculture Skill and Knowledge Assessment- Livestock Certificate
A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees

Zachary Schwartze

MO Agriculture Skill and Knowledge Assessment- Dairy Cattle Evaluation Certificate
MO Agriculture Skill and Knowledge Assessment- Livestock

Evaluation Certificate
VHS Four Year Perfect Attendance Award- \$100
A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees

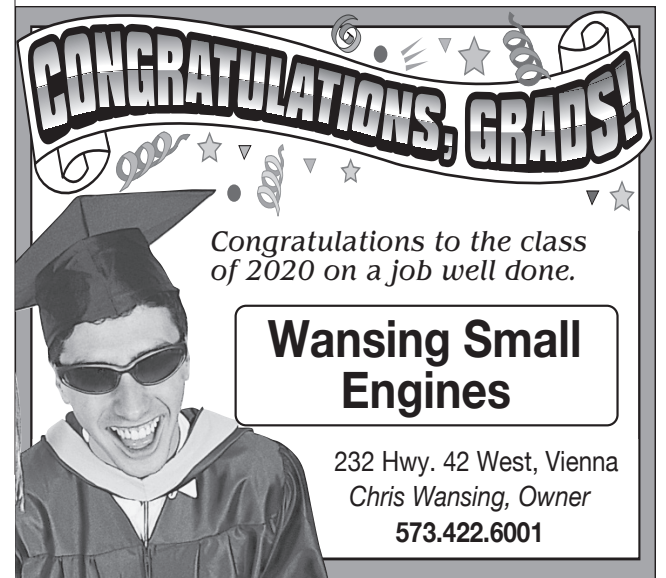
Rachel Slocum

WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate- Gold Show-Me Scholar
A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees
Howard & Jean Henderson Study Abroad Scholarship- \$2,000
The Hagan Scholarship- up to \$6,000 per semester for up to eight semesters
Sheriff Roy L Bassett Scholarship- \$250
Vienna Chamber of Commerce Show-Me Scholar Scholarship- \$500
College of the Ozarks Scholarship- Up to \$13,732
College of the Ozarks Work Program- \$5,768

Autumn Smith

A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees
Jerrilyn (Feeler) Snodgrass Memorial Scholarship- \$2,500
Maries R-I "Jeans" Scholarship- \$595
The Thomas Coffey Scholarship- \$500

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CONGRATULATIONS, GRADS!

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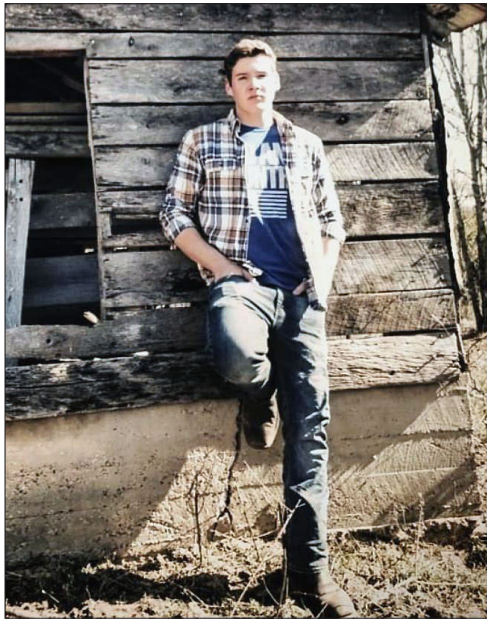
Chalk it up to hard work and dedication: you've graduated!

Congratulations on a job well done, Class of 2020!

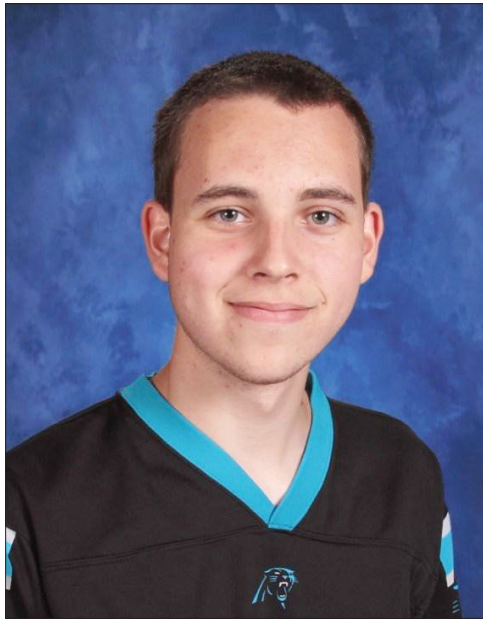
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William Patterson



