

MEEKER HIGH SCHOOL

115TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

MAY 28, 2022 ~ 10 A.M. STARBUCK STADIUM ~ MEEKER, COLORADO





The Rio Blanco Herald Times will be livestreaming the ceremony. Watch on the MHS Facebook page @meekerhighschool and at ht1885.com

Processional National Anthem **OF EVENTS**

Welcome Address

Valedictorian/Salutatorian Address

Commencement Address Introduction

Commencement Address

Scholarships

Parent Recognition

Presentation of the Class of 2022 To the Board of Education

Receiving of the Class of 2022

Presentation of Diplomas

Passing of the Mantle

Receiving of the Mantle

Turning of Tassel Closing Remarks

Recessional

MHS Band

Damon Dade, Elijah Mallison & Rowdy

Rosendahl

Amy Chinn

Kelton Turner, Tatumn Kennedy &

Aspen Merrifield

Tatumn Kennedy

Naomi Etchart

See page 3B for Scholarship Presentations

Class of 2022

Mrs. Amy Chinn

Mr. Chris Selle

MSD Board of Education

Kelton Turner

Elijah LeBlanc

Tatumn Kennedy Amy Chinn

MHS Band



MEEKER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Emily Marie Amick Keaton Glen Brickey Chakwah Placid Brink Bonnie Grace Britt Zagar Mathias Brown Rylee McKay Bushey Ivan Carrillo Ochoa Damek Mikhail Chintala Damon Timothy Dade Liam Fisher Deming Bianca Marie Duerr Zachary Michael Eskelson Hadley Ann Franklin Ty Morgan Goedert Annalee Victoria Goodwin Tasos Kostandino Halandras Peter Parker Hanks Owen Lake Hannemann John Hampton Hightower Porter Cole Hossack Tatumn Jade Kennedy Hailey Grace Knowles Shane William Kobald Sarah JoAnn Kracht

Flor Esmerelda Lujan Olivas Elijah Xavier Mallison Antonio De Jesus Martinez Savannah Nicole Mendenhall Aspen Brianna Merrifield Nathan Lagar Miller Reese Yvonne Miller Regan Nichole Mobley Zachery David Newman Alana Denae Nielsen Ashley Taylor Nielsen Colton Alan Nielsen Kaleb Soren Nielsen Dalton Thomas Portwood Tyson Dane Portwood Trinden Reigh Powell Gabriel Laubscher Richardson Macy Rae Ridgeway Rowdy Martin Rosendahl Elizabeth Danielle Sanderson Morgan Ashley Schacht Zachary Ethan Simonson Kelton Patrick Turner MyKayla Faye Wille



Graduates wearing white stoles are members of the National Honor Society. Graduates wearing blue stoles are officers of the National Honor Society.



Graduates with an FFA Tassel are 1 year FFA Members. Graduates wearing blue and gold cords are FFA members. $(Single\ cord = 2\ year\ member,\ Double$ cord = 3 year member, Twisted cord = 4 year member). Graduates wearing medallions are senior FFA officers. Graduates wearing gold stoles have earned a State FFA Degree.



Graduates wearing red and white cords are members of FCCLA. Graduates wearing red stoles are senior FCCLA

Congratulations, Graduates!



Class Flower Tiger Lily

"If Today was Your Last Day"

- Nickelback

"You just gotta keep livin' man, L-I-V-I-N."

Mathew McConaughey, Dazed and Confused

Denee Dinwiddie, Stryker Lane, Clea Steerman

President - Tatumn Kennedy Vice President - Porter Hossack Treasurer - Peter Hanks Secretary - Sarah Kracht



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Mrs. Amy Chinn M.A., Adams State University ~ B.A., Colorado State University

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FFA (continued):

2020, 2021-2022

2021-2022

Porter Hossack: 2018-2021

Sarah Kracht: 2018-2022

Elijah Mallison: 2019-2021

Tatumn Kennedy: 2018-2022

Savannah Mendenhall: 2019-

Aspen Merrifield: 2019-2022

Nathan Miller: 2020-2022

Reese Miller: 2018-2020,

Ashley Nielsen: 2018-2021

Colton Nielsen: 2018-2022

Kaleb Nielson: 2018-2022

Dalton Portwood: 2018-2020

Tyson Portwood: 2018-2021

Trinden Powell: 2018-2019,

Gabriel Richardson: 2020-

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Graduating with Academic Highest Honors (3.8+) Weighted

Zagar Brown Rylee Bushey Hadley Franklin Tasos Halandras Peter Hanks Tatumn Kennedy Hailey Knowles Sarah Kracht Savannah Mendenhall Aspen Merrifield Nathan Miller Regan Mobley Gabriel Richardson Morgan Schacht Zachary Simonsen Kelton Turner MyKayla Wille

Graduating with Academic High Honors (3.5 - 3.79) Weighted **GPA**

Emily Amick Chakwah Brink Damek Chintala John Hampton Hightower Porter Hossack Shane Kobald Alana Nielsen Ashley Nielsen Colton Nielsen Macy Ridgeway

Graduating with Academic Honors (3.0 -3.49) Weighted GPA

Keaton Brickey Bonnie Britt Zachary Eskelson Zachery Newman Tyson Portwood Trinden Powell

National Honor Society

Emily Amick Zagar Brown Damek Chintala Zachary Eskelson Hadley Franklin Peter Hanks Porter Hossack Tatumn Kennedy * (President) Hailey Knowles *(Vice President) Sarah Kracht Savannah Mendenhall *(Secretary) Aspen Merrifield Nathan Miller Regan Mobley Alana Nielsen Gabriel Richardson Macy Ridgeway

Morgan Schacht

Zachary Simonsen

Kelton Turner * (Treasurer)

Anna Goodwin: 2018-2022

FCCLA

Hadley Franklin: 2018-2022 Gabriel Richardson: 2021-2022

Emily Amick: 2018-2022 Keaton Brickey: 2018-2022 Chakwah Brink: 2018-2020 Bonnie Britt: 2018-2020 Zagar Brown: 2018-2019 Ivan Carrillo Ochoa: 2018-Damek Chintala: 2018-2022 Damon Dade: 2019-2020, 2021-2022 Liam Deming: 2018-2020

Zachary Eskelson: 2019-2020 Hadley Franklin: 2019-2020,

2021-2022 Ty Goedert: 2018-2022 Tasos Halandras: 2018-2019, 2020-2022

Peter Hanks: 2018-2020

Rowdy Rosendahl: 2018-2022 Elizabeth Sanderson: 2018-2022

2021

2021

Kelton Turner: 2018-2022 MyKayla Wille: 2019-2021

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Trina Kennedy - Community & Donor Recognition

Ms. Shelby Burke presenting the Fred & Annie Burke Memorial Scholarship

Ms. Reese Miller presenting the Dan Ilgen Memorial Scholarship

Mrs. Vicki Crawford, Mr. John Moffitt, & Mrs. Lisa Moffitt presenting the VFW Post 5843 & Auxiliary Scholarships

Ms. Trina Kennedy presenting the James Sizemore Memorial Scholarships

Mrs. Amy Chinn presenting the Coach Bob Tucker Scholarship

Mr. Ben Brown presenting the Ben Brown Public Service Scholarship

Mr. Shawn Welder presenting the White River Alliance Scholarship

Mr. Ben Quinn presenting the Johnny Wix Aspiring Artist Scholarship

Mr. Brett Dearman presenting the Lions Club & Colorado Grand Scholarships

Mr. Kevin Amack presenting the Rio Blanco Masonic Lodge #80, A.F. & A.M. and Colorado Masonic Fund Association Scholarships

Ms. Trina Kennedy presenting the Rio Blanco Ranch Scholarships

Ms. Trina Kennedy recognition for students who have Enlisted in the United States Military

LOCAL & STATE SCHOLARSHIPS, DONORS & RECIPIENTS

◆ Basin Electric Power Cooperative & White River Electric Association Scholarship

Description: This scholarship is given to a graduating senior. The recipient is selected based on the quality of their essay and interview.

Award Amount: \$1,000 (one-time)
2022 Recipient: Hailey Knowles

♦ Ben Brown Scholarship

Description: This scholarship, sponsored by Meeker resident Ben Brown, is awarded to a graduating senior planning to attend an institution of postsecondary education (preferably located in Colorado) who is pursuing a career in public service.

