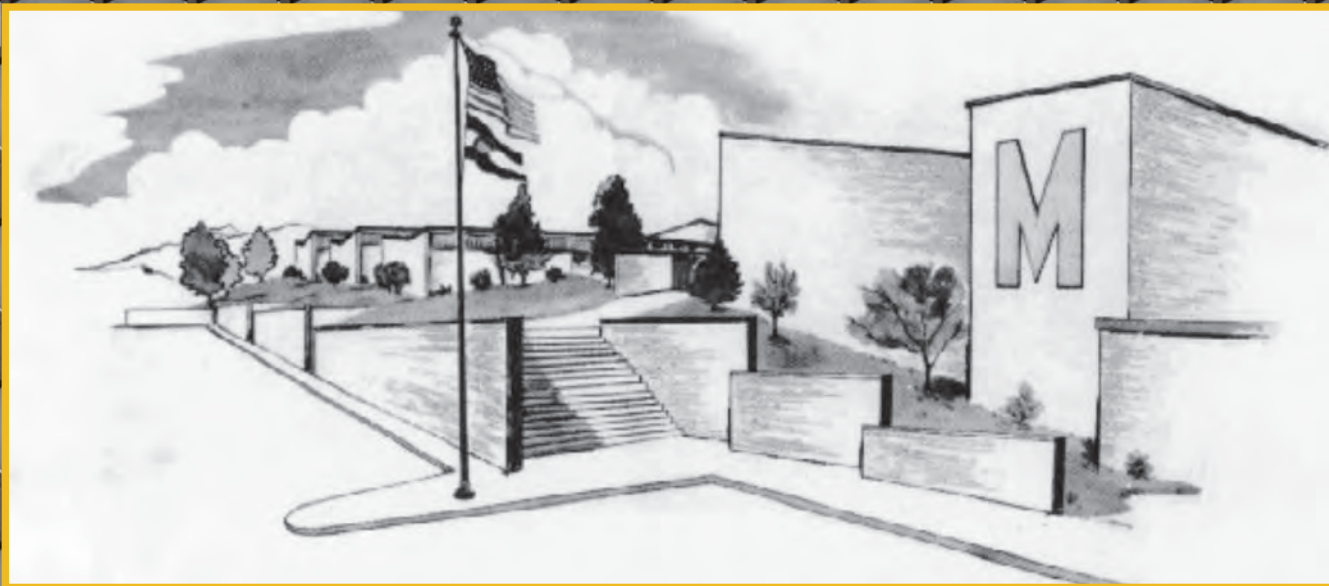


# MEEKER COWBOYS



# CLASS OF 2020

*Graduation Keepsake Edition*

# 113th Commencement Exercises

JUNE 6, 2020 AT UTE PARK

Gates Open at 7 p.m./Drive In Ceremony at 8 p.m.  
Attendees are to remain in their vehicles.

KRAI FM 93.7 and AM 550 will be broadcasting at the ceremony.  
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**Flower:** Columbine

**Song:** "You're Gonna Miss This" by Trace Atkins

**Motto:** "Caution: Under Construction" - Class of 2020

**Class Sponsors:** Naomi Etchart, Trina Kennedy, Patricia Merrifield

## Processional

**Welcome Address** Amy Chinn

**Senior Slideshow**

**Salutatorian Address**

Julia Dinwiddie, Brandon Lozano, Brynlee Williams

**Commencement Address Introduction**

Ridge Williams

**Commencement Address** Willy Theos

**Scholarships** (see pages 16-19)

**Senior Speeches**

**Valedictorian Address**

Kirsten Brown, Makenna Burke, Kolbi Franklin,  
Karlee Nielsen, Ridge Williams

**Passing of the Mantle**

**Receiving of the Mantle** Carter Strate

**School Board Address**

**Presentation of the Class of 2020** Amy Chinn

**Presentation of Diplomas** Chris Selle

**Turning of Tassel** Ridge Williams

**Closing Remarks** Amy Chinn

**Recessional**



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ADDRESS

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# VALEDICTORIANS

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## KIRSTEN BROOKE BROWN

**Senior Quote:** "I used to be indecisive, but now. . . I'm not too sure."

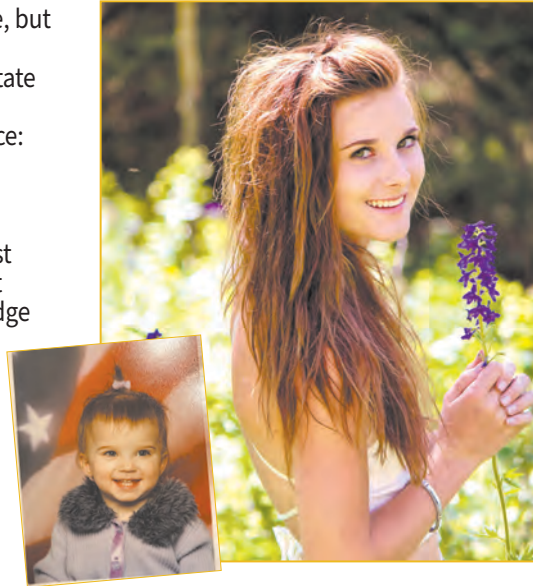
**Postsecondary Education:** Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado

**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science: Business (Pre-Law)

**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Meeker PEO Chapter BA Highest GPA in Math & Science Award: amount varies, Rio Blanco County Masonic Lodge #80 Scholarship: \$500, Rio Blanco County Sheriff's Department Scholarship: \$500, Rio Blanco County Woolgrower's Association Scholarship: \$500, White River Electric Association / Dean D. Parr Memorial Scholarship: \$1000 (renewable up to 4 years), Sixt Rental Car Scholarship: \$5000, Elks Most Valuable Student State Finalist Scholarship: \$4000, CHSAA / Wells Fargo Scholarship: \$1000, Tri State Generation & Transmission Employees Scholarship: \$500, Colorado State University Green & Gold Scholarship: \$3000 (renewable up to 4 years), Colorado State University Tuition Assistance Grant: \$1,992, Michael Smith Elite Scholarship (CSU College of Business): \$12,432 (renewable up to 4 years)

**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** Academic Highest Honors (2016-2020), National Honor Society (2017- 2020), CHSAA Academic All State (2019), CHSAA Les Schwab Academic Team Champion (2019), FCCLA State Champion Job Interview (2018), FCCLA National Gold Job Interview (2018), FCCLA State Gold Career Investigation (2019)

**Thank You & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank all of my family for always being my biggest fans and standing by my side, even when an easy decision took me way too long. I'd like to give a special shout out to my parents for putting up with me and my problems everyday; my brother for setting expectations for me to not only achieve, but to also outdo; and my grandparents for always beating the bus to sporting events. I also want to thank my friends for enduring my random craziness and creating long lasting memories. Finally, I would like to thank the community for always treating me like family. Thank you!



## KOLBI ANN FRANKLIN

**Senior Quote:** "I used to have long hair before I dyed it 13 times" ~Self

**Postsecondary Education:** Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma

**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science in Agriculture: Agribusiness with minors in Art and Spanish

**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Meeker Sportsman's Club Scholarship: \$800, Norma Oldland Memorial Scholarship: \$500, Rio Blanco County Youth Fund Scholarship: \$1500, Rio Blanco County Stockgrowers Association Scholarship: \$500 (renewable once), White River Electric Association / Gary H. Dunham Memorial Scholarship: \$1000 (renewable up to 4 years), Hunter Stone Endowed Scholarship Oklahoma State University: \$1,000, McKnight Leader's Program Scholarship Oklahoma State University: \$20,000 (renewable up to 4 years), FCCLA Promise Award: \$1,000

**Thank You & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my mom, dad, and grandparents for always being supportive and helpful through everything. I would also like to thank my close friends for being so fun and good to me over the many school years we have shared.



## MAKENNA RYANN BURKE

**Senior Quote:** "It's safe to say, this was not the 20/20 experience."

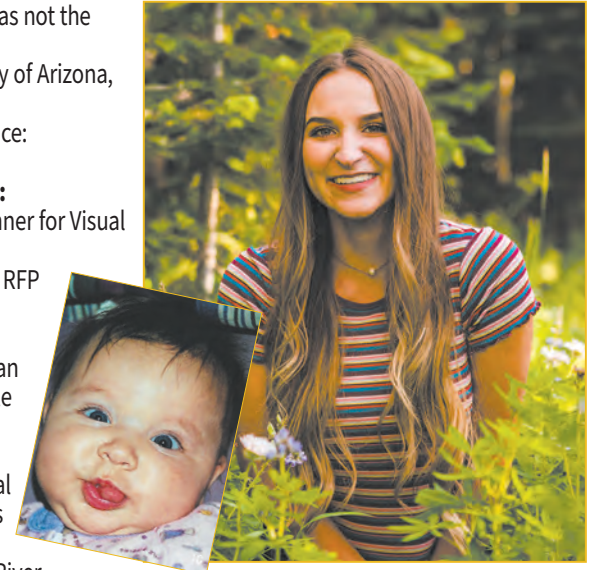
**Postsecondary Education:** University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science: Pharmaceutical Sciences

**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** Scholastic Art Colorado Gold Key Winner for Visual Arts in Drawing and Illustration  
Meeker School District Local Artwork RFP Selection

**Scholarships:** Fred & Annie Burke Memorial Scholarship: \$1000, Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Meeker PEO Chapter BA Highest GPA in English Award: Amount Varies, Pat Johnson Memorial Scholarship: Amount varies. Pioneers Medical Center Employees & Wingnuts Scholarship: \$1500, White River Electric Association Scholarship: \$500 (renewable up to 4 years), University of Arizona Merit Scholarship: \$30,000 (renewable up to 4 years), Institutional Grant: \$1000

**Thank You & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my mom, dad, cousins, and brother for setting the bar so unrealistically high that I will forever be the disappointment.



