CONGRATULATIONS

CELEBRATING
THE CLASS OF
2023

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Class of 2023 facts
Graduation: June 1
Location: CCTI
Number of diplomas: 90
Valedictorian: Ashley Little
Salutatorian: Montanna Costenbader

Class officers
President: Jeremy Salvaggio
Vice president: James Mills
Secretary: Ella Burns
Treasurer: Alex Blasko

Class facts
Colors: Green and Gold
Song: “Good Old Days” by Macklemore & Kesha
Flower: Tiger Lily
Motto: “Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.” — Dr. Seuss

Carbon Career & Technical Institute

Daniel Ahner
Dillion Paules
Monica Apanco
Braden Bartholomay
Tyler Bechtold
Aiden Beers
Olivia Bellis
Alex Blasko
Garrett Bollinger
Xavier Boston
Elaina Brazil
Connor Broadfield
Collin Burkett
Ella Burns
Traven Butler (W)
Clara Carrick
Alfred Colleverchio
Adrian Collins
Craig Conville
Keegan Conville
Nicole Corino
Montanna Costenbader
Matthew Craigie
Jacob Dehaven
William Dereemer
Hannah Devonshire
Mark Domski
Douglas Elliot
Douglas Endy
Novali Eyrich
Tyler Fosburg
Jadin Fowler
Jacob Geiser
Soshanna Gieniec
Brydon Gray
Braedon Green
Jennifer Grosse
Carter Gulick
Marley Hallihan (JT)
Brian Haselden (JT)
Sebastian Hess
Tanner Hinkle
Tucker Hollowell
Antonio Jusino
Jonathan Kalfas
Emma Kattner
Elizabeth Kimble
Christal Kislan
Zoey Kleintop
Brooke Knauss
Jaxon Knerr
Dorissa Koehler
Angela Kunkle
Kylie Kuntzman
Autumn Ladd
Ashley Little
Victor Marrero-Figueroa
Elexis Mclaren
Kelsey Mehlig
Amanda Mendoza
Matthias Miller
James Mills
Aiden Montefour
Kaydence Montesrin
Jackolyn Munson
Samantha Nametko
Brodie Owens
Mark Phillips
Jacob Pieri
Aida Pope
William Rathman
Carter Recker
Aidan Rehrig
Joshua Reif
Thomas Rimsky
Christopher Ross
Jeremy Salvaggio
Avery Scott
Devon Shannon
Jacob Shellhammer
Dylan Shick
Eric Smale
Kamryne Smith
Connor Snyder
Angela Stallone (W)
Nicholas Steele
Jacob Sweeney
Mitchell Sweeney
Dakota Trach
Michael Vargas
Mackenzie Weiser
Ehtan Whaley
Holly Zumerling
CCTI graduates announce their college, work plans

Tyler Bechtold: Wilkes University
Aiden Beers: LCCC
Olivia Bellis: Kutztown
Alex Blasko: LCCC
Xavier Boston: Misericordia University
Eliana Brazil: LCCC
Elia Burns: Misericordia University
Clara Carrick: Luzerne Comm College
Alfred Colleyecho: LCCC
Craig Conville: Wilkes University
Nicole Corino: Marywood University
Montanna Cosenbader: JWU
Hannah Devonshire: LCCC
Mark Domski: Prof Golfers
Tyler Fosburg: Penn Tech
Jennifer Grosse: LCCC
Antonio Jusino: JWU
Jonathan Kalfas: LCCC
Zoey Klein: LCCC
Christal Kielan: Waynesburg
Angela Kunkle: Mercyhurst University

Kylie Kuntzman: LCCC
Victor Marrero-Figueroa: UTI
Kelsey Mehlig: JWU
Amanda Mendez: JWU
Jackelyn Munson: LCCC
Samantha Nametko: LCCC
Brody Owens: LCCC
Aida Pope: Muhlenberg College
Carter Recker: UTI
Jeremy Salvaggio: LCCC
Dylan Shick: East Stroudsburg
Eric Smale: UTI
Kamrynne Smith: LCCC
Mitchell Sweeney: Walnut Hill College
Dakota Trach: LCCC
Holly Zumerling: Duquesne
Jacob DeHaven: U.S. Navy
Ashley Little: U.S. Coast Guard
Connor Snyder: Space Force
Ethan Whaley: U.S. Navy

CCTI graduate Michael Vargas poses with his grandmother Susan DeVito.