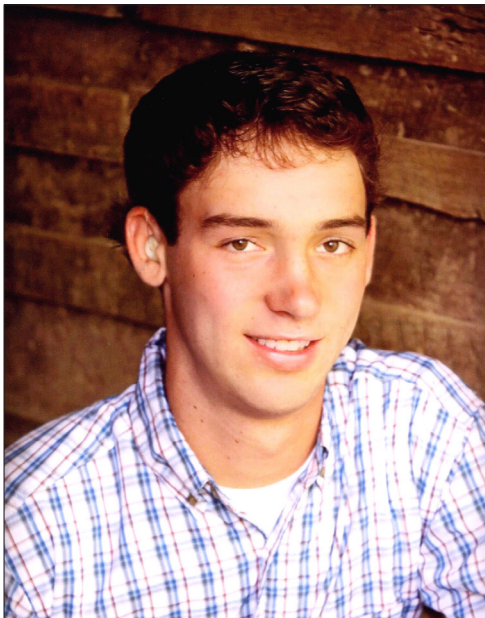
James Phelps



Lilyana Potter



Trent Rowden



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**Congratulations,
Grads...**



Now it's time to **celebrate!**

Wishing you all the best at graduation!



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To Our Wise Graduates...

We wish you health, good fortune and happiness as you begin a new chapter. Continue to work hard, and success will follow.

Congratulations Class of 2020!



Congrats!
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Best Wishes, Class of 2020

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Autumn Smith



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to all the graduates. We're proud of you. Keep working hard as you continue to face new and exciting challenges!

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Congratulations to the 2020 graduates of Maries R-1 High School on a job well done.

Special congratulations to the graduates from our parishes and alumni of Visitation Inter-Parish School

*Paige Breeding, Dylan Buschmann
Trenton Rowden, Klaire Tappel
Colby Toebben and Benjamin Wilkinson*

May God be with you and bless you in all your future endeavors!

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Philippians 4:6*

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Taylor Staiger

WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate- Gold

Klaire Tappel

MO Agriculture Skill & Knowledge Assessment- Floriculture Certificate

WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate- Gold Show-Me Scholar

A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees

Maries County Bank Employees- Board of Director's Scholarship- \$500

Maries R-1 "Jeans" Scholarship- \$595

Richard and Shirley James Family Two-Year Scholarship- \$500

Richard and Jean Cavender Scholarship- \$750

Vienna Certified Teachers Association Scholarship- \$200

Vienna Chamber of Commerce Show-Me Scholar Scholarship- \$500

VHS National Honor Society & American Red Cross Leaders Save Lives Scholarship- \$750

Colby Toebben

Missouri Information Technology Sequence 1 Certificate

WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate- Gold

A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees

Uriah Veasman

A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees

Rolla Technical Institute Construction Trades "Outstanding Student" Award

Dawson Wansing

Missouri Information Technology Sequence 1 Certificate

WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate- Platinum Show-Me Scholar

A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees

Jerrilyn (Feeler) Snodgrass Memorial Scholarship- \$2,500

The Thomas Coffey Scholarship- \$500

Vienna Chamber of Commerce Show-Me Scholar Scholarship- \$500

Vienna Lions Club Scholarship- \$750

Gavin Weathers

WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate- Silver

A+ Scholarship Program- General Tuition and Fees

University of Central Missouri Red & Black Scholarship- \$1,500 UCM Track and Field Scholarship

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placed six feet away from the next senior. They were given a squirt of hand sanitizer as they climbed the steps to the stage, which was two trailers together.

Class President AJae Schell gave the invocation, asking for God's guidance over them and the wisdom to make good decisions. He said this class is the smartest, most athletic, and best looking class to ever leave Vienna.

Maries R-1 Superintendent Mark Parker welcomed those present, saying, "They did pretty good didn't they?" He said the seniors have completed 13 years of education, an accomplishment and now they are being sent off to the next step in their lives. Reaching this goal of high school graduation has been made possible by hard work and help from their families and friends. He said it has been an incredible year, and one that has been quite challenging and a tough year. But, they adapted and persevered and overcome the obstacles and what a lesson it was to everyone. He complimented the members of the class, saying there are future doctors and teachers and much more who will not let obstacles stand in their way. "Get out and fly like the Eagles you are!"

Teacher Danny Barrack gave an excellent speech and received a big round of applause. It was well received by the senior class as each of them was mentioned and congratulated by Barrack.