## KARLEE JOLYNN NIELSEN

**Senior Quote:** "If cauliflower can be pizza, you can be anything!"

**Postsecondary Education:** Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana

**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science: Natural Resources and Rangeland Ecology - Wildlife Habitat Ecology & Management

**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), White River Electric Association: \$500 (renewable up to 4 years), Rocky Mountaineers Scholarship: \$1,500, Montana State University Tribal Homeland Scholarship: \$18,235 (renewable up to 4 years), Montana State University Institutional Grant: \$1,000

**Thank You & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my mom, my three brothers, and all of my friends and family for supporting me through everything.



## RIDGE JOHNATHAN WILLIAMS

**Senior Quote:** "We are not twins."

**Postsecondary Education:** Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science: Exercise Science

**Plans Immediately Following Graduation:** Serve the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for two years prior to enrolling at BYU.

**Scholarships:** Dan Ilgen Memorial Scholarship: \$500, Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Meeker Cowboy Football Top Hand Scholarship: \$300, White River Electric Association Scholarship: \$500 (renewable up to 4 years)

**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** Eagle Scout Rank: Boy Scouts of America (2020)

**Thank You & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my family and friends for everything they have done for me.



# SALUTATORIANS



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## JULIA ANN DINWIDDIE

**Senior Quote:** “No Patrick, mayonnaise is not an instrument.” ~ Squidward Tentacles

**Postsecondary Education:** John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Arkansas

**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science: Nursing

**Collegiate Athletics:** Collegiate Volleyball

**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Pioneers Medical Center Scholarship: \$500, Rio Blanco Ranch Scholarship: \$3,000, White River Electric Association / WREA Directors Renewable Scholarship: \$500 (renewable up to 4 years), PEO Star Scholarship: \$2,500, John Brown University Scholarship Fund: \$3,000 (renewable up to 4 years), John Brown University Scholars Award: \$7,000 (renewable up to 4 years), John Brown University Women's Volleyball Award: \$3,000 (renewable up to 4 years), Family Christian Service Award: \$1,000, John E. Brown Founder's Award: \$2,000 (renewable up to 4 years)

**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** CHSAA All State Honorable Mention: Girls Basketball (2018-2019), CHSAA All State First Team: Girls Volleyball (2019), CHSAA All State Second Team: Girls Basketball (2019-2020)

**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my parents for putting up with me for 18 years, my siblings for always keeping me humble, my friends for always standing by my side, my grandparents for coming to every sporting event and cheering me on, my entire family for always cheering loud and embarrassing me (whether in person or at a distance), and last but not least, God for always helping me, loving me, and leading me. (Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”)



## BRANDON LOZANO-GARAY

**Senior Quote:** “I AM SUPER CHILL ALL THE TIME!”

~Leslie Knope, Parks & Rec

**Postsecondary Education:** Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine

**Program of Study:** Dual Bachelor's Degrees: Environmental Studies & Government and Legal Studies

**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Richard G. Lyttle Scholarship: \$250, Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Rio Blanco Ranch Scholarship: \$3,000, Rural Pathways Project Scholarship: \$2,000, White River Electric Association Scholarship: \$500 (renewable up to 4 years), Bowdoin Scholarship & Financial Award Package: \$70,233 (renewable up to 4 years)

**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** AP Scholar with Distinction

**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I'd like to thank my family for always having my back through the most stressful of times; as well as my friends, for making me laugh and breaking me out of my shell. Thank you also to my community, for always supporting me through each of my endeavours. I will eternally appreciate every single one of you. I'd like to leave you all with one final message: As the great environmentalist John Muir once said, “most people are on the world, not in it.” So I invite you all to be in the world; make nature your friend, fight for the common good, and live the delicate life you've been given.



## BRYNLEE RIVER WILLIAMS

**Senior Quote:** “A man without sauce is lost, but the same man can become lost in the sauce.”

**Postsecondary Education:** Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah

**Program of Study:** Undeclared

**Scholarships:** National Merit Scholarship: \$2,500, Brigham Young University Scholarship: \$2968 (renewable up to 4 years), National ROTC Scholarship: \$10,000 (renewable up to 4 years)

**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** National Merit Scholar

**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** Thank you to my parents and siblings for standing by me and always holding me accountable to my best. Thank you also to my extended family for all of the support they have given me over the years; from here and afar. I want to send a special shout out to the ladies in community choir — I hope to make you all proud. I'm out y'all, catch ya on the flippy flip.



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ANNELISE AMACK



**Senior Quote:** “I think the janitor will be a lot happier now, glitter is not easy to get out of the carpet!” ~Mom  
**Postsecondary Education:** University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas  
**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Arts: Early Childhood Special Education  
**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Lacey Oldland Memorial Scholarship: \$500, White River Electric Association / Tri-State G&T Scholarship: \$500  
**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** All State Cheer (2020)  
**Thank You & Lasting Quote:** I want to thank my Mom for showing me how to sparkle, my Dad for keeping me insured, and my sister, who knew that I could have a worse senior year than she did. I would also like to thank my community and my friends for always supporting me even though I’m not your typical “Meeker” girl.

JADYNN JENNIFER ARCHULETA



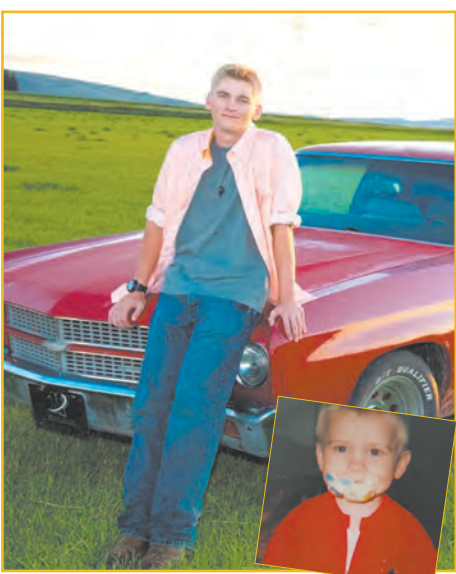
**Senior Quote:** “People don’t think it be like it be, until it do.”  
**Postsecondary Education:** Mountainland Technical College, Orem, Utah  
**Program of Study:** MTECH Program Certificate: Cosmetology  
**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Colorado State PEO Vocational Scholarship: \$3,250  
**Thank You & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my family and friends.

PHILIP THORNTON ARNOLD



**Senior Quote:** “Never listen to other people’s expectations. You should live your life and live up to your own expectation.” ~Tiger Woods  
**Postsecondary Education:** Pima Community College, Tucson, Arizona  
**Program of Study:** Associate of Arts: Hospitality Management  
**Collegiate Athletics:** Collegiate Golf  
**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** CSHAA Qualifier State Golf Tournament: 2018, 2019  
**Thank You & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my mom, family, and the teachers at Meeker High School for all of the help and support throughout the years.

CRISTOPHER JESS ASHCRAFT



**Senior Quote:** “Hey look ma, I made it” ~ Brandon Urie  
**Postsecondary Plans:** Enlist in the United States Armed Forces: US Army  
**Location:** Stationed in Atlanta, Georgia (subject to change) in/around September  
**Thank You & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my friends and family for everything and leave you with this thought, “if you want money, get a job where you have to wash your hands before you go to the bathroom.”



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JENIFFER ANN BACKES KINCHER



**Senior Quote:** “Makeup looks pretty on the outside, but it doesn’t help if you’re ugly on the inside. Unless you eat the makeup.”  
**Postsecondary Education:** Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado  
**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science: Animal Science  
**Scholarships:** White River Electric Association Scholarship: \$500 (renewable up to 4 years), Colorado State University Honors Scholarship: \$1000 (renewable up to 4 years), MHS Scholarship:\$1000, Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years) Holy Family Catholic Church Altar & Rosary Society of Meeker Scholarship: \$500, Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau Scholarship: \$1000, Rio Blanco County Masonic Lodge #80 Scholarship: \$500, Rio Blanco County Stockgrowers Association Scholarship: \$500 (renewable once), Rio Blanco Ranch Scholarship: \$1000  
**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** Highest Academic Honors (2016-2020), Varsity Athletic Letter: Swimming (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020), Three Time CSHAA State Qualifier: Swimming, Three Time Gold Award Winner Colorado State FFA Association Veterinary Science Career Development Event, Two-time Qualifier National FCCLA STAR Events, Gold Key recipient in Printmaking: Scholastic Art and Writing Competition  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my parents for raising me into who I am and for giving me all I need to succeed. I would also like to thank Kim Kendall and Geno and John (my second mom and dads), for giving me the best advice, and for always making me laugh. To all of my coaches and teachers, thank you for challenging me and encouraging me along the way. I would like to thank my close friends for growing up alongside me and for giving me the best memories that I will carry with me forever. Lastly, I would like to give appreciation to Stacy Hudelson and those at the vet clinic who helped foster my passions. Senior year was a roller coaster, but I hope we all let our hopes, not our hurts, shape our future.

‘TILLY’ MATILDA LEE BROWN



**Senior Quote:** “I am going outside, so if anyone asks I am outstanding.”  
**Postsecondary Education:** Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi  
**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science: Kinesiology with a Concentration in Neuromechanics  
**Scholarships:** White River Electric Association / WREA Board of Directors Renewable Scholarship: \$500 (renewable up to 4 years)  
**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** CHSAA Academic Team Champion 2018 & 2019, Member National Honor Society, Meeker High School Honor Roll (2016-2020)  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank the teachers who taught me more than just school stuff; but taught me how to grow up, be my best self, and believed in me when I didn’t believe in myself. I would also like to thank my family and friends for everything.