Award Amount: \$1,500 (one-time)
2022 Recipient: Bianca Duerr

◆ Coach Bob Tucker Scholarship

Description: 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

Award Amount: \$1500 (\$750 the first year, \$750 the second year)
2022 Recipient: Zachary Simonsen

◆ Colorado Farm Show Rolling Scholarship

Description: This scholarship, sponsored by the Colorado Farm Show, is awarded to a high school senior who is interested in pursuing an education in agriculture, to help defray the costs associated with obtaining their higher education goals and expenses. **Award Amount:** \$1,000 (renewable up to 4 years)

2022 Recipient: Tatumn Kennedy

◆ Colorado Burglar & Fire Alarm Association Scholarship

Description: In appreciation of our first responders, the Colorado Burglar & Fire Alarm Association offers a scholarship to children of active duty law enforcement and fire service personnel in Colorado who are graduating from high school and furthering their education. This scholarship rewards students who have excelled academically and are active in community service and extracurricular activities at their school. **Award Amount:** \$1,000 (one-time) **2022 Recipient:** Savannah Mendenhall

♦ Colorado Grand Scholarship

Description: The Colorado Grand is an annual charity tour for 1960 and earlier sports and race cars of distinction. Every

September at the peak of the fall color season approximately 85 vintage cars are driven in this relaxed, non-competitive event, covering 1,000 miles through the Rockies in five days. Each town serving as a lunch stop for the Colorado Grand is eligible to receive a \$10,000 scholarship awarded to a local high-school graduate.

Award Amount: \$10,000 (one-time) 2022 Recipient: Aspen Merrifield

♦ Colorado Masonic Benevolent Fund Association Vocational Grants

Description: These one-time vocational grants, given by the Colorado Freemasons Grand Lodge of Colorado, are intended to assist students in obtaining vocational skills from a career and technical / vocational education program within the state of Colorado.

Award Amount: \$1,000 - \$1,500 (one-time)

2022 Recipients: Chakwah Brink (\$,1500), Ivan Carrillo (\$1,000), Alana Nielsen (\$1,000)

◆ Colorado Retirement Association Scholarship

Description: The Colorado Retirement Association awards up to six scholarships per year to active Colorado Retirement Association participants and their dependents residing in Colorado who are attending a college, university or technical school in the 2022-2023 school year.

Award Amount: \$1,000 (one-time)

2022 Recipient: Savannah Mendenhall

◆ Colorado State PEO Vocational Scholarships

Description: The Colorado State PEO Scholarship fund was established in 2007 for Colorado women who are pursuing further education in career & technical career fields or furthering their education in non-traditional areas.

Award Amount: \$1,500 (one-time) **2022 Recipients:** Tatumn Kennedy, Aspen Merrifield, Alana Nielsen

♦ County Sheriffs of Colorado Scholarship

Description: To carry out their commitment to the Honorary Members of the association, the County Sheriffs of Colorado established a scholarship program in 1978. Since then, the program has continued as a meaningful expression of the association's respect for education and training. This award will be awarded to a student attending post-secondary educational institutions within the State of Colorado.

Award Amount: \$500 (one-time)
2022 Recipient: Emily Amick

◆ Craig Calver Memorial Scholarship Description: This award given in memory of

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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.

Award Amount: \$500 (one-time)

2022 Recipient: Trinden Powell

◆ Dan Ilgen Memorial Scholarship

Description: This 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.

Award Amount: \$500 (one-time) **2022 Recipient:** Ty Goedert

◆ Dean D. Parr & White River Electric Association Scholarship

Description: 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. **Award Amount:** \$1,000 (renewable up to 4 years)

2022 Recipient: Tatumn Kennedy

◆ Fred and Annie Burke Memorial Scholarship

Description: 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: \$1,000 (one-time) 2022 Recipient: Hailey Knowles

◆ Freeman Fairfield Richard G. Lyttle Memorial Scholarship

Description: 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.

Award Amount: \$250 (one-time) **2022 Recipient:** Porter Hossack

◆ Gary H. Dunham & White River Electric Association Scholarship

Description: 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.

Award Amount: \$1,000 (Renewable up

to four years) **2022 Recipient:** Kelton Turner

Memorial Scholarship

♦ George C. & Glenda F. Wenschhof

Description: This scholarship is given in memory of George C. & Glenda F. Wenschhof, former ranchers and active members of the Meeker community. When asked, George once said that he had a CBE degree, otherwise known as "Cowboy Engineering," meaning that he was able to accomplish many things by relying on his lifetime of vocational life skills learned through on-the-job training, informal, and hands-on learning. The recipient of this award is selected based on their experience in, and commitment to, pursuing a career in a vocational field. Award Amount: \$1,000 (one-time) 2022 Recipient: Emily Amick

◆ James Sizemore Memorial Scholarships

Description: These scholarships, given in the memory of James Sizemore, are awarded to seniors who are pursuing vocational or technical careers.

Award Amount: \$1,000 (one-time) **2022 Recipients:** Emily Amick, Sarah Kracht, and Kaleb Nielsen

♦ Johnny Wix Aspiring Artist Scholarship

Description: This scholarship, given in memory of Johnny Wix, is awarded to a graduating senior who shows an aptitude and passion for art.

Award Amount: \$500 (one-time) 2022 Recipient: Shane Kobald

◆ Lacey Oldland Memorial Scholarship

Description: 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 scholarship to assist a graduating senior who plans to major in: Elementary Education, Education, Equine Science, or Agriculture.

Award Amount: \$500 (one-time)
2022 Recipient: Gabriel Richardson

◆ Meeker Cowboy Football Top Hand Scholarships

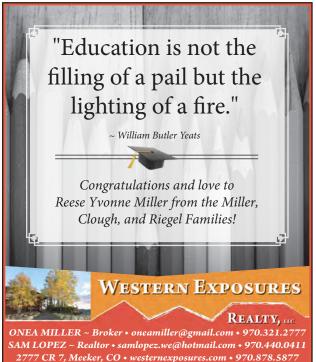
Description: These scholarships are awarded to senior Meeker Cowboy football players who were on the team for at least three years and exemplify the qualities of determination, honesty and respect.

Award Amount: \$300 (one-time)
2022 Recipients: Zachary Simonsen &
Kelton Turner

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SCHOLARSHIPS, DONORS & RECIPIENTS (CONTINUED)

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♦ Meeker Friends of the FFA / **DeKalb Scholarship**

Description: This scholarship 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: \$250 (one-time) **2022 Recipient:** Tatumn Kennedy

◆ Meeker Lions Club Scholarships

Description: Every year the Meeker Lions Club awards several 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. Award Amount: \$500 (one-time) 2022 Recipient: Emily Amick, Chakwah Brink, Sarah Kracht, Savannah Mendenhall, Alana Nielsen, Kelton Turner

♦ Meeker PEO Chapter BA Highest **GPA** in English Award

Description: 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 Amount: Varies (one-time) **2022 Recipient:** Hailey Knowles

◆ Meeker PEO Chapter BA Highest **GPA in Math & Science Award**

Description: 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 Amount: Varies (one-time) 2022 Recipient: Tatumn Kennedy

♦ Meeker PEO Chapter BA **Vocational Scholarship**

Description: This scholarship, given by members of the Meeker PEO Chapter BA, is awarded to a senior girl who will attend a two year college, vocational or technical training school.

Award Amount: \$500 (one-time) 2022 Recipients: Sarah Kracht & Reese

◆ Meeker Sportsman's Club Inc. Scholarship

Description: One scholarship award 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.

Award Amount: \$800 (one-time) 2022 Recipient: Hailey Knowles

♦ Mountain Valley Bank / **Independent Bankers of Colorado** (IBC) Scholarship

Description: This scholarship award is given to the child of an employee of an IBC member bank who will pursue postsecondary education during the 2022-2023 school year. Award recipients are chosen based on the quality of their application, the student's references, and the strength of their essay.

Award Amount: \$1,000 (one-time) **2022 Recipient:** Tasos Halandras

♦ Music Parents Association Scholarship

Description: The recipient of this scholarship must be a senior who participated in the school music program for four consecutive years.

Award Amount: \$500 (one-time) 2022 Recipient: Annalee Goodwin

◆ National PEO STAR Scholarship: **Description:** The PEO STAR Scholarship

was established in 2009 to provide scholarships for exceptional high school senior women to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the United States or Canada. The recipient of this scholarship must demonstrate excellence in leadership, extracurricular involvement, commitment to community service, and a commitment to furthering her education.

Award Amount: \$2,500 (one-time) **2022 Recipient:** Tatumn Kennedy

♦ Pioneers Healthcare Foundation Scholarships

Description: These scholarships are awarded by the Pioneers Healthcare Foundation to Meeker High School seniors who are pursuing collegiate study in a healthcare field.

Award Amounts: \$500 (one-time) & \$3000 (one-time)

2022 Recipients: Damek Chintala (\$500), Bianca Duerr (\$500), Sarah Kracht (\$500), Savannah Mendenhall (\$500), Aspen Merrifield (\$3,000)

♦ Pioneers Healthcare Foundation WingNutz Wing Volunteers & Wing **Residents Scholarship**

Description: This scholarship is awarded to a current Pioneers Medical Center employee (of at least 6 months) who is / will be attending college or credentialing for a direct healthcare profession. The recipient must carry at least a minimum GPA of 3.0.

Award Amount: \$2,000 (one-time) 2022 Recipient: MyKayla Wille

◆ Rio Blanco County Youth Fund Scholarship

Description: This scholarship is awarded to a senior who has been a 4-H member for at least five years. The award recipient is selected based upon 4-H involvement, school performance, county fair involvement, leadership roles held within 4-H, and financial need.