Abrams Weider is the valedictorian of the VHS Class of 2020. Salutatorian is Dawson Wansing. Both spoke at the graduation assembly.

Wansing said the year has been challeng-

ing in multiple ways and they appreciate all that has been done for them over the years. He said he was honored to be the salutatorian and it was a goal he set for himself to be one of the top two students in his class. He thanked God for helping him achieve it. He congratulated his classmates and wished them success in their lives ahead of them. He said they learned to work well together and became good at it. He asked people to remember that, "Some of the people you are around every day may be far different from what you are, but that doesn't mean they aren't as important. Each person is a small, unique piece of the larger whole; we offer different gifts to society."

Valedictorian Abram Weider began by saying, "I'm not a man of many words and this speech is probably the longest many of my classmates have heard me talk." He said he was proud to represent his class. He thanked the entire school staff for making their education possible. He especially thanked teacher John Kinkead for teaching him chemistry and physics and for inspiring confidence in himself and for encouraging him to share his knowledge. Kinkead wrote references for him for scholarship applications and he received both of them. Also, retired teacher Mrs. Rowden was supportive of him. He thanked all of the teachers. He also thanked his mother and his grandmother for their support and helping him become the person he is. Weider spoke of how he and his

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Congratulations Class of 2020!

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To the graduates of 2020, go our very best wishes for health, happiness and success both today and in the future.

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classmates, “Saw our senior year turn into an explosion of postponements and disappointments” because of the Covid-19 coronavirus. “That last day we were being dismissed none of us realized that we had just experienced the final day of our senior year.” The classmates had to forgo a lot and they missed much. He appreciates the opportunity to have a traditional graduation. “We will always be known as the class of 2020 when the world changed and people became socially distant to control the spread of the virus, converting to online learning, toilet paper shortages, and now protesting. We will not let this stigma effect our success.” He encouraged his

classmates to move forward, “Your life is your story, and the adventure ahead of you is the journey to fulfill your own purpose and potential. As Mr. Kinkead told me, Vienna Class of 2020 ‘Go Conquer the World.’”

The diplomas were presented to each senior as they crossed the stage individually. A lot of smiles were seen on stage and in the audience. Parents were recognized with flowers, a video was shown, the tassels on graduate caps were moved to the other side, and at the end of it all, a surprise, fireworks celebrated the evening.

Good luck to the members of the VHS Class of 2020! You are awesome!

Congratulations Class of 2020!



Wishing all our local graduates a wonderful day and a future filled with success.

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Dawson Wansing,
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Former VHS math teacher gives heart warming speech, recognizes each senior individually

Retired Vienna High School math teacher, Danny Barrack, was the guest speaker chosen by the VHS Class of 2020 to speak at their graduation. He said he sees a lot of former students and is glad to see all the seniors, all 32 of them. They've been together since they were five and six years old and have been through a lot together. "A lot of laughing, crying, ball games, test and a lot of Mr. Barrack, which I wouldn't trade for the world and I know most of you think pretty well of me and that is something I will always cherish close to my heart."

During the speech, he mentioned each senior, saying something about each one, which elicited laughter from seniors who knew exactly what he was talking about. Barrack was emotional during his speech as he named each of them and gave them his congratulations. Barrack ended his speech by saying, "It has been my pleasure doing this. I hope all of you go on to have happy and profitable lives, and of course I will take all the credit. Thank you and good night."

It was a profound speech that showed the essence of the teaching profession. The seniors liked it as well and he received a big applause.

Mikela Bland, 3 things,

put your phone away, quit talking to Abby and congratulations, I am very proud of you.

Paige Breeding, I have never liked a Student more than I like you, God love you and congratulations.

Dylan Buschmann, smart, hard working and your name is not Colby and I am sorry I occasionally called you by the wrong name, your name is Dylan and I wish you well in all your endeavors.

Tyler Collins, I was so impressed with your improvement as a Math Student the last year I had you in class, congratulations Sir.

Hello Gracie, Gracie Crismon, your attention to detail and your desire to get things right is very impressive. Good luck Gracie!

Summer, congratulations on everything in your life right now. I am so proud of you.

Sutton Hauck, stay off them 4 wheelers, I know it was 4 yrs ago but it scared the hell out of me. Good luck Sir!

Kamryn Hayes, congratulations on all your accomplishments, I am very proud of you!

Joseph Kestermont, even

though I never had you in class I give you my congratulations and wish you all the luck in the world.

Abby McHugh, quit talking to Mikela and thank you for being so nice to me in the last couple of months in 2019, that meant a lot to me.