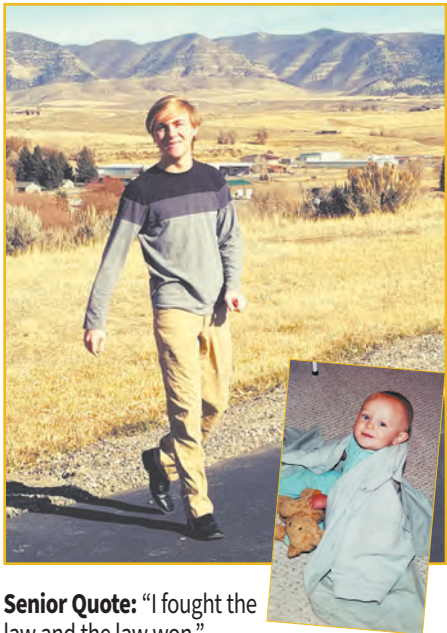
HOPE ANGELICA CARY



**Senior Quote:** “I don’t need it to be easy, I need it to be possible.” ~Bethany Hamilton  
**Postsecondary Education:** Coastal Alabama Community College, Bay Minette, Alabama  
**Program of Study:** Associate of Applied Science: Veterinary Technology, with plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science  
**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Western Colorado Community Foundation Natural Soda Scholarship: \$2500, Rio Blanco County Masonic Lodge #80 Scholarship: \$500  
**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** Member: National Honor Society  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I want to thank my parents for always supporting my dreams.



ANDREW RYAN COX



**Senior Quote:** “I fought the law and the law won.”  
**Postsecondary Plans:** Enlist in the United States Armed Forces: US Air Force  
**Location:** Undetermined at this time.  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I want to thank my family and friends for all of their support, and leave you with this thought, “I never make a mistake twice... I make it like five or six times, you know, just to be sure.”

ELIJAH

Congratulations, Elijah,  
 we are proud of you.

Auntie Boomer and  
 Uncle Steve

.....  
 CONGRATULATIONS  
 JOSE!

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!  
 .....

WE LOVE YOU!  
 MOM, DAD & ALEX

Congratulations Grace!  
 MY POETRY GIRL WHO HAS A BEAUTIFUL HEART  
 LOVE, AUNT TRACI

MHS CLASS OF 2020

CHARLES GENE CURRY



**Senior Quote:** “It’s not about winning or losing, it’s about sending a message,” ~Alpharad

**Postsecondary Education:**

Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, Colorado  
**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Arts: Applied Anthropology and Geography  
**Scholarships:** Rio Blanco County Masonic Lodge #80 Scholarship: \$500, Colorado Mesa University Legacy Scholarship: \$1000 (renewable up to 4 years)  
**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** 3 Time Athletic Letter in Wrestling, CSHAA State Wrestling Tournament Participant (2020), Academic Honors (3 times), Member National Honor Society  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** The last four years have been something else to say the least. I wouldn’t be the person I am now if it weren’t for the people in my life. Like many, I’ve faced countless hardships; many of which I probably wouldn’t have overcome without the help of others. I’ve won, lost, and have been down a rocky road. However, I’ve never given up, and never will, because life isn’t about winning or losing; it’s about sending a message and I hope to have sent a very kind, motivating, and powerful message to everyone. This is only the beginning and life surely won’t become any easier to deal with. Thank you to all; I hope to see you again - and when I do, it will be as a world renowned, handsome archaeologist instead of that shy, quiet, and not so attractive kid I was back in sixth grade.

ELIJAH MOUNTAIN DEMING



**Senior Quote:** “The future belongs to those who prepare for it today.” ~Malcolm X  
**Postsecondary Education:** Western Colorado University, Gunnison, Colorado  
**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science: Environmental Biology & Ecology  
**Scholarships:** Ben Brown Scholarship: \$1500, Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Meeker Lion’s Club Scholarship: \$500, Rio Blanco County Masonic Lodge #80 Scholarship: \$500, Rio Blanco Ranch Scholarship: \$1000, Western Colorado East Merit Scholarship Award: \$2500 (renewable up to 4 years)  
**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** Western Slope All-Conference Honorable Mention: Boys Basketball (2020)  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank everyone who has helped me to get where I am now.

TRISTAN RAY DENT



**Senior Quote:** “I cheated on all my tests. ;)”  
**Postsecondary Plans:** Moving back to Wyoming to join the family owned business  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** Thank you to my family and friends. Good luck my dudes.



JOSHUA PAUL DINWIDDIE



**Senior Quote:** “Is mayonnaise an instrument?” ~Patrick Star  
**Postsecondary Education:** Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona  
**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science: Forensic Science  
**Scholarships:** Grand Canyon University Provost’s Academic Scholarship: \$6750 (renewable up to 4 years), Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), VFW Post 5842 and Auxiliary Scholarship: \$1000, White River Electric Association / WREA Board of Directors Scholarship: \$500 (renewable up to 4 years)  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** This year will be a memorable one from the construction of our school, to the virus sending us all home; but through all these trials the Class of 2020 will survive. I want to thank my family and friends for making school just a little bit more fun and tolerable. I take comfort in knowing God has a plan for me and that I have received one of the best educations from all of the teachers in Meeker. I thank you teachers for putting up with me and thank you for starting me off on the right foot and setting me up for the future.

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU, GRACE  
AND WE LOVE YOU MORE THAN  
WORDS CAN SAY.  
GRANDPA BRUCE AND GRANDMA JOANNE

# MHS CLASS OF 2020

HALEY KEM FOLLMAN



**Senior Quote:** "I would like to thank my arms for always being by my side, my legs for supporting me, and my fingers for always being there to count on."

**Postsecondary Education:**

Northeastern Junior College, Sterling, Colorado

**Program of Study:** Associate of Applied Science: Agriculture Business & Emergency Medical Services

**Plans immediately following graduation:** (If don't attend college right away) Enlist in the United States Armed Forces: US Air Force

**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** Engineering & Graphic Design Student of the Year (2018), CTE Student of the Year (2018), High School Honor Roll (2016-2020)

**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Colorado State PEO Vocational Scholarship: \$3250

**Thank You & Lasting Quote:** I would like to give a very special thank you to my family, friends, teachers, this community, and the Meeker Fire Department.

JOSÉ JULIAN GARCIA



**Senior Quote:**

"Always make someone smile, but don't forget you're someone, too."

**Postsecondary Education:** Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana

**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science: Natural Resources and Rangeland Ecology - Wildlife Habitat Ecology and Management

**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** Perfect Attendance throughout all of High School

**Scholarships:** MHS Scholarship: \$1000, Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Meeker Lion's Club Scholarship: \$500, Music Parents Association Scholarship: \$500, Western Colorado Community Foundation Natural Soda Scholarship: \$2500, Rio Blanco Ranch Scholarship: \$1000, White River Electric Association / Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship: \$1000, Montana State University Merit Scholarship: \$12,000 (renewable up to 4 years)

**Thank You & Lasting Quote:** I'd like to thank my family for always pushing me to be the best that I could be and never dropping the standards I had to meet. I'd like to thank all of my friends for all the laughs and memories, even if most of the time I was the one laughing.

GRACE ELIZABETH GIBSON



**Senior Quote:** "Wait a second. What am I stressing about? ~Clueless"

**Postsecondary Plans:**

Enlist in the United States Armed Forces: US Air Force

**Location:** Stationed in Texas: Lackland Air Force Base

**Special Awards / Accomplishments:**

Associate of Arts Degree: Colorado Northwestern Community College (2020)

**Thank You & Lasting Quote:** When I came to Meeker I was still so blind as to my personal identity. I would not have been able to shape myself as a human without the peers who graciously surfaced throughout the years. I'd also like to especially thank Joanie Gibson who has been the one to flip my world around; giving me a stronger and more positive outlook on life. I am ready to start my adventures with a thankful heart.



SARINA LYNN GOEDERT



**Senior Quote -** "Chase your stars fool, life is short." ~Atticus

**Postsecondary Education:** Western Colorado Community College, Grand Junction, Colorado

**Program of Study:** Associate of Applied Science: Aviation Technology with a Fixed Wing Emphasis.

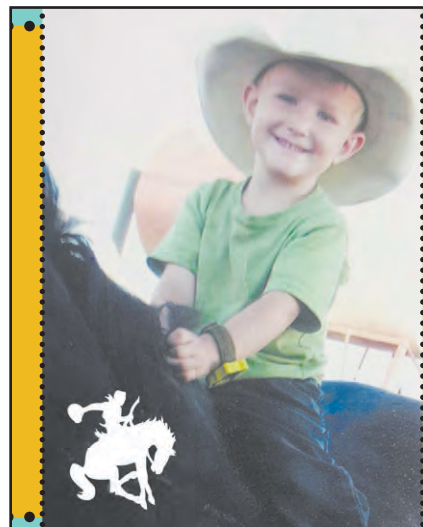
**Scholarships:** Colorado Masonic Benevolent Fund Association Vocational Grant: \$1000, Craig Calver Memorial Scholarship: \$500, Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Leonard Thomson Technical Trade Scholarship: \$500, Meeker PEO Chapter BA Vocational Scholarship: \$500, VFW Post 5842 and Auxiliary Scholarship: \$1000, White River Electric Association Scholarship: \$500, Western Colorado Community College Merit Scholarship: \$1250 (renewable twice)

**Thank You & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my parents for teaching me how to work hard and for always loving me, I'd also like to recognize my siblings for making me tough while doubling as my partners in crime and best friends. Thank you to my sweet grandparents for always having a loving touch and a jar full of fresh cookies. I'd like to thank my coaches and teammates over the years for making each practice and game so memorable; I am sure going to miss it! Thank you to my teachers who believed in me so much that I finally started to believe in myself too. This process would've been a lot harder without you. I'd also like to thank my closest friends for being like a second family. Thanks for being my best adventure buddies, the funniest people I know, and a constant ray of sunshine in my life. And of course a huge thank you to the community, for making Meeker a great place to grow up in and for always supporting the Class of 2020! My life has been so blessed with some of the most amazing people. Thank you for being a part of my journey, I love you all!