Award Amount: \$2,000 (one-time) **2022 Recipient:** Tatumn Kennedy

♦ Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau Scholarship

Description: 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: \$1,000 (one-time) 2022 Recipient: Emily Amick

♦ Rio Blanco Masonic Lodge #80 A.F. & A.M. Scholarships

Description: 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 Amount: \$500 - \$2,000 (one-

2022 Recipients: Emily Amick (\$500), Peter Hanks (\$500), Porter Hossack (\$2,000), Gabriel Richardson (\$500), Zachary Simonsen (\$1,000)

♦ Rio Blanco County Stockgrowers Association Scholarships

Description: This scholarship, sponsored by the Rio Blanco County Stockgrowers Association, is awarded to Rio Blanco County seniors who are majoring in agriculturally related fields.

Award Amount: \$750 (renewable once) 2022 Recipients: Emily Amick & Tasos Halandras

♦ Rio Blanco County Woolgrowers **Association Scholarship**

Description: This scholarship is awarded to a Rio Blanco County graduate who demonstrates an understanding of the sheep industry. This award, sponsored by the Rio Blanco County Wool Growers Association is awarded in the student's second year of college.

Award Amount: \$500 (one-time) 2022 Recipient: Tatumn Kennedy

♦ Rio Blanco Ranch Scholarships

Description: These scholarships, sponsored by Rio Blanco Ranch, are awarded to graduating seniors who have achieved high cumulative Grade Point Averages in conjunction with outstanding community service involvement.

Award Amounts: \$1,000 - \$2,000 (one-time)

2022 Recipients: Bianca Duerr (\$1,000), Hadley Franklin (\$2,000), Hailey Knowles (\$2,000), Shane Kobald (\$1,000), Aspen Merrifield (\$1,000), Zachary Simonsen (\$1,000)

♦ Rural Pathways Project

Scholarships

Description: This scholarship, sponsored by the Rural Pathways Project, is awarded

to a 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: \$2,000 (one-time) 2022 Recipient: Kelton Turner

◆ SGM Steve Westhoff Scholarship Description: This scholarship, sponsored by SGM (a civil engineering, consulting, and surveying firm headquartered in Glenwood Springs, CO) is given in memory of Steve Westhoff, whose integrity, humor, and vast technical knowledge were an inspiration to SGM and many clients. Recipients must plan to attend a college or university to pursue studies in either civil engineering, mechanical engineering, or surveying. Award Amount: \$1,000 (one-time)

♦ Tri-State Generation and **Transmission & White River Electric Association Scholarships**

2022 Recipient: Zachary Simonsen

Description: Two seniors are selected based on the quality of their written essay and personal interview.

Award Amount: \$500 (one-time) 2022 Recipients: Peter Hanks & MyKayla

♦ VFW Post 5842 and Auxiliary **Scholarships**

Description: These scholarships, sponsored by the VFW Post 5842 & Auxiliary, are awarded to two members of the senior class (one boy and one girl) who are attending post-secondary institutions of higher learning. Award Amount: \$1,000 (one-time)

2022 Recipients: Announced at Graduation Ceremony

♦ Western Colorado Community **Foundation Natural Soda** Scholarship

Description: The recipient of this scholarship has a strong academic record, demonstrates financial need, participated in extra-curricular and/or community activities throughout high school, and is pursuing a career in engineering, geology, physical sciences or similar fields. Award Amount: \$5,000 (one-time) **2022 Recipient:** Tatumn Kennedy

♦ Western Colorado Community Foundation CADDO Scholarship

Description: This scholarship is awarded to a Western Slope graduating senior planning to attend the Colorado School of

Award Amount: \$5,000 (renewable up to 4 years)

2022 Recipient: Morgan Schacht

♦ Western Colorado Community **Foundation Hazelbaker Education Fund Grant**

Description: 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

Award Amount: \$1,000 (one-time) **2022 Recipient:** Kelton Turner

♦ White River Alliance Anthony **Weiss Leadership in Conservation** Scholarship

Description: The purpose of the White River Alliance is to promote citizen engagement surrounding the protection and conservation of the White River basin on the Western Slope of Colorado, to encourage awareness of the value of the river, and protect its water for drinking, abundance for wildlife and area farming, ranching and recreation. This onetime scholarship is awarded to a MHS graduate who is passionate about the conservation of natural resources. Award Amount: \$1,000 (one-time)

2022 Recipient: Alana Nielsen

♦ White River Community

Association Scholarships

Description: These one-time scholarships, offered by the Buford Community Club, are offered to members of the graduating class who plan to further their education at a post-secondary institution.

Freeman Fairfield Trust **Scholarships**

Description: 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 completeness of the scholarship application and interview skills. The Freeman Fairfield Trust is Meeker's largest scholarship donor, giving \$99,200 to the Class of 2022.

Award Amount: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years)

2022 Recipients: Emily Amick, Chakwah Brink, Zagar Brown, Rylee Bushey, Damek Chintala, Liam Deming, Zachary Eskelson, Hadley Franklin, Tasos Halandras, Peter Hanks, Owen Hannemann, John Hampton Hightower, Porter Hossack, Tatumn Kennedy, Hailey Knowles, Shane Kobald, Sarah Kracht, Savannah Mendenhall, Aspen Merrifield, Reese Miller, Nathan Miller, Regan Mobley, Ashley Nielsen, Alana Nielsen, Trinden Powell, Gabriel Richardson, Macy Ridgeway, Morgan Schacht, Zachary Simonsen, Kelton Turner, MyKayla Wille

Award Amount: \$500 (one-time) 2022 Recipients: Emily Amick, Liam Deming, Porter Hossack, Sarah Kracht

White River Electric Association **Scholarships**

Description: 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.

Award Amount: \$500 (one-time) 2022 Recipients: Chakwah Brink & Owen Hannemann

♦ White River Electric Association **Board of Directors Renewable Scholarships**

Description: 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.

Award Amount: \$500 (renewable up to 4 years) 2022 Recipients: Zagar Brown & Sarah

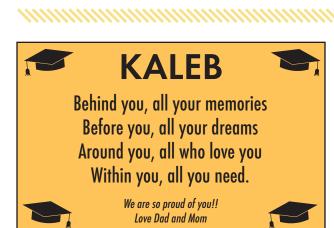
Kracht

♦ White River Electric Association Renewable Scholarships

Description: 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.

Award Amount: \$500 (renewable up to 4 years)

2022 Recipients: Porter Hossack, Savannah Mendenhall, Aspen Merrifield, Zachary Simonsen



TRINDEN

Congratulations! We are so proud of you-your perseverance and determination to complete each task before you is a testimony of your character! Here's to an amazing future! Romans 8:32

Love, Mom, Dad, & JJ



SARAH

We are proud of you, "ole Sar." You have a bright future ahead of you.

Auntie Doot, Uncle Mike, Trey, Ivy, Grandma Jeannie



VALEDICTORIAN

KELTON PATRICK TURNER

Senior Quote: "Look out for those who look out for you. Loyalty is everything." ~ Conor McGregor

Postsecondary Education: Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Program of Study: Bachelor of Science: Actuarial and Financial Mathematics

Scholarships:

- Oklahoma State University McKnight Leader Scholar: \$15,521 (renewable)
- Oklahoma State University McKnight Leader Scholars Scholarship: \$5,000 (renewable once)
- Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable)
- Gary H. Dunham White River Electric Association
- Memorial Scholarship: \$1,000 (renewable) - Meeker Lions Club Scholarship: \$500 (one-time)
- Meeker Cowboy Football Top Hand Scholarship: \$300
- Rural Pathways Project Scholarship: \$2,000 (one-time)
- Western Colorado Community Foundation Hazelbaker
- Grant: \$1,000 (one-time)

Special Awards/Accomplishments:

- Voted Best Mustache - Class of 2022

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my teachers, coaches, friends, and family. I would not be where I am today without your support.





SALUTATORIAN

TATUMN JADE KENNEDY

Senior Quote: "Isn't it funny how day-by-day nothing changes, but when you look back, everything is different."