Levi Messersmith, I am so proud of all the hard work you put into High School, congratulations Levi.

William Patterson, I miss our conversations and your sense of humor, good luck with everything in the future.

Kody Hertzog, good luck in the future and I really enjoyed our morning talks before you went to RTI.

James Phelps, smart and a lot of potential, do well as you move on, good luck and congratulations.

Lilyanna Potter, I never had you in class but I am sure it was my loss, congratulations Lilyanna.

Trenton Rowden, the respect that you showed me as a Teacher is something I will always remember about you, congratulations Sir!

Jae Schell, I enjoyed teaching and spending time with you as much

as I have had with any other student, thank you and good luck.

Danny Schraft, I love that we have the same first name and that you were always so polite to me, thank you Danny and good luck.

Jena Schwartz, you were and absolute joy to teach, thank you for being such a wonderful student. Congratulations!

Timmy Schwartz, you were such a joy to teach.... Wait a second, that must be a typo, we all know that can't be right.... just kidding... The times, and there was plenty of them when you wanted to learn Math, I really enjoyed teaching you. Congratulations Sir!

Zachary Schwartz, you worked hard for me the last year I had you in Math and it really paid off. You scored proficient in the Algebra 1 EOC, I am so proud of your accomplishments, congratulations Zachary.

Rachel Slocum, you thought my Trig Class was going to be the death of you but you ended up doing really well and that is because you are a hard worker and you are smart.

Good luck in the future! **Autumn Smith**, the same thing I said to Paige, I have never liked a Student more than I like you, congratulations and God bless you!!

Taylor Staiger, I have

never met you but I can still congratulate you and wish you all the luck in the world and that is what I am going to do, good luck Taylor.

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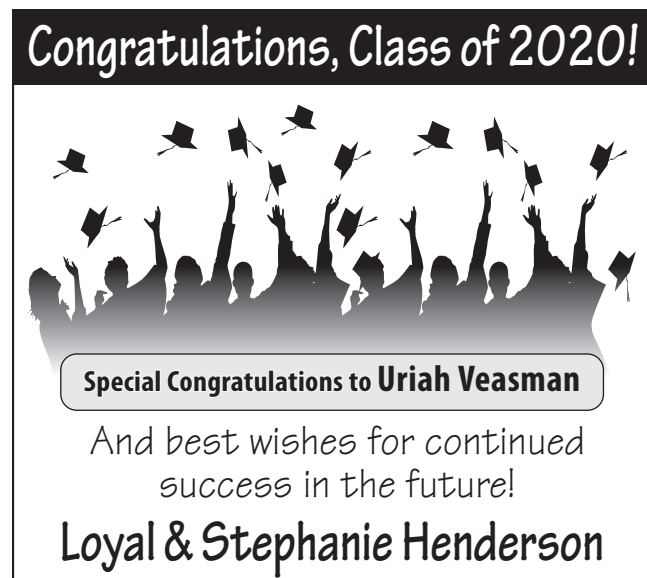
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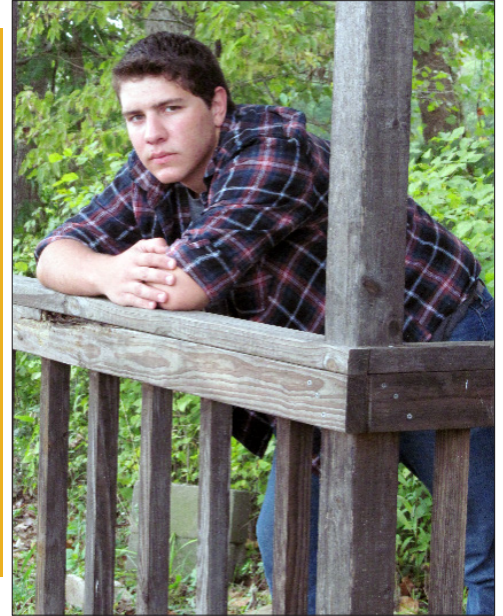
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Hindsight is 2020; Not the year we expected

Senior year is full of memory making that lasts a lifetime. In the year 2020, seniors lost opportunities to make those memories, but in another way, the class of 2020 will always be unique because of how the school year abruptly ended because of the coronavirus pandemic.

This class of individuals will always be special to their communities because of what they did not get to do. We wish them the best in all of their endeavors.

The Advocate asked the Vienna High School senior class officers some questions about their memories. Following are their answers:

What were some memories you were looking forward to making that didn't happen?