*Congratulations,  
Haley!*

We are so proud of you,  
and are excited to see  
all that the future has in  
store for you!

All our love,  
Dad, Angie, Codey, Jacey,  
Tyler, and Jordan



**DEREK,**  
Congratulations! We are  
incredibly proud of the  
young man you have  
become. Your kindness,  
hard work and dedication  
will take you far!

Love,  
Dad, Mom and Family

# MHS CLASS OF 2020


LYNZI JENESIS HADDEN



**Senior Quote:** "For being the Class of 2020, we sure didn't see any of this coming."  
**Postsecondary Plans:** Taking a gap year and joining the workforce in order to earn & save money to attend college and become a Cosmetologist.  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** Thank you Mom, Dad, and Corbyn for helping me get to this point in my life! I could never have done it without you! Love you forever:)

ZACHARY PAUL HARMAN



**Senior Quote:** "I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo. "So do I," said Gandalf, "and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." J. R. R. Tolkien  


**Postsecondary Education:** Brigham Young University, Rexburg, Idaho  
**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Arts: English  
**Plans Immediately Following Graduation:** Serve the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for two years prior to enrolling at BYU Idaho.  
**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Burg Simpson Scholarship: \$1000  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I want to thank my family for always supporting me; my friends for being by my side; and the Casey family for pushing me to achieve more. To the audience I implore you to always strive to be better, because you will never be able to fully understand what you can achieve.

REESE STEPHEN HARVEY



**Senior Quote:** "The risk I took was calculated, but man... am I bad at math."  
**Postsecondary Education:** Montana Tech, Butte, Montana  
**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science: Mining Engineering  
**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years)  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my friends and family for everything.

KESSTON WAYNE HOBBS



**Senior Quote:** "When you have reached the end of your rope, tie a knot and hold on."  
**Postsecondary Education:** Northwest Lineman College, Meridian, Idaho  
**Program of Study:** Electrical Lineworker Program & Certification  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my parents, family and friends for everything they have done for me.



***Congratulations, Kirsten!***

**We are proud of all you have accomplished. KK you're the best!!!**

*Love Larry, Kat, Zac, Beth, Ivy, Ryder, Tennar and Hazel*



**CONGRATULATIONS JAKE! WE LOVE YOU AND ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!**  
DAD, MOM, TJ AND MEGAN

**ZACH**

**We are so proud of you and we love you!**


*Dad and Mom*

**TEVIN,**

**WE ARE SO PROUD OF WHAT YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED GROWING UP. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WHERE LIFE TAKES YOU.**

**LOVE, PAPA AND GRAMMA**





**CONGRATULATIONS**



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**GRADUATES!**

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ADALYNN KAY JOY



**Senior Quote:** "When is this due?"  
**Postsecondary Education:** Luther College, Decorah, Iowa  
**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science: Nursing, with a Minor in Spanish  
**Collegiate Athletics:** Volleyball  
**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** Two Time Scholastic Art Colorado Gold Key Winner for Visual Arts in Printmaking, One Time Scholastic Art National Silver Medalist for Visual Arts in Printmaking, All Conference Setter - Volleyball (2019), CSHAA All State Volleyball Honorable Mention (2019)  
**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Meeker Lion's Club Scholarship: \$500, Pioneers Health Care Foundation Scholarship: \$1500, Johnny Wix Aspiring Artist Scholarship: \$500, Luther College Dean's Scholarship: \$22,000 (renewable up to 4 years), Luther College Norse Scholarship: \$1500 (renewable up to 4 years)  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** Thank you to everyone who has supported me! I'd like to give an extra special thank you to my mom and dad for helping me learn how to navigate life, and also to Neil and grandpa for being my greatest fans!

JAXON WADE-COLE KEYES



**Senior Quote:** "Common sense isn't so common."  
 ~Craig Thompson  
**Postsecondary Education:** Dixie State University, St. George, Utah  
**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Arts: Design - Graphic Design Emphasis  
**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Western Undergraduate Exchange Dixie State University: \$7956 (renewable up to 4 years)  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I'd like to thank my parents and my sister for being there for me during high school.



MADISON JO KINDLER



**Senior Quote:** "Behind you, are all your memories. Before you, are all your dreams. Around you, are all who love you. Within you, is all you need."  
 ~Unknown  
**Postsecondary Education:** University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming  
**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science: Kinesiology & Health Promotion  
**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** Colorado State FFA Association Proficiency Award Winner: Ag. Sales Entrepreneurship  
**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Hazelbaker Education Fund Grant: \$1000, Meeker Lion's Club Scholarship: \$500, Rio Blanco County Youth Fund Scholarship: \$500, University of Wyoming Children of Alumni Scholarship: \$11,565 (renewable up to 4 years)  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank the community for their endless support and everyone who has helped me become who I am today. Special thanks to my parents for putting up with me for 17 years!

LORENA ANDREA MARTINEZ



**Senior Quote:** "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory."  
**Postsecondary Education:** University of Colorado: Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs, Colorado  
**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science: Nursing  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my family and friends for everything.

**ELIJAH,**  
 BEST OF LUCK  
 TO OUR "BONUS"  
 GRAD! KEEP IN  
 TOUCH!  
 LOVE,  
 SHELLEY &  
 STU



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KESSTON HOBBS

This Grandma is SO PROUD of YOU!

Reach for the Stars!

Love,  
G-Ma Kim

Madison,

Reach for the stars.  
Follow your dreams.  
We're proud of you.

Mom & Dad

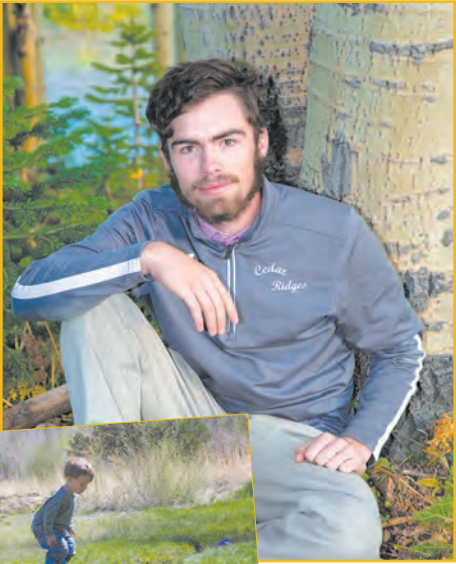
Kirsten,

We are so PROUD of your  
Academic and Sports  
Achievements.

LOVE,  
Grandma & Grandpa Williams  
Uncle Scott, Aunt Carrie,  
Brittany, Nick & Everly  
Matthew

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NICHOLAS GUY MASSEY



**Senior Quote:**

"What we do in life echoes in eternity."  
~Maximum the Gladiator  
**Postsecondary Education:** Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, Colorado  
**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Arts: Mass Communication  
**Collegiate Athletics:** Collegiate Golf  
**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** Colorado FFA Association District 1 Creed Speaking Champion (2016-2017), 7th Place Colorado FFA Association State Creed Speaking Contest (2016-2017), Colorado FFA Association District 1 Extemporaneous Speaking Champion (2018, 2019), 11th Place Colorado FFA Association State Extemporaneous Speaking Contest  
**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Meeker Lion's Club Scholarship: \$500  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I want to especially thank my mother; she has been my rock forever, as well as my father; he has been my number one. I will also miss my class's enthusiasm.

CALEIGH MCKENNA MORLAN



**Senior Quote:** "Stay gold pony boy."  
**Postsecondary Education:** Colorado Mountain College: Spring Valley Campus, Glenwood Springs, Colorado  
**Program of Study:** Associate of Arts: Digital Media  
**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** Academic Highest Honors (2016-2020), All-Conference Honorable Mention Volleyball (2019), Varsity Athletic Letter in Volleyball (2017, 2018, 2019)  
**Scholarships:** James Sizemore Memorial Scholarship: \$1,000, Meeker Lion's Club Scholarship: \$500, Meeker PEO Chapter BA Vocational Scholarship: \$500  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my parents, my papa, my sister Devin and her husband Jim, and the rest of my family and friends for always making me smile and for making my life one wild ride. Lasting quote: "Expect nothing, appreciate everything."

DEREK AUGUST NIELSEN



**Senior Quote:** "Failure is a part of life. If you don't fail, you don't learn. If you don't learn, you will never change."  
**Postsecondary Education:** Western Colorado Community College & Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, Colorado  
**Program of Study:** Associate of Applied Science: Aviation Technology with a Fixed Wing Emphasis.  
**Bachelor of Business Administration:** Finance  
**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Rio Blanco County Masonic Lodge #80 Scholarship: \$500, Colorado Grant: \$5000  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my parents and siblings for the continuous support they have given me through the past several years of my high school career.

JUAN OLIVA



**Senior Quote:** "Don't be afraid of failure. This is the way to succeed." ~Lebron James  
**Postsecondary Education:** Western Colorado Community College, Grand Junction, Colorado  
**Program of Study:** Technical Certificate: Help Desk Technician, Information and Technology  
**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Rio Blanco County Masonic Lodge #80 Scholarship: \$500, Colorado Grant: \$5000  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my family for everything and my friends for always being there for me. I appreciate you all and thank you!! I want to give a special shout out to Axel, Narely, Leroy, Jonathan, Adrian, Estevan, Victor, Raul, Ferny, Valentin, Zach Dinwiddie, Tristen Dent, and Tucker Slaugh.