Postsecondary Education: Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Program of Study: Bachelor of Science: Biosystems Engineering

Scholarships:

Oklahoma State University McKnight Leader Scholar: \$15,521

Oklahoma State University McKnight Leader Scholars Scholarship: \$5,000 (renewable once)

OSU College of Engineering, Architecture & Technology Dean's Award: \$1000 (one-time)

OSU Dolese College of Engineering, Architecture & Technology Scholarship: \$500 (one-time)

OSU Ferguson College of Agriculture Ben & Alma Grant Scholarship: \$1000 (one-time) OSU Ferguson College of Agriculture Jay & Ernestine

Porterfield Scholarship: \$3,100 (one-time) OSU Ferguson College of Agriculture J&D Etter Scholarship: \$2500 (one-time)

OSU Louis & Betty Gardner Presidential Distinguished Scholarship: \$2500 (one-time)

Colorado Farm Show Rolling Scholarship: \$1000 (renewable) Colorado State PEO Scholarship: \$1,500 (one-time) Dean D. Parr White River Electric Association Memorial Scholarship: \$1000 (renewable)

Dekalb / Meeker Friends of the FFA Scholarship: \$250 (one-

Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable) Meeker PEO Chapter BA Highest GPA in Math & Science Scholarship: \$150 (one-time)

National PEO STAR Scholarship: \$2500 (one-time) Rio Blanco County 4-H Youth Fund Scholarship: \$2,000 (one-

Rio Blanco County Woolgrowers' Scholarship: \$500 (one-

Western Colorado Community Foundation Natural Soda Scholarship: \$5000 (one-time)

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my family and my friends for their lasting support. I would also like to thank all of the people who have pushed me to be the person that I am today - for always reminding me that not all things come easily and for continuously giving me a deeper view of the world around me. I could not be more thankful for all of the people in my life.



SALUTATORIAN

ASPEN BRIANNA MERRIFIELD

Senior Quote: "God put me on this earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now I'm so far behind that I will never die." ~Tom Kilduff (Bill Watterson)

Postsecondary Education: Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Program of Study: Bachelor of Science: Criminology + Bachelor of Science: Psychology

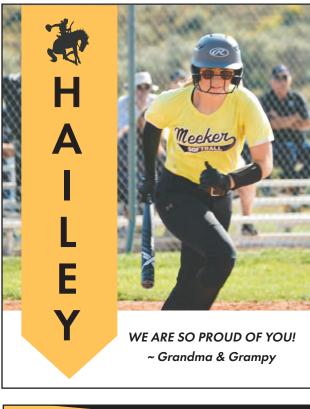
Scholarships: Florida State University Grant: \$1800 (renewable) Colorado Grand Scholarship: \$10,000 (one-time) Colorado State PEO Scholarship: \$1500 (one-time) Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable) Pioneers Healthcare Foundation Scholarship: \$3000 (one-

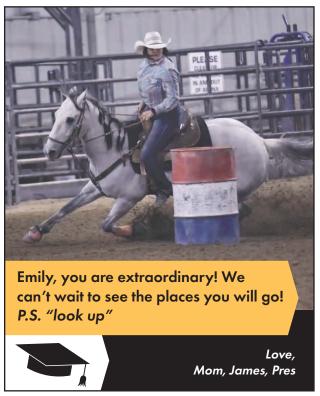
Rio Blanco Ranch: \$1,000 (one-time) White River Electric Association Renewable Scholarship: \$500 (renewable up to 4 years)

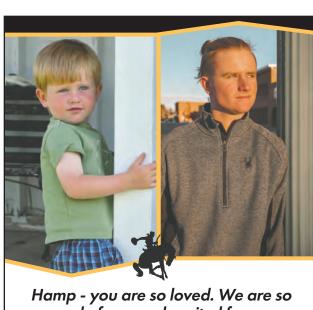
Special Awards/Accomplishments:

- Meeker High School Student Body President: 2021-2022 Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank the Meeker community as a whole for providing me with a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment to grow up in; my mom, dad, and family for helping me learn who I want to be; all of my teachers and coaches for expanding my knowledge and life skills; my brother for making it easy for me to be the favorite child; Savannah for being by my side through it all; and my amazing friends for keeping me sane. There will always be a place in my heart for this town and the people in it.







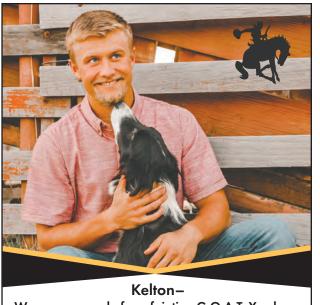


proud of you and excited for your next adventure. "You got this!"

Love, Yaya & Papa, Mojo & Dado, Mom & Sam

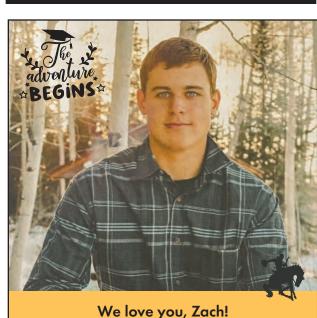






We are so proud of our fainting G.O.A.T. You have achieved more than we ever dreamed possible. Your future is so bright. We love you! Go Pokes!

Mom, Dad, Casey and Kenzie



We love you, Zach! We are so proud of you and excited for your new adventures!

Love, Mom & Jim



EMILY MARIE AMICK

Senior Quote: "Yesterday's gone down the river and you can't get it back." - Augustus McCrae

Postsecondary Education: Northeastern Junior College, Sterling, CO

Program of Study: Associate of Science: Agriculture Business

Collegiate Athletics: Rodeo

Scholarships: Northeastern Junior College Vision Scholarship: S2000 (one-time); County Sheriffs of Colorado Scholarship: \$500 (one-time); Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); George C. & Glenda F. Wenschhof Memorial Scholarship: \$1000 (one-time); James Sizemore Memorial Scholarship: \$1,000 (one-time); Meeker Lions Club Scholarship: \$500 (one-time); Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau Scholarship: \$1000 (one-time); Rio Blanco County Masonic Lodge #80 Scholarship: \$500 (one-time); Rio Blanco County Stockgrowers Association Scholarship: \$750 (renewable once); White River Community Association Scholarship: \$500 (one-time) Special Awards/Accomplishments:

FFA Extemporaneous Speaking District 1 Runner-Up: 2022; Meeker FFA Chapter Vice President: 2021-2022; Meeker High School Academic High Honors; National Honor Society Member

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my family for always pushing me to keep trying and for always helping me with anything I needed.



KEATON GLEN BRICKEY

Senior Quote: "Shashumga"
Postsecondary Plans: Pursuing a career as an

artist
Location: Meeker, Colorado

Special Awards/Accomplishments:

Honorable Mention for Drawing & Illustration Award: Colorado Scholastic Art & Writing; Meeker High School Academic High Honors

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my parents for their continued love and support.



CHAKWAH PLACID BRINK

Senior Quote: "If nobody ever punches you in the face, you don't really appreciate safety." - Joe Rogan Postsecondary Education: Western Colorado Community College, Grand Junction, CO

Program of Study: Associate of Applied Science: Electric Lineworker

Scholarships: Colorado Mesa University Academic Achievement Scholarship: \$1250 (one-time); Colorado Masonic Benevolent Fund Association Vocational Grant: \$1500 (one-time); Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); Meeker Lions Club Scholarship: \$500 (one-time); White River Electric Association Scholarship: \$500 (one-time)

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I'd like to thank my family, friends, teachers, coaches, employers and the community.



BONNIE GRACE BRITT

Senior Quote: "Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind." - Dr Suess

Postsecondary Plans: Joining the workforce, then attending college for photography
Location: Craig, Colorado

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I'd like to thank my mom and grandparents for the hard work they put in to get me here with my education and my life.



ZAGAR MATHIAS BROWN

Senior Quote: "Life is a tragedy for those who feel, and a comedy for those who think." - La Bruyere Postsecondary Education: University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

Program of Study: Bachelors of Science in Business (BSB): Finance

Scholarships: University of Kansas Academic Excellence Scholarship: \$16,000 (renewable); Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); White River Electric Association Directors Renewable Scholarship: \$500 (renewable)

Special Awards/Accomplishments: CHSAA All-State Honorable Mention: Basketball (2022); Meeker High School Academic Highest Honors

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I'd like to give a shout out to my parents, sisters, and the rest of my family. I would also like to thank the Turners, Eskelsons, and the Hightowers for all of their hospitality and help. Finally, I would like to thank all of my teachers and friends for their support.



RYLEE MCKAY BUSHEY

Senior Quote: "Hey girl!"
Postsecondary Education: Oregon State
University, Corvallis, OR

Program of Study: Bachelor of Science: Human Development & Family Sciences

Special Awards/Accomplishments:

Oregon State University NonResident Grant: \$2675 (renewable); Oregon State University Western Undergraduate Exchange: \$15,000 (renewable); Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable)

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my family, friends, teachers, and everyone else who has supported me along the way.



IVAN CARRILLO OCHOA

Senior Quote: "Be a man at 18 so you can be a kid at 30"

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

Program of Study: Associate of Applied Science: Welding Technology

Welding Technology **Collegiate Athletics:** Rodeo

Scholarships: Colorado Masonic Benevolent Fund Association Vocational Grant: \$1000 (one-time)

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my friends, family, and teachers for the continuous support!



DAMEK MIKHAIL CHINTALA

Senior Quote: "Life is hard; so is math - get over it."