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Sonia Miller takes a selfie with CCTI graduate Matthias Miller following graduation on the school grounds in Jim Thorpe June 1.

CCTI Valedictorian Ashley Little’s decorated cap during graduation on the school grounds in Jim Thorpe June 1, thanking everyone for the memories.

Sebastian Hess and Adrian Collins help fellow classmate James Mills with the tassel on his cap inside CCTI before graduation June 1.

Proud mom Rafaela Mendez hugs her daughter and CCTI graduate Amanda following the ceremony June 1. Mom burst out with a loud, “Woo!,” when her daughter received her diploma, and quickly apologized saying, “That’s my baby, sorry,” as people smiled and chuckled.

Congratulations!
Jim Thorpe Area High School

Class of 2023 facts
Graduation: June 10
Location: High school stadium
Number of diplomas: 121
Valedictorian: James Taddei
Salutatorian: Kaitlin Diaz

Class officers
President: Lawrence Baldassano
Vice president: Mason Lazorick
Secretary: Gabrielle Cinicola
Treasurer: Sofia Testa
Historians: Aurora Van Auken and Rosalynn Strohl

121 students graduated at the 2023 Jim Thorpe High School Graduation. JAMES LOGUE JR./SPECIAL TO THE TIMES NEWS
Jim Thorpe area graduates are college, workforce bound