## SENIOR SPEECHES

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### Congratulations Tilly Lee

We are so proud of you  
and excited about the  
journey ahead.

Swing Big &  
"Wacka Wacka"

Love, Mom, Dad, Zagar,  
Vivian & Wagner



### Congratulations, Kolbi!



You have made us very proud  
and we look forward to your  
next adventures.

Love,  
Grammie and Papa

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JILLIAN MARIE OWENS



**Senior Quote:** "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant." ~Robert Louis Stevenson

**Postsecondary Education:** Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science Interdisciplinary Agriculture: Agriculture Education (Teacher Certification)

**Plans Immediately Following Graduation:** Hopefully serve the Colorado FFA Association as a Colorado State FFA Officer in 2020-2021, then proceed to Texas Tech

**Special Awards / Accomplishments:** Meeker FFA Chapter President (2019-2020), Colorado FFA Association District 1 Vice President (2019-2020)

**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Meeker Friends of the FFA / DeKalb Scholarship: \$250, White River Electric Association / Tri-State G&T Scholarship: \$500, National FFA Scholarship: \$2500, Texas Tech Presidential Scholarship: \$2000 (renewable up to 4 years)

**Thank You & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my family and all of my supporters throughout the community; I am excited for what this next chapter in my life will bring.

TEVIN PELLONI



**Senior Quote:** "I didn't make it this far just shaking hands...."

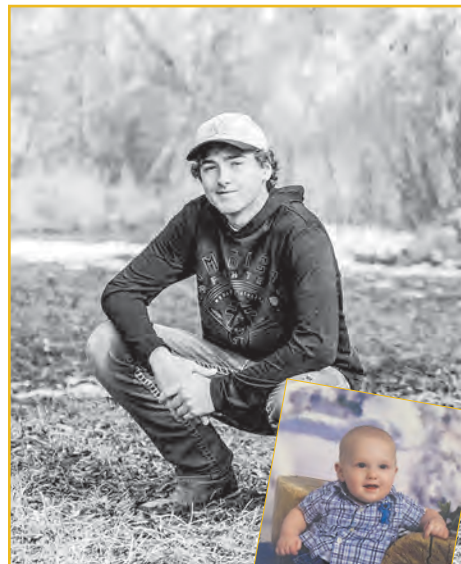
**Postsecondary Education:** Northeastern Junior College, Sterling, Colorado

**Program of Study:** Associate of Applied Science in Agricultural Business, in conjunction with an Associate of Applied Science in Production Agriculture (Agronomy), with a certification in Precision Agriculture

**Scholarships:** Colorado Masonic Benevolent Fund Association Vocational Grant: \$1000, Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Byron Linden Memorial Scholarship: \$1500, White River Community Association Scholarship: \$500

**Thank You & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my parents for keeping me alive for an exceptional 18 years as well as everyone else who has helped me along the way. I would also like to thank my brothers and my sister.

TANNER GAGE RIDGEWAY



**Senior Quote:** "Life can suck, or be really fun and it's not hard to make it either way."

**Postsecondary Education:** Wyo Tech, Laramie, Wyoming

**Program of Study:** Collision & Refinishing Technology Certification

**Special Awards/Accomplishments:** Varsity Athletic Letters: Baseball, Football, Golf, Greenhand FFA Degree (2016), Seasonal Employee of the Year: Colorado Parks & Wildlife (2019)

**Scholarships:** Colorado Masonic Benevolent Fund Association Vocational Grant: \$1000, Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Byron Linden Memorial Scholarship: \$1500, White River Community Association Scholarship: \$500

**Thank You & Lasting Quote:** Thank you to my friends, family, bosses and teachers for molding me into who I am. I hope I make you all proud.

COLE ALLEN ROGERS



**Senior Quote:** "Winners never quit and quitters never win." ~Vince Lombardi

**Postsecondary Education:** Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana

**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science: Agribusiness Management

**Special Awards/Accomplishments:** 3 Sport Athlete: Earned 12 Varsity Athletic Letters (2016-2020), Highest Academic Honors (2016-2020), Western Slope All Conference First Team: Football, Basketball, Baseball CHSAA All-State Honorable Mention: Football & Basketball, Western Slope Senior Player of the Year: Basketball

**Scholarships:** Coach Bob Tucker Scholarship: \$1000, Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (Renewable up to 4 years), Meeker Lion's Club Scholarship: \$500, Rio Blanco County Stockgrowers Association Scholarship: \$500 (Renewable once), Montana State University Achievement Award: \$9000 (renewable up to 4 years)

**Thank You & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my mom, my dad, Jamie, and my gran for always supporting me in all of my endeavors, including attending all of my high school football, basketball, and baseball games throughout these past four years.



## PASSING THE MANTLE

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## CONGRATULATIONS, SARINA!!

Excited to see what your future brings for you!

UNCLE BILLY, AUNT TASHA, URI AND SOPHIA



We are proud of you, Addie Joy, and excited for all of your next adventures.

Love, Mom and Dad

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JUSTIN AARON ROSS



**Senior Quote:** “Be strong when you are weak. Be brave when you are scared. And be humble when you are victorious.”  
**Postsecondary Plans:** Joining the workforce immediately upon graduation; working for High Rise Tree Care.  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank Mrs. Chinn, Mrs. Kracht, Mrs. Merrifield, and Mrs. Overton, along with TK, Mrs. Robinson and Mr. Kindler for encouraging me to push forward and keep working towards a better future. I never could have done this without all of your support and help throughout this year. I would also like to thank my family and friends for everything.

COLBY JAMES SHELTON



**Senior Quote:** “Just keep taking chances and having fun.” ~Garth Brooks  
**Postsecondary Education:** Northeastern Junior College, Sterling, Colorado  
**Program of Study:** Associate of Applied Science: Diesel Technology  
**Scholarships:** Leonard Thomson Technical Trade Scholarship: \$500  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my family and friends for everything they have done for me.

JACOB ROBERT SHELTON



**Senior Quote:** “I want to go fast.” ~Ricky Bobby  
**Postsecondary Education:** Laramie County Community College, Cheyenne, Wyoming  
**Program of Study:** Associate of Applied Science: Welding Technology  
**Scholarships:** James Sizemore Memorial Scholarship: \$1000, Laramie County Community College Academic Scholarship: \$2000 (renewable up to 2 years)  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my family and friends for everything they have done for me, and leave everyone with this lasting thought, “if you are riding ahead of the herd, be sure to look back every now and then to make sure it is still there.”

TUCKER KALVIN SLAUGH



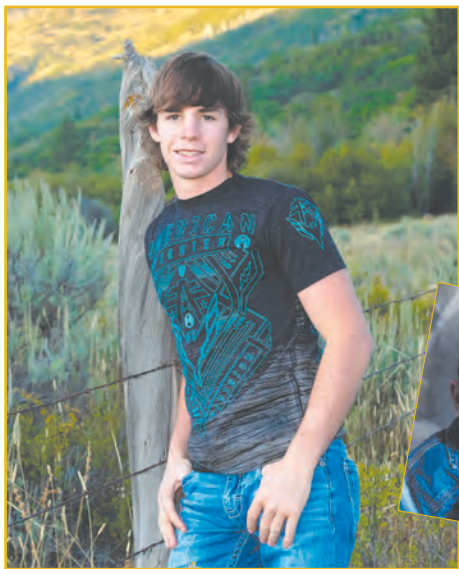
**Senior Quote:** “No more homework, no more books! No more teacher’s dirty looks!”  
**Postsecondary Plans:** Joining the workforce to earn & save money so that one day he can fulfill his dreams of becoming a Paramedic  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my friends and family for everything and give a special shout out to all of my teachers for helping me pass by :).

REBECCA BLAINE STEERMAN



**Senior Quote:** “I’m here for a good time, not a long time.” ~Drake  
**Postsecondary Education:** Western Colorado University, Gunnison, Colorado  
**Program of Study:** Bachelor of Arts: Communication  
**Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years), Western Colorado University Slate Merit Award: \$3,500 (renewable up to 4 years), Western Colorado University Early Action Award: \$500  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I’d like to thank my parents for always supporting me even when I’m stubborn. I would also like to thank my family for traveling and making it to my graduation even in the middle of a pandemic. Finally, I would like to thank the town of Meeker for welcoming me with open arms and being supportive my senior year.

COLTON DEAN WILLE



**Senior Quote:** “Life will always throw you curves, just keep fouling them off. The right pitch will come, and when it does, be prepared to run the bases.” ~Babe Ruth  
**Postsecondary Education:** Northwest Lineman College, Meridian, Idaho  
**Program of Study:** Electrical Lineworker Program & Certification  
**Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I would like to thank my friends and family for all the support throughout the years and I want to give a shoutout to Jeremy Woodward for being my best friend.

CAUTION: ‘UNDER CONSTRUCTION’

NICK

CONGRATULATIONS, NICKERS!  
WE'RE SUPER PROUD OF YOU!




BILLY, NATASHA, URI AND SOPHIA

COLTON,

LIFE IS TOO SHORT TO WAKE UP WITH REGRETS. LOVE THE PEOPLE WHO TREAT YOU RIGHT, FORGIVE THE ONES WHO DON'T. BELIEVE EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR A REASON. IF YOU GET A CHANCE, TAKE IT. IF IT CHANGES YOUR LIFE, LET IT. NOBODY SAID IT'D BE EASY THEY JUST PROMISED IT WOULD BE WORTH IT. - DR. SEUSS

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU BUBBA!! ON TO YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE ...

LOVE,  
DAD, MOM, TRISTAN, MYKAYLA AND KASSIDY





Congratulations, Reese!