Postsecondary Education: Colorado Mesa
University, Grand Junction, CO

Program of Study: Bachelor of Arts: Psychology Collegiate Athletics: Walk-on: Football & Baseball Scholarships: Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); Pioneers Healthcare Foundation Scholarship: \$500 (one-time)

Special Awards/Accomplishments: Meeker FFA Chapter Greenhand Degree, Meeker FFA Chapter Degree, Meeker High School Academic High Honors, Nominated for All-State Senior Games

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I'd like to thank my parents (of course), and my sisters - but also Lindsay for helping me get through my football injury; Dr. Justin Grant for his work to get me back on the field; all of my football coaches for consistently motivating me to do great; and my baseball coaches for always being there for me to talk to whenever I was struggling through life.



DAMON TIMOTHY DADE

Senior Quote: "Life is hard. Be kind."
Plans Immediately Following
Graduation: Joining the workforce

Postsecondary Plans: Training and employment in the autobody industry

Location: Meeker, Colorado

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my siblings for always being there, encouraging me, and for helping me become the person I am today. Without them, my journey to this point would have been a lot different. I would also like to thank my parents for their love and for helping me get through the hard times.



LIAM FISHER DEMING

Senior Quote: "That's Life."

Postsecondary Education: Colorado Mesa
University, Grand Junction, CO

Program of Study: Bachelor of Science: Exercise

Scholarships: Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); White River Community Association: \$500

(one-time)

Special Awards/Accomplishments:

Meeker High School Athletic Recognition

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to give a big thanks to my friends and family. I love you all. Peace Out!



BIANCA MARIE DUERR

Senior Quote: "If I say 'I'm thriving!' I'm most definitely not thriving."

Postsecondary Education: Colorado Mesa

University, Montrose, CO **Program of Study:** Associate of Applied Science:

Scholarships: Ben Brown Public Service Scholarship: \$1,500 (one-time); Pioneers Healthcare Foundation Scholarship: \$500 (one-time); Rio Blanco Ranch Scholarship: \$1,000 (one-time)

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank this amazing community for helping me achieve my goals.



ZACHARY MICHAEL ESKELSON

Senior Quote: "Mikey will become a fine distant memory."

Postsecondary Education: Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Program of Study: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: General Business & Pre-Law Scholarships: Oklahoma State University Out-of-State Achievement Scholarship: \$10,000 (renewable);

Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable) **Special Awards/Accomplishments:**CHSAA 1A All-State Football (First Team): 2021; CHSAA 1A All-State Football (Honorable Mention): 2020; CHSAA 2A Track & Field State Meet: Shot Put 8th Place; CHSAA 2A Track & Field State Meet: 4x100 4th Place; Meeker High

All-Conference Football: 2020 & 2021 **Thank Yous & Lasting Quote:** I'd like to thank my family and friends for an experience I will never forget at Meeker High School.

School National Honor Society; Western Slope League



HADLEY ANN FRANKLIN

Senior Quote: "If I was in such a hurry... I would have left earlier"

Postsecondary Education: Washington State University, Pullman, WA

Program of Study: Bachelor of Arts: Hospitality & Business Management. Minor: Senior Living Scholarships: Distinguished Cougar Western Undergraduate Exchange: \$11,000 (renewable); Freeman

Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); Rio Blanco Ranch Scholarship: \$2,000 (one-time)

Special Awards/Accomplishments:
CHSAA 2A All-State Basketball (Honorable Mention): 2022; Colorado State FCCLA STAR Event (First Place): 2019-2022; Global Citizen Scientist Ecology Project International: 2021; Meeker High School Highest Academic Honors 2020-2022; Meeker High School Basketball Golden Heart Award: 2022; National FCCLA STAR Event (Second Place): 2019-2021; National Honor Society

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: Thank you to all my family, friends, teachers, coaches and everyone else that has constantly been there to support me over the years. I would like to especially thank my parents for pushing me to be the best I can be and for providing me with so many opportunities.



TY MORGAN GOEDERT

Senior Quote: "If you can meet with triumph and disaster and treat those two imposters just the same, you will be a man." -Rudyard Kipling

Postsecondary Education: Pensacola Christian College, Pensacola, FL Program of Study: Associate's Degree

Scholarships: Dan Ilgen Memorial Scholarship: \$500 (one-time) Special Awards/Accomplishments:

Completed 13 Years of School; Four Time State Wrestling Tournament Qualifier; Placed at the State Wrestling Tournament; Three or Four Sport Athlete every year since

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank all my coaches and family and friends.



ANNALEE VICTORIA GOODWIN

Senior Quote: "She's as soft as a flower, and as strong as a storm. . ."

Postsecondary Education: Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, Colorado

Program of Study: Bachelor of Applied Science:

Business Administration. Minor: Fine Arts **Scholarships:** Music Parents Association Scholarship: \$500 (one-time)

Special Awards/Accomplishments:
John Philip Sousa Band Award; Meeker High School
Cheerleading Letter; State Qualifier: Cheerleading
Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like

to thank my friends, cheer coaches and teammates, my parents Jayna and Travis Goodwin, my aunt and uncle Mary and Andy Thompson, my grandparents, and all of my teachers for believing in me more than I believed in myself. And my lasting quote is "you've come a long way and yes there is more to go. But good things take time just ask the flower."





Senior Quote: "There are no regrets in life, just

Postsecondary Education: Oklahoma State

Program of Study: Bachelor of Science in Agriculture: Agribusiness - Farm and Ranch Management Scholarships: Oklahoma State University Out of State Achievement Award: \$10,000 (renewable); Oklahoma State University Pete's Pledge Scholarship: \$3,000 (renewable once); Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); Mountain Valley Bank / Independent Bankers of Colorado Scholarship: \$1,000 (one-time); Rio Blanco County Stockgrowers Association Scholarship: \$750 (renewable once)

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I want to thank my family, friends and community for supporting me and



PORTER COLE HOSSACK

Senior Quote: "Is a legend." Postsecondary Education: University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO

Program of Study: Bachelor of Arts: Elementary

Scholarships: University of Northern Colorado Provost Scholarship: \$2,500 (renewable); Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); Richard G. Lyttle Scholarship: \$250 (one-time); Rio Blanco County Masonic Lodge #80 Scholarship: \$2,000 (one-time); White River Community Association: \$500 (one-time); White River Electric Association Renewable Scholarship: \$500 (renewable)

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: Thank you to all of my friends, family, and anyone else who has been there along the way. You all know who you are, and I couldn't be more grateful for all of you.



SARAH JOANN KRACHT

Senior Quote: "When the road looks rough ahead, remember the Man upstairs and the word Hope. Hang onto both and tough it out." - John Wayne

Postsecondary Education: Western Wyoming Community College, Rock Springs, WY

Program of Study: Associate of Science: Nursing Collegiate Athletics: Basketball

Scholarships: Western Wyoming Community College Collegiate Basketball Scholarship: \$3,000 (renewable); Western Wyoming Community College Academic Opportunity Scholarship: \$1,840 (renewable); Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); James Sizemore Memorial Scholarship: \$1,000 (one-time); Meeker Lions Club Scholarship: \$500 (one-time); Meeker PEO Chapter BA Vocational Scholarship: \$500 (one-time); Pioneers Healthcare Foundation: Scholarship: \$500 (one-time); White River Community Association Scholarship: \$500 (one-time); White River Electric Association Directors Renewable Scholarship: \$500 (renewable)

Special Awards/Accomplishments: CHSAA Les Schwab Academic Champion: 2019; CHSAA 2A State Basketball Qualifier: 2019; CHSAA 2A State Track Champion: 2019; CHSAA 2A State Track Qualifier: 2019, 2021, 2022; CHSAA 2A State Volleyball Qualifier: 2019, 2019, 2021; Colorado Coaches of Girls Sports All-State Basketball Team: 2022; Meeker High School Academic High Honors: 2019-2022; Meeker High School Four Sport Athlete: 2021; Meeker High School Three Sport Athlete: 2019, 2020, 2022; Scholastic Art Gold Key: 2022; Scholastic Art Silver Key: 2021; Western Slope League All-Conference Basketball: 2021-2022

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my parents, my grandparents, and most importantly my brother for all of their endless support. As well as everyone else who has supported me throughout the years. :)



SAVANNAH NICOLE MENDENHALL

Senior Quote: "I don't like sandwiches." **Postsecondary Education:** Montana State University, Bozeman, MT

Program of Study: Bachelor of Science: Health & Human Performance: Exercise Science (Occupational Therapy track)

Scholarships: Montana State University Achievement Scholarship: \$10,000 (renewable); Montana State University Blue & Gold Scholarship: \$1,000 (renewable); Classic Air Medical Scholarship: \$5,000 (one-time); Colorado Retirement Association Scholarship: \$2,000 (one-time); Colorado Burglar & Fire Alarm Association Scholarship: \$1,000 (one-time); Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); Meeker Lions' Club Scholarship: \$500 (onetime); Pioneers Health Care Foundation Scholarship: \$500 (one-time); White River Electric Association Renewable Scholarship: \$500 (renewable)

Special Awards/Accomplishments: CHSAA Academic All-State First Team: 2021 & 2022; CHSAA 2A All-State Track Team: Girls 4x100 (2019); Les Schwab Academic Champion (2019); Meeker High School Student Council Letter: 2022; Western Slope League Volleyball (Honorable Mention): 2021; Western Slope League Basketball (Honorable Mention): 2021

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my mom, dad, sister, friends, and teachers for supporting me throughout all of my endeavors.