Serenity Acevedo: Northampton Community College
Kalena Ayala: Northampton Community College
Ryan Bailor: Long Island University
Lawrence Baldassano: Lehigh University
Brett Balliet: Northampton Community College
Dominic Berger: King’s College
Hannah Berndt: Workforce College
Sean Bloodgood: Workforce College
Daniel Bonham: United States Air Force
Lauren Bos: Syracuse University
Andrew Bosi: Villanova University
Brandon Bryant: Workforce College
Alexander Buglino: Workforce College
Madiison Bukics: Northampton Community College
Jave Butler, Jr: Workforce College
Bryana Calcano: The Beauty Institute
Angelina Camacho: Workforce College
Hyde Capobianco: Northampton Community College
Nicole Carroll: Penn West University
Clairon
Zariyah Cartagena: The Beauty Institute
Katrin Cavanaugh: Penn State University
Jayden Chambers: Penn State University
Gabrielle Cinicola: Lebanon Valley College
Nikolas Cinicola: Lehigh University
Stephanie Cosme Diaz: LCCC
Caleb Cruz: King’s College
Emily Dart: Duquesne University
Gabrielle Davis: Penn State University
Kali Dennis: West Chester University
Kaitlin Diaz: East Stroudsburg University
Jasper DiSanto: LCCC
Benjamin Durange: Harrisburg University
Alexis Eckhart: King’s College
Crystal Edwards: East Stroudsburg University
Kyler Endres: Northampton Community College
Michael Fernandez: Workforce College
Leah Figura: Bloomsburg University
Cheyenne Fink: Northampton Community College
David Fiorito: Workforce College
Amelia Fick: West Chester University
Peter Frederick: United States Army National Guard
Sarah Gallagher: Ferrum College
Carlie Garner: Lebanon Valley College
Kacey Girard: Empire Beauty School
Alexis Goodchild: Workforce College
Amanda Goodchild: East Stroudsburg University
Allicea Gruber: Northampton Community College
Richard Guerra: East Stroudsburg University
Marley Hallihan: Workforce College
Brian Haselden: Albright College
Ian Henkels: Albright College
Kaiden Herron: Elizabeth-town College
Bryson Heydt: Bloomsburg University
Martin Hodge III: Workforce College
Mia Hydro: LCCC
Zeeshan Issifu: Temple University
Sarah Keen: Lycoming College
Jacob Lane: Workforce College
Mason Lazorick: East Stroudsburg University
Lauren LeKlile: Penn State University
Garrett Lienhard: Allegheny College
Lexi Lilly: Monmouth University
Ra’Heem Lockett: Workforce College
Nathaniel Lopez: King’s College
Shaylee Louk: West Virginia University
Alexis Marotto: East Stroudsburg University
Savannah Marrero: Carbon County Technical Institute Adult Education Program
Casey McCord: The University of Scranton
Nicollette McCabe: Kutztown University
Tierman McCartney: East Stroudsburg University
Brooke McKeon: Bloomsburg University
Tara McLean: LCCC
Dawson Meckes: Marywood University
Rowan Melber: Northampton Community College
Tristan Mendoza: Workforce College
Ryder Montgomery: Workforce College
Catalino Morales: Triangle Technical Institute
Evan Murphy: LCCC
Jade Napoli: Lock Haven University
Jaxon Newhall: Workforce College
Gregory O’Neill: West Chester University
Kendrick Oddy: United States Navy
Jordyn Orlando: Northampton Community College
Elauna Penn: Penn State University
Jonathan Perrella: Job Corps
Alexis Proulx: Kutztown University
Mikaylah Pruitt: University of Miami
Jordan Remmel: Lock Haven University
Kennedy Rider: Duquesne University
Liam Riley: Workforce College
Anthony Rivera: Workforce College
Jonathan Rizzo: Workforce College
Adam Romanchik: Alvernia University
Gillian Rudn: East Stroudsburg University
Savannah Marrero: Margaret Wilson Institute Adult Education Program
Casey McCord: The University of Scranton
Nicollette McCabe: Kutztown University
Tierman McCartney: East Stroudsburg University
Brooke McKeon: Bloomsburg University
Tara McLean: LCCC
Justyna Sarzynska: Alvernia University
Isabel Schmick: Workforce College
Gillian Searfoss: United States Navy
Justin Selby: The University of Alabama
Cole Siesko: Pennsylvania Institute of Technology
Allie Skirnicsovsky: St. Luke’s School of Nursing
Hailey Smelas: Slippery Rock University
Ridge Snyder: Lock Haven University
Joseph Soliman: Workforce College
Daphne Solits: Western Washington University
Richard Strack: Lehigh University
Rosalynn Strohl: LCCC
Nichole Suero Gonzalez: Swarthmore College
James Taddei: Penn State University
Hailey Trine: LCCC
Ivan Tuzcuenuk: LCCC
Aurora VanAulen: University of Delaware
Alex Vogel: Workforce College
Brianna Wainwright: LCCC
Rahmira Ward: Kutztown University
Andrew Warner: Bentley University
Alexis Wenzel: Northampton Community College
Zachary White: Welder Training & Testing Institute
Josalyne Williams: CUNY
- Baruch College
Mackenzie Yuhas: Susquehanna University
Tanner Yurchak: Southeast Lineman School

Brooke Isabella McKeon
JIM THORPE
Congratulations, Brookabella! May this life be all that you want it to be. We love you and want the same things too.

Mom & Dad

Haley Smelas
JIM THORPE
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Congrats!

Tanner Yurchak
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Jim Thorpe High School Class of 2023 Officers include President Lawrence Baldassano, Vice President Mason Lazorick, at podium; Secretary Gabrielle Cinicola, Treasurer Sofia Testa, and Class Historians Aurora Van Auken and Rosalynn Strohl.

Graduate Mason Lazorick, center, along with family members Gwinn Wolfe, Elena Behr, Bruce Behr, Tony Wolfe, and Cole Lazorick. JAMES LOGUE JR./SPECIAL TO THE TIMES NEWS

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Dear Class of 2023,

As we approach the end of our journey at Jim Thorpe Area High School, it is with great pride that I write this final letter, celebrating all of our accomplishments and offering words of encouragement as we start this next chapter of our lives.