From the day you were born you've headed into this world on your own path. Your confidence to be you and living your own life, sets you apart. Continue to stay true to yourself as your strength is unmatched when you do.

Our wish for you is for you to be happy, to go on adventures that create memories to last a lifetime, and make your mark on this world.

Words cannot express how proud we are of you and how our heart is full when you are around.

Now go be you!

Love Mom, Garrett, Judd, Nana and Papa





Kirsten

You are still the cutest spunkiest girl around! We are so proud of you!

Congrats

Love, Mom, Dad and Cole

ADMINISTRATION



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# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Graduating with Highest Honors (3.8 and up)**

Annelise Amack  
Jeniffer Ann Backes Kincher  
Kirsten Brooke Brown  
Makenna Ryann Burke  
Julia Ann Dinwiddie  
Kolbi Ann Franklin  
Jose Julian Garcia  
Grace Elizabeth Gibson  
Sarina Lynn Goedert  
Brandon Lozano Garay  
Caleigh McKenna Morlan  
Karlee Jolynn Nielsen  
Jillian Marie Owens  
Cole Allan Rogers  
Rebecca Blaine Steerman  
Brynlee River Williams  
Ridge Johnathan Williams

**Graduating with High Honors (3.5 to 3.79)**

Joshua Paul Dinwiddie  
Haley Kem Follman  
Zachary Paul Harman  
Adalynn Kay Joy  
Jaxon Wade-Cole Keys  
Madison Jo Kindler  
Tevin Ray Pelloni  
Jacob Robert Shelton

**Graduating with Honors (3.0-3.49)**

Matilda Lee Brown  
Hope Angelica Cary  
Andrew Ryan Cox  
Charles Gene Curry  
Lorena Andrea Martinez  
Derek August Nielsen  
Colby James Shelton  
Colton Dean Wille

**National Honor Society**

Annelise Amack  
Jeniffer Ann Backes Kincher  
Kirsten Brooke Brown  
Matilda Lee Brown  
Makenna Ryann Burke  
Hope Angelica Cary  
Charles Gene Curry  
Elijah Mountain Deming  
Joshua Paul Dinwiddie  
Julia Ann Dinwiddie  
Haley Kem Follman  
Kolbi Ann Franklin  
Jose Julian Garcia  
Grace Elizabeth Gibson  
Sarina Lynn Goedert  
Zachary Paul Harman  
Adalynn Kay Joy  
Jaxon Wade-Cole Keyes  
Madison Jo Kindler  
Brandon Lozano Garay  
Caleigh McKenna Morlan  
Karlee Jolynn Nielsen  
Jillian Marie Owens  
Cole Allan Rogers  
Rebecca Blaine Steerman  
Brynlee River Williams  
Ridge Johnathan Williams

**FCCLA**

Kolbi Ann Franklin  
Grace Elizabeth Gibson

**FFA**

Philip Thornton Arnold  
Cristopher Jess Ashcraft  
Jeniffer Ann Backes Kincher  
Hope Angelica Cary  
Andrew Ryan Cox  
Elijah Mountain Deming  
Joshua Paul Dinwiddie  
Julia Ann Dinwiddie  
Kolbi Ann Franklin  
Jose Julian Garcia  
Lynzi Jenesis Hadden  
Madison Jo Kindler  
Brandon Lozano Garay  
Nicholas Guy Massey  
Caleigh McKenna Morlan  
Karlee Jolynn Nielsen  
Derek August Nielsen  
Jillian Marie Owens  
Tevin Ray Pelloni  
Jacob Robert Shelton  
Colby James Shelton  
Colton Dean Wille

**Perfect Attendance - 4 years**

Jose Julian Garcia  
Madison Jo Kindler

⇒ Graduates wearing white stoles are members of National Honor Society (NHS). Graduates wearing blue stoles are officers of National Honor Society.  
⇒ Graduates wearing gold stoles have earned a State Degree from Future Farmers of America (FFA). Graduates wearing blue and gold cords are 4-year members of FFA.  
⇒ Graduates wearing red and white cords are members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

**CONGRATULATIONS 2020 GRAD  
ELIJAH M. DEMING**

All the hard work had paid off!!!

We are so very proud and can't  
stop bragging about you

**LOVE - GRAMMY & GRAMPY**  
**AFTERGRAD PARTY AT ARBY'S**



**COLE**



**CONGRATULATIONS COLE!**

**I am so proud of all you have accomplished  
throughout your high school years!  
Dream big son!**



*All my love,  
Mom*



LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS & DONORS

**Basin Electric Power Cooperative & White River Electric Association Scholarship:** This scholarship is given to a graduating senior. The recipient is selected based on the quality of their essay and interview, with preference given to a student entering an electrical related career. Award amount is \$1,000.

**Ben Brown Scholarship:** This one-time, \$1,500 scholarship, sponsored by Meeker resident Ben Brown, is awarded to a graduating senior planning to attend an institution of postsecondary education located in Colorado. This student must also be pursuing a career in public service.

**Byron Linden Memorial Scholarship:** This one-time \$1500 scholarship, given in loving memory of Mr. Byron A. Linden, is awarded to a graduating member of the senior class who shows initiative and a sincere interest in Agronomy, as well as an innate desire to treat the land as a gift to be conserved for future generations.

**Coach Bob Tucker Scholarship:** This scholarship, given in loving memory of long-time Meeker coach and teacher, Bob Tucker, is awarded to a senior student athlete who has demonstrated integrity, sportsmanship and upstanding character. The recipient must have played in two sports for at least three years of high school and been involved in at least two community or extra curricular activities. Award amount is \$1000.

**Colorado Masonic Benevolent Fund Association Vocational Grants:** These one-time vocational grants, given by the Colorado Freemasons Grand Lodge of Colorado, are intended to assist students in obtaining a vocational skill from a career and technical / vocational education program within the state of Colorado. Each award amount is \$1000.

**Colorado Northwestern Community College Concurrent Enrollment Scholarship:** This award of \$500 is awarded to a senior MHS student who holds a 3.0 or higher GPA at CNCC, and plans to attend CNCC as a full-time student in the fall.

**County Sheriffs of Colorado – Rio Blanco County Scholarship:** The County Sheriffs of Colorado’s scholarship program is a meaningful expression of the sheriffs’ confidence in and respect for education and training. This scholarship is considered an investment in the future and helps to provide deserving students with an opportunity to make a positive contribution to society as a whole. This is a one-time \$500 award.


**Craig Calver Memorial Scholarship:** This award of \$500, given in memory of Craig Calver, is to be used to help one MHS graduate obtain training for a career in a vocational or technical field. The recipient is selected upon the quality of their application and strength of personal characteristics.

**Dan Ilgen Memorial Scholarship:** This \$500 scholarship has been developed to celebrate the memory of Dan Ilgen. Dan was a valued member of the Meeker community who always wanted to see others achieve their dreams without being limited by financial hardship. This award is given to a Meeker High School wrestling athlete to assist them in defraying the cost of higher education.

**Dean D. Parr & White River Electric Association Scholarship:** This scholarship, sponsored by the White River Electric Association, is given to memorialize the late Dean Parr, who served on the WREA Board of Directors for many years. The award recipient is selected based on the quality of their application, their written essay and personal interview. This award amount is \$1,000 per year, renewable up to four years.

**Fred and Annie Burke Memorial Scholarship:** The recipient of this scholarship is a student who has demonstrated a firm level of effort and achievement in high school and who possesses definite plans to further their education. Preference is given to the descendants of Fred and Annie Burke. Award amount varies.

**Freeman Fairfield Trust Scholarships:** The recipients of these awards are selected based on each student’s cumulative GPA, SAT/ACT scores, extra-curricular participation, community service, leadership activities, neatness and com-



*Kolbi Ann,*

“We hope your dreams take you..... to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places of your heart.”

We are so very proud of you!

Love,  
Mom, Dad and Kaden





*Behind you,*  
all your memories.

*Before you,*  
all your dreams.

*Around you,*  
all who love you.

*Within you,*  
all you need.

Karlee, we are so proud of you and your accomplishments!  
We cannot wait to see what your future holds!  
We wish you only the best in this next chapter of your life!

*We love you! Mom, Marvin, Jake, Cody and Colton*

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND DONORS, CONT.

pleteness of the scholarship application and interview skills. Each award amount is \$800 renewable for up to four years. The Freeman Fairfield Trust is Meeker's largest scholarship donor, giving \$86,400 to the Class of 2020.

**Gary H. Dunham & White River Electric Association Scholarship:** This scholarship, sponsored by the White River Electric Association, is given in memory of the late Gary Dunham, who served on the WREA Board of Directors for many years. The award recipient is selected based on the quality of their application, their written essay and personal interview. This award is \$1,000 per year, renewable up to four years.

**Hazelbaker Education Fund Grant:** This grant is awarded to a Meeker High School graduate who demonstrates financial need, has an above average GPA and has a drive to succeed within a higher education environment. Award amount is \$1000.

**Holy Family Catholic Church Altar & Rosary Society of Meeker:** This one-time, \$500 scholarship is offered to a graduating Meeker High School Senior. Preference is given to a student who is of the Catholic Religion.

**James Sizemore Memorial Scholarships:** These scholarships, given in the memory of James Sizemore, are awarded to seniors who are pursuing vocational or technical careers. Each award amount is \$1,000.

**Johnny Wix Aspiring Artist Scholarship:** This scholarship, given in memory of Johnny Wix, is awarded to a graduating senior who shows an aptitude and passion for art. The award amount is \$500.

**Kenny Corriveau Trade Scholarship:** This one-time \$500 scholarship is awarded to a resident of either Routt, Rio Blanco or Moffat Counties aged 17-25 who plans to further their education at a post-secondary educational technical trade school, college, or university.