NATHAN LAGER **MILLER**

Senior Quote: "Yesterday is history; tomorrow is a mystery; today is a gift. That's why they call it the present." -Eleanor Roosevelt

Postsecondary Education: Oregon State University Ecampus, Meeker, CO **Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science: Zoology

Scholarships: Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable up to 4 years)

Special Awards/Accomplishments: Meeker FFA Chapter Member; Meeker High School Highest Academic Honors; Meeker High School Unsung Hero Award: 2022; National Honor Society Member

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my family, friends, and teachers for helping me through this journey.



LUJAN OLIVAS

Senior Quote: "You might try and fail, but never fail to try."

Postsecondary Plans: Entering the workforce **Location:** Pioneers Hospital, Meeker, CO Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I'd like to



thank my family for supporting me throughout the years.



ELIJAH XAVIER MALLISON

Senior Quote: "Your mind is like a parachute. It will save your life if you can open it."

Plans Immediately Following Graduation: Entering the construction industry **Location:** Meeker, CO

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to give a huge thanks to my family for always keeping me accountable, and for giving me the greatest opportunity possible at a fresh start.



MILLER

Senior Quote: "I've spent 113,880 hours of my life for a paper and a handshake."

Postsecondary Education: Laramie County Community College, Cheyenne, WY

Program of Study: Associate of Applied Science: Dental Hygiene

Scholarships: Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); Meeker PEO Chapter BA Vocational Scholarship: \$500 (one-time)

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I'd like to thank my mom, Tyler, and the rest of my family and friends for supporting me throughout all my smart. . and dumb decisions. I'd also like to thank Dan for keeping an eye on me from 'da clouds.



ZACHERY D. NEWMAN

Senior Quote: "The sun is a deadly lazer." Postsecondary Education: Colorado Mountain College: Spring Valley at Glenwood Springs, CO **Program of Study:** Associate of Applied Science: Graphic Design with a focus in Game Coding Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my family for all of their support. I'm gonna forget this place like everyone forgot me.

TASOS KOSTANDINO HALANDRAS

University, Stillwater, OK

giving me a great place to grow up!



PETER PARKER HANKS

Senior Quote: "Dream Big, Work Hard, and Stay Humble.

Postsecondary Education: Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

Program of Study: Bachelor of Science: Construction Management

Scholarships: Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); Rio Blanco Masonic Lodge #80 Scholarship: \$500 (one-time); White River Electric Association / Tri-State G&T: \$500 (one-time)

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: Thank you to my parents for always supporting me, and thank you to my brother for always being there when I need it.



OWEN LAKE HANNEMANN

Senior Quote: "Everything in life is achievable: all you have to do is take the first step."

Postsecondary Education: Northwest Lineman College, Meridian, ID

Program of Study: Certification as an Electric Lineworker

Scholarships: Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); White River Electric Association: \$500 (one-time)

Special Awards / Accomplishments: Four Varsity Athletic Letters: Meeker High School; Meeker High School Three Sport Athlete: 2019-2022

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my parents for helping me become the person I am today. Throughout my whole life they have pushed me to be my best; I still have a ways to go, but they have gotten me on my feet and I'm running now.



JOHN HAMPTON HIGHTOWER

Senior Quote: "If people valued home more than gold, this world would be a merry good place." - Thorin Son of Thrain

Postsecondary Education: Sogndal Folkehøgskule, Sogndal, Norway

Program of Study: Photography Scholarships: Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable)

Special Awards/Accomplishments: CHSAA 1A All-State Football Team (Honorable Mention): 2021 Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to give a shout out to Ryan Phelan, Braydon Garcia, John Duval, and the Big Cuz Graham. Love you Mom!



KNOWLES

Senior Quote: "Just because you put syrup on it, don't make it pancakes." - Shawn Spencer Postsecondary Education: Utah State University, Logan, UT

Program of Study: Bachelor of Science: Biology & Criminal Justice with an Emphasis in Forensics Scholarships: Utah State University Non Resident Scholar Award: \$17,000 (renewable); Utah State

University Aggie Involvement Scholarship: \$1,000 (onetime); Colorado Coaches Girls Sports Scholarship: \$1,500 (one-time); Colorado Wildlife Employees Protective Assn. Scholarship: \$1,000 (renewable); Fred & Annie Burke Memorial Scholarship: \$1,000 (one-time); Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); Meeker PEO Chapter BA Highest GPA in English Scholarship: \$150 (one-time); Meeker Sportsman's Club Scholarship: \$800 (one-time); Rio Blanco Ranch Scholarship: \$2,000 (one-time); White River Electric Assn / Basin Electric Power Cooperative

Scholarship: \$1,000 (one-time) Special Awards/Accomplishments: Meeker High School Four Sport Athlete Award; Meeker High School Highest Academic Honors: 2018-2022; Meeker High School National Honor Society Vice President: 2021-2022; Meeker High School Quigg Newton Award: 2022; Meeker High School Varsity Letter-Four Years: Softball; Meeker High School Varsity Letter-Three Years: Basketball & Track; Meeker High School Varsity Letter-One Year: Swimming & Golf; CHSCA All State-Softball 2021; CHSAA Academic All State-First Team: 2021, 2022; CHSAA 3A All State (Honorable Mention): Softball 2021; CHSAA 2A Basketball State Qualifier: 2019; CHSAA 3A Softball State Qualifier: 2018, 2021; CHSAA 3A Swimming State Qualifier: 2021; CHSAA 2A Track State Qualifier: 2019, 2021, 2022: CHSAA 2A State Track Placer: Discus (6th Place) 2021; Colorado Coaches Girls Sports All State-Softball: 2021; Utah State University Honors Program; VFW Voice of Democracy 2nd Place Award; Western Slope League All

Conference-Softball 2020 and 2021, Basketball 2022 Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my family and friends for always being there for me. I would especially like to thank my Mom and Dad who have supported me in all my sports and for raising me to be the best that I can be. Thank you to my sister for always being my biggest fan.



SHANE WILLIAM KOBALD

Senior Quote: "My life is like a speeding bullet that just hasn't hit the target yet."

Postsecondary Education: Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, Colorado

Program of Study: Bachelor of Fine Arts: Studio **Collegiate Athletics:** Archery

Scholarships: Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); Colorado Mesa University Lathrop Scholarship: \$3200 (one-time); Johnny Wix Aspiring Artist Scholarship: \$500 (one-time); Rio Blanco Ranch

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I'd like to thank my family for all they've done for me.

Scholarship: \$1,000 (one-time)



ANTONIO DE JESUS MARTINEZ

Senior Quote: "I just wanted to say 'thank you for taking maybe, I don't know. . . three to five seconds of your time to read this.' **Postsecondary Plans:** Joining the workforce

Location: Meeker. CO Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my family for all of the support they've given me throughout the years.



REGAN NICHOLE MOBLEY

Senior Quote: "If you're happy doing what you love, nobody can tell you you're not successful." - Harry Styles Postsecondary Education: University of Colorado - Boulder, Boulder, CO

Program of Study: Bachelor of Arts: English (with a focus in Creative Writing)

Scholarships: University of Colorado-Boulder Merit Scholarship: \$3,000 (renewable); Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); Miramontes Arts and Science Summer PEAC Program: \$1,000 (one-time)

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my parents, Mandy and Travis Mobley, as well as my siblings Dylan, Alicia, and Jace. They have all supported me so much throughout my high school career and allowed me to become the person I am today. I would also like to thank all of my other extended family members as well as my friends and teachers. Treat People with Kindness.



ALANA DENAE NIELSEN

Senior Quote: "A good book is always good, no matter how many times you've already read it." - Osamu Dazai

Postsecondary Education: Colorado Northwestern Community College, Rangely, CO **Program of Study:** Associate of Applied Science:

Aviation Technology Flight

Scholarships: Colorado Masonic Benevolent Fund Association Vocational Grant: \$1,000 (one-time); Colorado State PEO Vocational Scholarship: \$1,500 (onetime); Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); Meeker Lions Club Scholarship: \$500 (one-time); White River Alliance Scholarship: \$1,000 (one-time)

Special Awards/Accomplishments: Meeker High School Academic High Honors; National Honor Society Member

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank all of my friends, family and teachers for helping me get to the place that I am now.

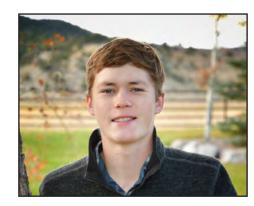


ASHLEY TAYLOR **NIELSEN**

Senior Quote: "Nothing beautiful asks for attention '

Postsecondary Plans: Entering the Workforce **Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable)

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: Thank you to anyone and everyone who has helped me grow on my iourney.