Throughout our time together, we have formed a tight-knit class. We have faced challenges head-on, persevering through difficult times and emerging stronger and more resilient.

Remember: Failure is an opportunity for growth. During our freshman year, we were suddenly thrown into an academic environment nobody had ever faced before.

From this, we found new ways to learn and remain friends. It is through setbacks and obstacles that we discover our own strength and resilience. The path to success is rarely easy, but with determination and perseverance, we overcame any hurdles that were sent our way. The knowledge we have gained extends far beyond textbooks and exams. We have learned the importance of working together, the value of diversity, and the power of supporting each other. Carry these lessons and these memories with you as you navigate this world.

As we prepare to take these first steps beyond these halls, remember the great times we have had and the lessons we have learned. Every Friday night in the fall became a special event. Whether you were on the gridiron, playing in the band, cheerleading, or dressing up in the weekly theme as an Olympian fanatic we will forever remember the laughs, the victories, and the best french fries ever made from the concession stand.

Thanksgiving will always remind us of how our classmates and teachers consumed huge pumpkin pies and cans of cranberry sauce at our annual pie eating contest.

We will never forget the volleyball tournaments, countless trips to Martz Hall to cheer on our girls and boys basketball teams in the playoffs, the dreaded Keystone exams and all of our senior year activities.

Lastly, I want you to know that our journey doesn’t end here. The relationships we have created and the memories we have made will last forever. Stay connected, support one another, and continue to uplift those around you. Our experiences have shaped us into a remarkable group of individuals, and together, we possess the power to create a bright future.

As we prepare to step into the world as graduates of the Class of 2023, I have no doubt that we will continue to make JT proud. Embrace the challenges, embrace the opportunities, and embrace the journey that lies ahead. Congratulations, Class of 2023! May your future be filled with endless possibilities, excitement, success, and happiness.

WITH BEST WISHES,
LAWRENCE “CHIP” BALDASSANO
Members of the Jim Thorpe Area High School Class of 2023 prepare for their graduation. JAMES LOGUE JR./SPECIAL TO THE TIMES NEWS

Graduates throw their caps into the air at the end of the Jim Thorpe High School Graduation.

Class of 2023 President Lawrence Baldassano presents the mantle to Class of 2024 President Noah Rosahac.

Jim Thorpe Class Salutatorian Kaitlin Diaz gives her speech.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SENIORS
Leah Figura
Brooke McKeon
Jane Napoli
Ehlauna Penn
Jordan Remmel
Allie Skrimcovsky
Rosalynn Strohl
Katrin Cavanaugh
Gabrielle Davis
Lauren Bos
Richard Strack
Mason Lazorick
Adam Romanchik
Paul Rutledge IV
Nicole Carroll
Gabrielle Cinicola
Lauren LeKites
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Graduate Nichole Suero Gonzalez poses for a picture with and her brother, Gabriel Suero.
Members of the Lehighton Area Class of 2023 listen to Class President Josiah Kimmel’s welcoming speech during commencement.

JARRAD HEDES/TIMES NEWS

Lehighton Area High School

Class of 2023 facts
Graduation: June 9
Location: High school stadium
Number of diplomas: 181
Valedictorian: Megan Hoffman
Salutatorian: Brenna Hunt

Class officers
President: Josiah Kimmel
Vice president: Megan Hoffman
Secretary: Mason Marchessault
Treasurer: Brynn Wentz

Class facts
Colors: Maroon, white and black
Flower: Pink “knock out” rose
Motto: “Now, this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.” — Winston Churchill