**Lacey Oldland Memorial Scholarship:** Mrs. Lacey Oldland, a dedicated and loving Kindergarten teacher, tragically lost her life in an equestrian accident. In her honor, and in loving memory of Lacey's dedication to teaching, the Oldland Family has set up a \$500 scholarship to assist a graduating senior who plans to major in: Elementary Education, Education, Equine Science, or Agriculture.

**Leonard F. Thompson Technical Trade Memorial Scholarship:** This one-time \$500 scholarship, given in memory of the late Leonard Thompson, is presented to two members of the Class of 2020 who are planning to pursue careers in either a vocational or technical field.

**Meeker Cowboy Football Top Hand Scholarships:** This scholarship is awarded to a senior Meeker Cowboy football player who was on the team for at least three years and exemplifies the qualities of determination, honesty and respect. Award amount is \$300.

**Meeker Friends of the FFA / DeKalb Scholarship:** This is awarded to a senior FFA member who has demonstrated a high level of commitment to the agricultural industry and has also been heavily involved in agriculturally related community service activities. Award amount is \$250.

**Meeker High School Scholarships:** One senior boy and one senior girl are chosen to receive these scholarships by the faculty of Meeker High School. Their selection is based on involvement in school-related activities as well as need. Scholarships are sponsored by an anonymous donor; award amounts vary.

**Meeker Lions Club Scholarships:** Every year the Meeker Lions Club awards several \$500 scholarships to deserving Meeker High School graduates. Scholarship winners are selected upon the strength of GPA, depth of public service activities, quality of their scholarship application, and their personal essays.

**Meeker PEO Chapter BA Highest GPA in English Award:** This award, given by members of the Meeker PEO Chapter BA, is given to a senior girl who has earned the highest grades in Language Arts / English. Award amounts vary.

**Meeker PEO Chapter BA Highest GPA in Math Award:** This award, given by members of the Meeker PEO Chapter BA, is given to a senior girl who has earned the highest grades in Mathematics. Award amounts vary.

CHARLES



We are so proud that you completed this stage in your life. Knowing you, we had no doubts. Now the journey begins, we will always be there for you.

Love, Dad Mom and Brother

Charles will attend CMU for anthropology and geography going for a Degree in Archaeology and is in the national honor society.



“We all take different paths in life, but no matter where we go, we take a little of each other everywhere.”

~Tim McGraw

Congratulations Jeni and Annelise!  
Love, your moms and dads

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND DONORS, CONT.

**Meeker PEO Chapter BA Vocational Scholarship:** This scholarship, given by members of the Meeker PEO Chapter BA, is awarded to two senior girls who will attend a two year college, vocational or technical training school. Each award amount is \$500.

**Meeker Sportsman's Club Inc. Scholarship:** One scholarship award, in the amount of \$800.00, is given to a graduating Meeker High School Senior by the Meeker Sportsman's Club. The scholarship recipient is chosen on the basis of a 500 word, type-written essay that expresses the importance of our Second Amendment Rights.

**Music Parents Association Scholarship:** The recipient of this scholarship must be a senior who participated in the school music program for four consecutive years. The recipient must also have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and ranks in the top 25 percent of their graduating class. Award amount is \$500.

**Norma Oldland Memorial Scholarship:** This one-time, \$500 scholarship, is given by the Oldland family in loving memory of Norma Oldland and to honor her artistic accomplishments. Norma was a lifelong resident of Rio Blanco County and 1946 graduate of Meeker High School; the recipient of this scholarship is an MHS senior planning to major or minor in art.

**Pat Johnson Memorial Scholarship:** This scholarship, given in the memory of Pat Johnson, a prominent Piceance Creek rancher, is awarded to a senior in good academic standing who grew up on Piceance Creek. The award amount for this scholarship varies.

**Pioneers Healthcare Foundation Scholarship:** This scholarship is awarded to Meeker High School senior who is pursuing collegiate study in a healthcare field. This is a \$1500 award.

**Pioneer Medical Center Employees Healthcare Foundation Scholarship:** This scholarship, chosen by the employees at Pioneers Medical Center is awarded to a Meeker High School senior who is pursuing collegiate study in a healthcare field. This is a \$500 award.

**Pioneers Medical Center for Seniors Healthcare Foundation Scholarship:** This \$500 scholarship is awarded to a Meeker High School graduating senior who is pursuing collegiate study in a healthcare field.

**Pioneers WingNutz Wing Volunteers & Wing Residents Healthcare Foundation Scholarship:** This \$1000 scholarship is awarded to a Meeker High School senior who is pursuing collegiate study in a healthcare field.

**Richard G. Lyttle Memorial Scholarship:** Dick Lyttle was editor and publisher of The Meeker Herald for many, many years. This one-time \$250 scholarship is given to a graduating senior who serves his/her community in many capacities.

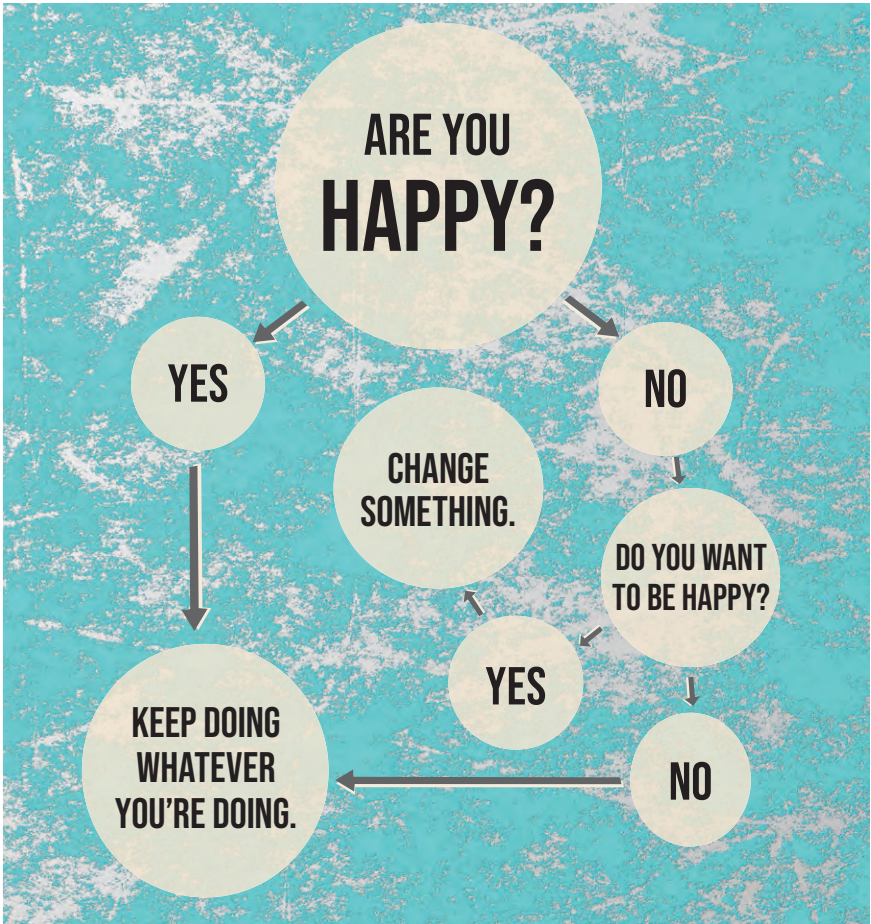
**Rio Blanco County Youth Fund Scholarships:** These scholarships are awarded to seniors who have been 4-H members for at least five years. Award recipients are selected based upon 4-H involvement, school performance, county fair involvement, leadership roles held within 4-H, and financial need. Each award amount varies from \$500 to \$1500.

**Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau Scholarship:** This scholarship, sponsored by the Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau is awarded to a Rio Blanco County senior pursuing a degree in an agriculturally related field. Award amount is \$1000.

**Rio Blanco Masonic Lodge #80 A.F. & A.M. Scholarships:** These scholarships are awarded by the Rio Blanco Masonic Lodge #80 to deserving graduating seniors who are pursuing higher education within the state of Colorado. Award amounts vary.

Congratulations Addie! We are very proud of you and here's to much success in your next adventure!

Big Hugs,  
*Popop, Gmom, Uncle JD, Aunt Rachel, Isabel, Charlie, Mason, Aunt Becky, Cousin Ellen, Aunt Lori, Uncle Roger and Grady*



ELIJAH, HERE'S YOUR MAP, START YOUR ADVENTURE!  
WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH!  
~ DAD, MOM, LIAM, FINLEY, EMERSON & OAKLEY

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND DONORS, CONT.

**Rio Blanco County Stockgrowers Association Scholarships:** These scholarships, sponsored by the Rio Blanco County Stockgrowers Association, are awarded to Rio Blanco County seniors who are majoring in agriculturally related fields. The award amount is \$500, renewable once.

**Rio Blanco County Woolgrowers Association Scholarship:** This scholarship is awarded to a Rio Blanco County graduate who demonstrates an understanding of the sheep industry. This \$500 award, sponsored by the Rio Blanco County Woolgrowers Association is awarded in the student's second year of college.

**Rio Blanco Ranch Scholarships:** These scholarships, sponsored by Rio Blanco Ranch, are awarded to graduating Meeker High School seniors who have achieved high cumulative Grade Point Averages in conjunction with outstanding community service involvement. Award amounts range from \$1000 to \$3000.

**Rural Pathways Project Scholarship:** This scholarship, sponsored by the Rural Pathways Project, is awarded to one Meeker High School student who exemplifies self-awareness, curiosity, leadership and vision by using their unique strengths, gifts, and ambitions to make the world a better place. Award amount is \$2000.