COLTON ALAN NIELSEN

Senior Quote: "Bad people ain't no good, and good people ain't no fun." Postsecondary Plans: Pursuing a career as an

electrician through an apprenticeship program

Location: Montana or Colorado

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my family and friends for their love and support. I would also like to thank my teachers for helping me get to this day (graduation), and send out a special thanks to the Halandras family for being the very best second family.



KALEB SOREN NIELSEN

Senior Quote: "Some of us grew up playing with trucks and tractors; us lucky ones still do.

Postsecondary Education: Western Colorado Community College, Grand Junction, CO Program of Study: Technical Certificate: Welding

Technology Scholarships: James Sizemore Memorial Scholar-

ship: \$1000 (one-time) Special Awards/Accomplishments: Wildland Firefighting Certifications: S-130, S-190, S-290 Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my family for all of their support.



DALTON THOMAS PORTWOOD

Senior Quote: "Dream big or go home." Postsecondary Plans: Cavalry Scout in the United States Army specializing in Maps & Land Surveillance. Dalton graduated from Boot Camp and is currently immersed in Airborne Training, which he will complete this June.

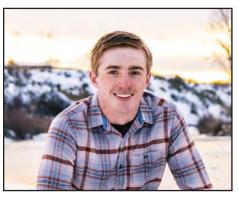
Location: First Duty Station: Fort Hood, TX Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I'm looking forward to my military career and truly want to thank my Dad for being my hero and my older brothers for giving me someone to look up to. I would also like to welcome my son, Deklyn, into the world. I look forward to being a father and role model for him.



TYSON DANE PORTWOOD

Senior Quote: "Go big or go home." Postsecondary Plans: Motor Technician and future member of an Artillery Tank Crew in the United States Army. He has also secured an Army Ranger Contract and scored Master Marksman in Boot Camp. Tyson plans to complete the Master Marksmanship Master Training program to become a trainer one day. He is currently immersed in Airborne Training; once that is completed, he will start the 8 week Ranger School training. **Location:** First Duty Station: Germany

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my older brothers for giving someone to look up to, and my family for always being there for me. I am also excited to welcome my many new army brothers and friends.



TRINDEN REIGH **POWELL**

Senior Quote: "Success isn't owned; it's leased - and rent is due everyday." - J.J. Watt Postsecondary Plans: Electric Lineworker

Apprenticeship Program through WREA **Location:** Meeker, CO

Scholarships: Craig Calver Memorial Scholarship: \$500 (one-time); Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable)

Special Awards/Accomplishments: CHSAA 1A All-State Football (Honorable Mention): 2021; Blocked for THE Kelton Turner

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I'd like to say thank you to my friends, parents, and grandparents. I would also like to thank John Strate for all of the teasing and questionable kickball calls. Finally - a big Shout Out to my 17k Tik Tok followers. Trindenpowell63 (go follow the Tiktok). Out.



GABRIEL LAUBSCHER RICHARDSON

Senior Quote: "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: Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

Program of Study: Bachelor of Fine Arts: K-12 Art Education

Scholarships: Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); Lacey Oldland Memorial Scholarship: \$500 (one-time); Rio Blanco County Masonic Lodge #80 Scholarship: \$500 (one-time); VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship: \$500 (one-time)

Special Awards/Accomplishments: Meeker High School Academic High Honors: 2022; Meeker High School Cross Country Athletic Letter: 2019-2022; National Honor Society Member; Scholastic Silver Key Award (2020) Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I want to thank my family and teachers, especially my Mom, my Dad and Mr. Ben Quinn for getting me this far. I could not have done it without all of their support. I think it's time I take it from here and carve my own future.



MACY RAE RIDGEWAY

Senior Quote: "Doesn't matter - it's in the past." Postsecondary Education: Weber State University, Ogden, ŪT

Program of Study: General Studies / Undecided Scholarships: Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable)

Special Áwards/Accomplishments: Meeker High School Academic High Honors: 2020-2022; Meeker High School Academic Letter: 2020-2022; Meeker High School Cowboy Pride Award: 2020; Meeker High School Softball Varsity Letter: 2018-2021; National Honor Society Member; Scholastic Silver Key Award: Sculpture (2022); Western Slope League 3A All-Conference Softball (Honorable Mention): 2020, 2021

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my family, friends, and anyone who has supported me throughout the years. Thank you.



ROWDY MARTIN ROSENDAHL

Senior Quote: "Never approach a bull from the front, a horse from the rear, or a fool from any direction." Plans Immediately Following Graduation: Obtain a Commercial Driving License & work for LK Ranches

Location: Potentially pursue education & training in Diesel Technology

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my parents for staying here with me and for helping me get to where I am now. I would also like to thank them for making me a better person, for raising me correctly (in their eyes), and for trying to keep me on the right path whenever I tended to stray. Dad - thank you for making a man out of me. Mom - thank you for trying to make me responsible (but once again, I'm a man so that won't always go as planned. "Haha.") Thank you to my older siblings for being good examples; good luck to my younger sister as she approaches this day. Thank you for waking me up in the mornings when I didn't want to leave the driveway. Thanks to those who grew up with me - either in school or at home - and for always making the days better and for always being happy to see where I'm going and what I am doing. Lastly, thank you to whoever is reading this.



ELIZABETH DANIELLE **SANDERSON**

Senior Quote: "Every storm runs out of rain." -Maya Angelou

Postsecondary Plans: Joining the workforce Postsecondary Education: Pursue training in

Welding Technology
Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my family and the teachers at Meeker High School for getting me to where I am today.



MORGAN ASHLEY SCHACHT

Senior Quote: "Cheat at solitaire. Life is like solitaire. If you're playing a game against yourself, there's no harm in making it easier."

Postsecondary Education: Colorado School of Mines, Golden, CO

Program of Study: Bachelor of Science: Biochem-

Scholarships: Colorado School of Mines President's Scholarship: \$2,500 (renewable); Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); Western Colorado Community Foundation CADDO Scholarship: \$5,000 (renewable)

Special Awards/Accomplishments: AP Scholar with Distinction; Meeker High School Academic Highest Honors; National Merit Scholarship Finalist Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I'd like to thank my family and friends who have encouraged me throughout high school. I'd also like to remind people that 4 years is only one twentieth of a lifespan, so make the most of it.



ZACHARY ETHAN SIMONSEN

cal Engineering

Scholarship: \$500 (renewable)

Senior Quote: "Life is like a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving." - Albert Einstein Postsecondary Education: Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, FL **Program of Study:** Bachelor of Science: Mechani-

Scholarships: Embry-Riddle University Presidential Scholarship: \$17,000 (renewable); Coach Bob Tucker Scholarship: \$1500 (\$750 the first year; \$750 the second year); Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); Meeker Cowboy Football Top Hand Scholarship: \$300 (one-time); Rio Blanco County Masonic Lodge #80 Scholarship: \$1,000 (one-time); SGM Steve Westhoff Scholarship: \$1,000 (one-time); Rio Blanco Ranch: \$1,000 (one-time); White River Electric Association Renewable

Special Awards/Accomplishments: CHSAA 1A All-State Football (Second Team): 2021; Colorado School of Mines Medal of Achievement Award: 2021; Meeker High School Quigg Newton Award: 2022; 7th Hour Weight Training Class Kickball MVP Runner-Up (John Strate was MVP): 2022

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would like to thank my family, my coaches, my teachers, my classmates, and everyone in the community. Meeker High School has treated me well, and I appreciate everything you have done for me.



Senior Quote: "I'm done wearing glasses; I've seen enough." **Postsecondary Education:** Laramie County

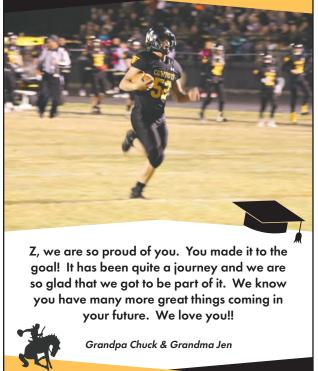
Community College, Laramie, WY

Program of Study: Associate's Degree: Nursing **Scholarships:** Freeman Fairfield Scholarship: \$800 (renewable); PHC Foundation: WingNutz Wing Volunteers/Wing Residents Scholarship: \$2,000 (onetime); White River Electric Association & Tri-State G&T Scholarship: \$500 (one-time)

Special Awards/Accomplishments: Colorado Coaches Girls Sports Softball All-State Team: 2021; Meeker High School Academic High Honors

Thank Yous & Lasting Quote: I would first like to give a huge thank you to my family. Thank you mom and dad for putting up with my chaotic self so far and for the many years to come. Thank you to my brothers for always rough housing and picking on me, I now feel like I am tough enough to take on the world because of you two! An extra special thank you to Kassidy for being the best little sister a girl could ask for, you will always be my #1 best friend. I'd like to thank my grandma Carol for teaching me how to live life to the fullest. To my family protecting me from up above, I hope I'm making y'all proud. Thank you to my friends for being spontaneous and for singing along to loud music with me. I'd also like to thank my teachers for dealing with me throughout these past four years! That's all folks, PEACE OUT!