Autumn Smith—My memories that I looked forward to, but didn't happen were senior pranks, senior week, walking down the halls of the school for the last time, the last eagle cup and senior awards.

Klaire Tappel—The memory that I was looking forward to most was going on our senior trip, but I also understand why it was canceled.

Zachary Schwartze—My senior year I was really looking forward to going on senior trip and playing baseball and hoping we would win a district title

AJae Schell—There were many memories myself and others were looking forward to this year. When

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Mom, &
brothers
Jared,
Solomon,
Isaac

Teacher

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Klaire Tappel, hard worker and great personality, you are tops with me girl. Congratulations and good luck!

Colby Toeppen, Colby is doing some fence work for me at a very fair price, so all I am going to say is that he is great and wonderful and I love him to death. Good luck at MS&T.

Uriah Veasman, if I was half as smart as Uriah, I would still be pretty dam bright, good luck in your Carpenter career.

Dawson Wansing, Big Dog, I called him that in 8th grade because he was the biggest and the best Basketball player out there. Turns out you were a great Student and you are a wonderful person. Good luck Sir!

Gavin Weathers, I was so lucky to have you as a Student all those years, I think I learned more from you than you ever learned from me. Thank you, Gavin and good luck!

Abram Wieder, you may be a quiet guy but your intelligence and hard work speaks very loudly, you are awesome. Good luck!

Spencer Wieberg, not a quite guy but just as awesome and funny, Spencer Wieberg you are a hoot. congratulations!

Benjamin Wilkinson, I really missed you this year, it surprised the hell out of me, but I really did. I am so proud of the work you did with the FFA. Keep up the good work in all your endeavors and congratulations!

It has been my pleasure doing this, I hope all of you go on to have happy and profitable lives, and of course I will take all the credit.

Thank you & good night!

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the coronavirus hit we were just getting ready to start our baseball season. We had a great team, great coaches and we knew we had the possibility of going really far. A lot of us senior boys had also decided to run the track meets that we could and help the track team win a State Championship. It was going to be a great season for sports. Seniors also missed out on accomplishing the many senior pranks we had planned. We missed out on eating our favorite school lunches for senior week. We missed out on our senior trip together. We had saved and worked for years for that trip. We are still hoping for a prom and graduation but what we missed out most on was time with each other. We missed the ending we'd all looked forward to.

What were some memories you made that you never would have expected?

Autumn Smith—Memories I've made, but never expected were working in the high school office and getting food from teacher food days, and celebrating my 18th birthday with a drive by party.

Klaire Tappel—Well, we will always remember our senior year, without a doubt, simply because it was so unique, and in a way that is a cool memory, or at least it will be years from now, because we may not all be looking at it that way in the present time.

Zachary Schwartz—A memory that I had that I would never have expected would be having a senior parade.

What was your favorite senior year memory?

Autumn Smith—My favorite senior year memory was getting pizza and snow cones while watching a movie in the cafeteria.

Klaire Tappel—The senior parade because it was something that no other class has gotten to experience, and it is another thing that is unique to the senior class of 2020.

Zachary Schwartz—My favorite memory of my senior year would be playing baseball this past fall.

AJae Schell—It's hard to pick one, there were many!

What is one word that sums up your senior year? Explain.

Autumn Smith—One word that sums up my senior year is unfortunate. My last year was unfortunate because the corona virus made me miss out on the most important events like prom, graduation, senior pranks, and our senior week. All of us seniors were bummed since we had to leave the last bit of our high school lives immediately.

Klaire Tappel—Unexpected, to say the least, it is very unfortunate that we did not get the chance to finish out our year and make more amazing memories with our friends before we all head our own direction and go to college.

Zachary Schwartz—Two words that would sum up our senior year would be cut short because we missed the best part of our senior year where we get to make most of our memories.

AJae Schell—One word that would sum up my senior year would be unforgettable. We may have missed out on a lot of things but guaranteed we will be remembered. For the class of 2020 it was not quite the "2020" vision we had in mind, but it was certainly unforgettable.



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WHAT SOME times is a bittersweet event as high school ends for a group of students was not so much the case last Friday night as the VHS Class of 2020 took its last bow with dignity and smiles. Special speaker, former high school math teacher, Danny Barrack (far right), recognized each senior in his speech and wished all of them congratulations. Student speakers were Salutatorian Dawson Wansing (top) and Valedictorian Abram Weider (right). Both seniors expressed thanks for all that has been done for them by many people, and they wished their fellow graduates good luck in the days and years ahead of them.



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