**SGM–Steve Westhoff Engineering Scholarship:** This scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior planning to further their education in the fields of civil, mechanical or electrical engineering. Scholarship recipients are encouraged to reapply yearly.

**Tri-State Generation and Transmission & White River Electric Association Scholarships:** Two seniors are selected based on the quality of their written essay and personal interview. Preference is given to those pursuing an electric related career. Each award amount is \$500.

**Tri-State Generation and Transmission Children of Employees Scholarship:** This scholarship, given by Tri-State Generation and Transmission is awarded to a graduating senior who's parent(s) is an employee of Tri-State G&T. This award amount is \$500.

**VFW Post 5842 and Auxiliary Scholarships:** These scholarships, sponsored by the VFW Post 5842 & Auxiliary, are awarded to two members of the senior class (one boy, one girl) who are attending post-secondary institutions of higher learning. Each award amount is \$1000.

**W.C. Striegel CNCC Book Scholarship:** This is awarded to seniors who will be attending CNCC. This scholarship is to be used for books. Award amount is \$700.

**W.C. Striegel Engineering Scholarship:** This scholarship is awarded to a senior who is pursuing an engineering degree. Award amount is \$2000 per year, for a total of \$8000.

**White River Community Association Scholarship:** This one-time \$500 scholarship, offered by the Buford Community Club, is offered to a member of the graduating class who plans to further their education at a post-secondary institution.

**Western Colorado Community Foundation Natural Soda Scholarships:** The recipients of these scholarships have strong academic records, demonstrate financial need, participated in extra-curricular and/or community activities throughout high school, and are pursuing careers in engineering, geology, physical sciences or similar fields. Each award amount is \$2500.

**White River Electric Association Scholarships:** These scholarships, sponsored by the White River Electric Association, are awarded to seniors, based on the quality of their application and written essay, as well as their personal interview. The award amounts vary from \$500 renewable (up to four years), to one-time \$500 scholarships.

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the world!

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Congratulations!!  
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~ Ben Hogan*



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shots in life,  
seize opportunities,  
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and fear not failure.

Listen to your gut,  
aim high, ignore the  
cynics, maximize the  
laughter.

And soak in all in.

*"Give 'em hell Harriet."  
~ Phil Sheridan*

**Congratulations Phil!**

We love you,  
Brock & Sue



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CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHERE  
YOUR HARD WORK AND DREAMS  
TAKE YOU!

Love you - Dad & Joanie



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# CONGRATULATIONS NICK!

I am so proud of you and your accomplishments!  
Jake would be giving you a big 'high five' ❤️  
You can conquer any adversity – Know that I love you forever!


*“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You’re on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who’ll decide where to go...”*

~ Dr. Seuss, *Oh, the Places You’ll Go!*



# TEVIN






CONGRATULATIONS!!!

PROUD OF YOU FOR  
BEING YOU.

LOVE  
DAD, MOM, TRISTIN,  
JACOB, AND JESSY



# Your life is your story. Write well, edit often.

- Susan Statham

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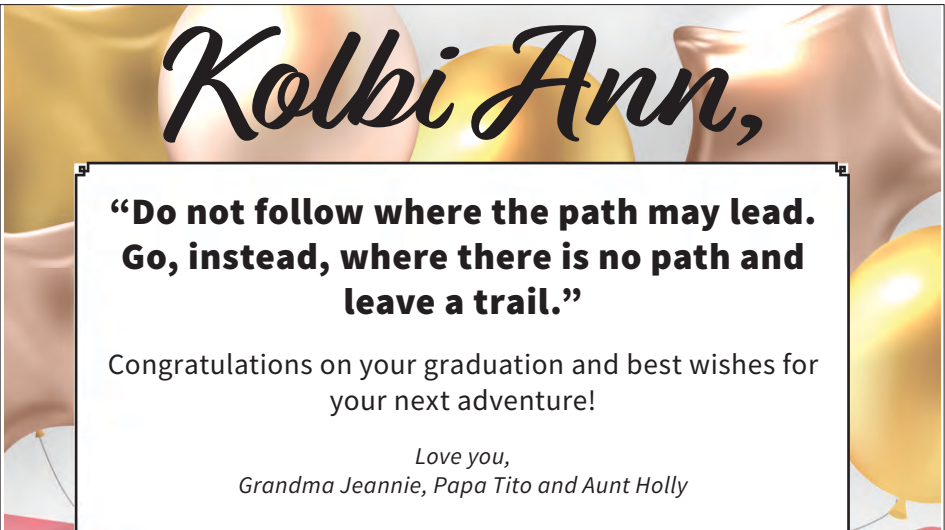


# Kolbi Ann,

**“Do not follow where the path may lead.  
Go, instead, where there is no path and  
leave a trail.”**

Congratulations on your graduation and best wishes for  
your next adventure!

*Love you,  
Grandma Jeannie, Papa Tito and Aunt Holly*



# CONGRATULATIONS PHIL!



MAY YOUR SWING  
BE STRAIGHT AND  
THE BALL FLY FAR.  
MAY YOUR ROUND  
BE BLESSED WITH  
NO WORSE THAN PAR.

WE LOVE YOU!

LOVE,  
MOM, DAD, MADDIE,  
BRIDGET,  
NANA & TATA





# C A L E I C H

**You have  
exceeded all of  
our expectations.**

**You have turned  
out to be such  
a wonderful  
person.**

**We know that  
you’re going to  
be successful in  
whatever you  
decide to do and  
we love you so  
much.**

*Momma, Daddy, Devin,  
Jim, Papa Ken, and the  
rest of your family*



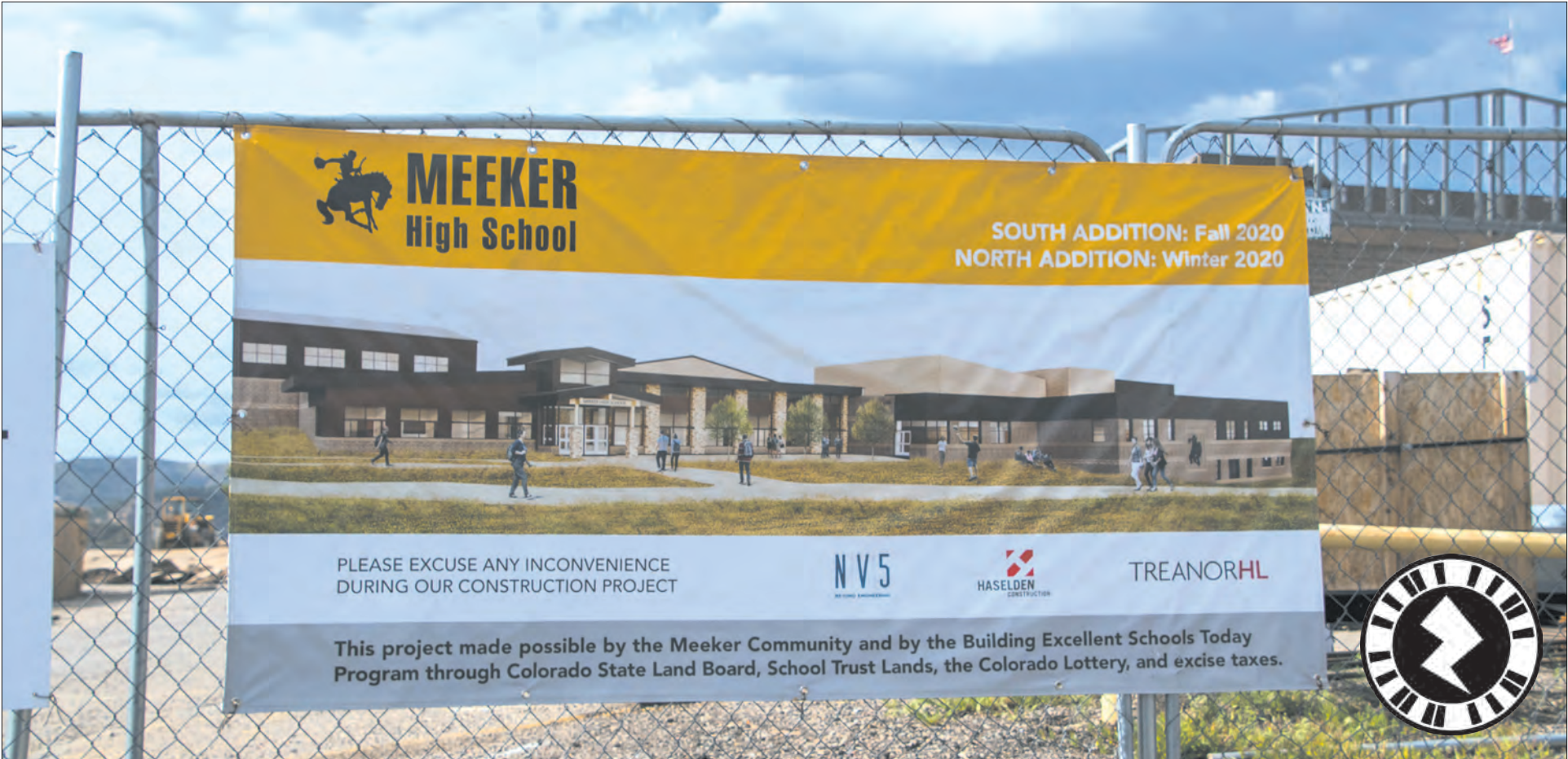
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CONGRATULATIONS, TEVIN!

Your talent, ability and intelligence are incredible. I am so proud of you and I know you will be a huge success at whatever you choose to do in life.

Love & best wishes

*Grandma Lois*



Congratulations, Kesston! Donald and Amy are very proud of you! We love you and wish the best and perseverance in everything you do as you continue on life's journey. We know you will do great things.

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