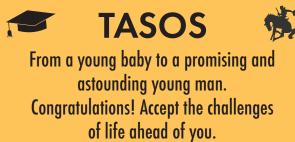












Yaya and Papu, Aunt Pegge, Uncle Regas & Michelle



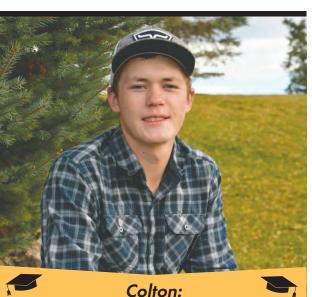


Congratulations Zagar Brown

Love you & proud of you; kindergarten to graduation. It'll be fun to see where the "flow" takes you!!! **Rock Chalk**

> xoxo Mom, Dad, Tilly, Vivian & Wagner





"Your life is your story, and the adventure ahead of you is the journey to fulfill your own purpose and potential."Congratulations!

We love you big! Jake, Cody, Karlee, Mom and Marvin The struggle you're in today is developing the strength you need for tomorrow. Don't give up.

~ Robert Tew

Way to go, Graduates!



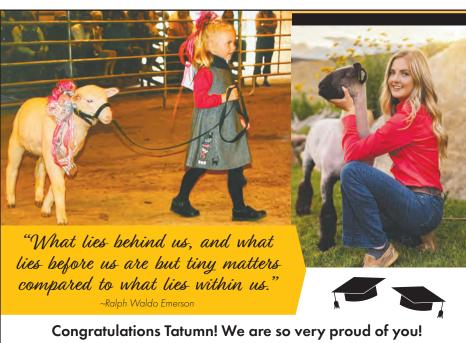
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ZACH

We couldn't be more proud. The future is yours, go work your butt off and make it so.

> Much love, Mom, Dad, Sis and Gram





Love: Dad & Deborah, Gama & Papa, Nama & Papa, Mom & Larry, Tannen, Trae and Teagan



Congratulations Macy, your success is well deserved! Soar high and leave a little sparkle wherever you go - we are all so proud of you!!

Love Dad, Beth, Tanner, Madison, Grandma and Grandpa Ridgeway and the rest of your loving family



Congratulations MHS Class of 2022



We are so very proud of you! You have accomplished your first step towards your future! Can't wait to see what's next! Whatever you decidealways seek God. Our prayers go with you!

> Love, All your family!



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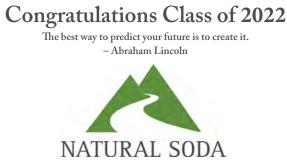


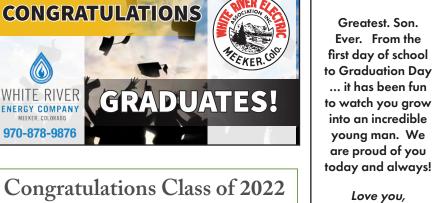
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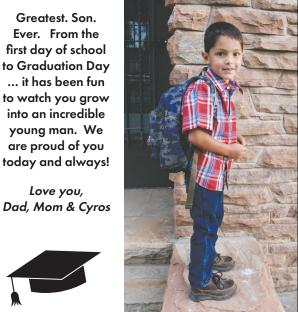






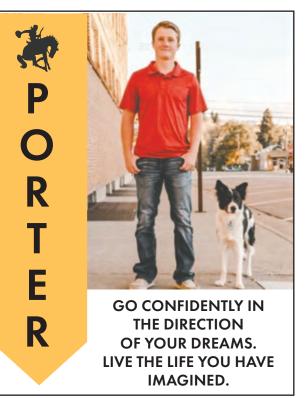


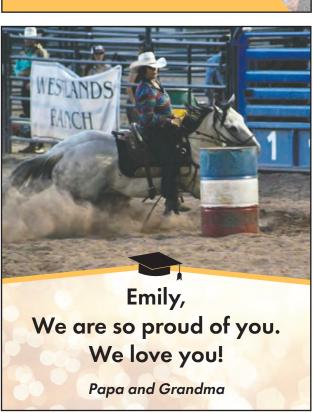
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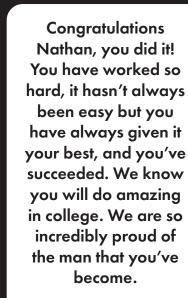




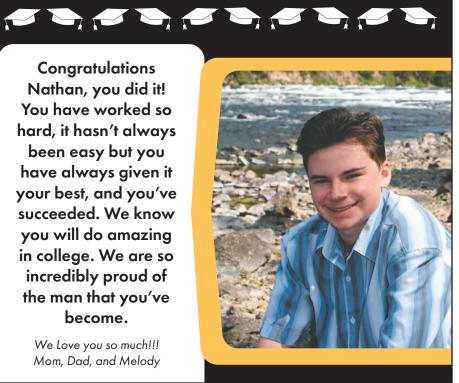








We Love you so much!!! Mom, Dad, and Melody





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CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!



Guess Who!

Match the graduating seniors with their photos below.



- 1. Hadley Franklin 2. Keaton Brickey
- 3. Regan Mobley
- 4. Gabriel Richardson 5. MyKayla Wille
- 6. Ty Goedert
- 7. Ivan Carrillo Ochoa 8. Emily Amick
- 9. Bianca Duerr
- 10. Elijah Mallison
- 11. Kaleb Nielsen 12. Liam Deming
- 13. Tasos Halandras 14. Damon Dade
- 15. Porter Hossack 16. Flor Lujan Olivas
- 19. Savannah Mendenhall 20. Reese Miller

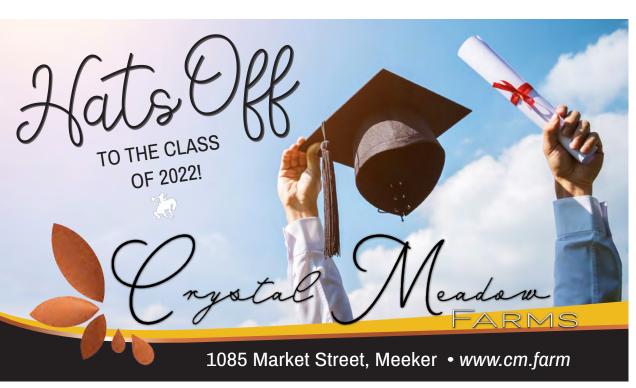
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- 21. Hailey Knowles 22. Antonio Martinez
- 23. Trinden Powell 24. Zachary Eskelson
- 17. Ashley Nielsen 25. Annalee Goodwin 18. Kelton Turner 26. Sarah Kracht
 - 27. Tatumn Kennedy 28. Elizabeth Sanderson
 - 29. Damek Chintala 30. Bonnie Britt
 - 31. Peter Hanks 32. Alana Nielsen
- 33. Zach Simonsen 34. Nathan Miller
- 35. Zagar Brown
- 36. Macy Ridgeway
- 37. Hamp Hightower 38. Zach Newman
- 39. Morgan Schacht 40. Owen Hannemann
- 41. Shane Kobald
- 42. Aspen Merrifield 43. Rowdy Rosendahl
- 44. Colton Nielsen
- 45. Chakwah Brink
- 46. Rylee Bushey Not Pictured: Dalton Portwood, Tyson Portwood



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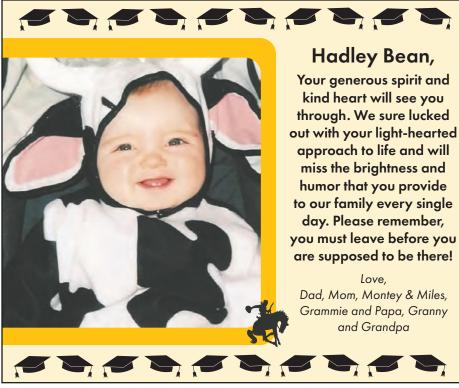


The world doesn't care how many times you fall down, as long as it's one fewer than the number of times you get back up.

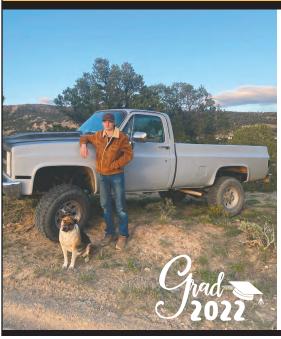












You are an amazing, talented young man, who has always been gifted at learning anything that is put in front of you. We have never seen you fail at something that you put your mind to, from mechanic work, guitar pickin, quail farming, cow milking, leather crafting, outdoors, or your gift with animals, vour skills and ideas will take you far. Remember to follow your heart, choose your dreams, be kind, honest, and enjoy the journey. Embrace the good times, get back up during the hard times. Never forget who you are, or where you come from. May you always stand for what is right, even if you stand alone. Always be yourself. You are someone to be proud of!

Love Mom, Dad, Kasey, Abigayle & Amy Jo





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