David Alvarez
Hunter Andreas
Eliza Andrew
Dominick Angelus
Zack Balk
Brynn Barachie
Ethan Barachie
Aiden Barbo
Grace Barnett
Braden Bartholomay
Ava Beers
Owen Beers
Kira Bishop
Luke Blauch
Taylor Bowman
Abigail Bradbury
Layla Bravo
Ceara Breiner
Ethan Buchert
Rachael Carr
Abigail Christman
Mikhayl Conarty
Edie Cordes
Payton Costenbader
Shayla Cotterman
Kylee Curtis
Angelina Dambach
Dakoda Danforth
Briyonna Daniels
Kaitlyn Danner
Mylah Delgado
James DeVore
Gabriella Di Dea
Ariana DiBuco
Sara Dishong
Jessica Dorshimer
Trent Dorward
Jack Dowbachuk
Amy Dwojewski
Mariah Eckley
Emma Emrey
Douglas Endy
Anthony Fenstermaker
Kendyl Fichter
Celia Fisher
Craig Frantz
Jonah Fritz
Taylor Fritz
Brokia Gangale
Miranda Gangale
Welshie Garcia Cartagena
Panda Garrett
Emma Gaston
Kaylie Guamer
Benjamin Gavenas
Jami Gaydula
Haley Ginger
Joshua Glanz
Emily Gorman
Emma Gower
Evan Gower
Austin Greene
Rachel Gruber
Starr Guinter
Cady Gustafson
Katherine Halenar
Jordan Haley
Ayden Hand
Kaydence Hartranft
Megan Hauser
Allie Hawk
Ethan Heiser
Megan Hoffman
Nathan Holmberg
Anna Hoppes
Daniel Hoppes
Winter Horner
Lamar Howell
Travis Hunsicker
Brenna Hunt
Riley Judge
Katryna Keck
Abbi Kerestes
Lily Kershner
Alexis Kester
Josiah Kimmel
Mackenzie Kintz
Abigail Klotz
Owen Kovach
Patience Kresge

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GRADS
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Ethan Nagy
Amaya Nevenglosky
Chloe Nichols
Riley Nothstein
Laurel Ohl
Robert Ohl
Jared Oswald
Zi He Pan
Nicholas Passiglia
Morgan Peters
Ashlyn Popovich

Dana Post
Bryce Potts
Ian Rarick
Ezekiel Reppert
Dafne Rodas
Jacqueline Rodgers
Jason Roeder
Kamayla Sabatino
Christian Salerno
Tyson Sargent
Lucas Schatz
Alexa Scheierer
Ronald Schmick
Xander Schrepple

Talan Sensinger
Allison Shaffer
Jacob Shellhammer
Amara Smith
Cole Smith
Nickolas Smith
Zane Smith
Clarissa Smyth
Abigail Snyder
Mia Snyder
Madelyn Sofranko
Matthew Sofranko
Tyler Solt
Trey Spring

Madylynn Stoffey
Aaron Stout
Samantha Strohl
Alyssa Stubits
Isaiah Szozda
Jaclyn Troutman
Jenna Turpin
Sofia Veloz
Cristine Vogel
Brynn Wenz
Jocelyn Wenz
Sophia Wenz
Zachary Wilusz
Katie Wojton

We are SO proud of you!! Be very proud of this accomplishment!!
Love, Mom, Dad, Logan and Mason

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Faith Yeakel
LEHIGHTON
Proud of you!
Love, Mom & Pop

Giovanna Lorenzo
LEHIGHTON
Good luck at LaSalle University!
We are all very proud of you for your next journey!
Love, Mama & Papa, Nick & Brandon
Daniele, Jack, Eleonora & Yael

Gabriella DiDea, right, greets Lehighton Area High School Principal Sue Howland upon receiving her diploma Friday night. JARRAD HEDES/TIMES NEWS

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The cap toss concludes Lehighton Area High School’s commencement for the Class of 2023.

Brenna Hunt, Lehighton Area High School Class of 2023 salutatorian, addresses her classmates.

JARRAD HEDES/TIMES NEWS
Ian Rarick, right, poses with his father, Lehighton Area School District Business Manager Edward Rarick.

Megan Hoffman, valedictorian, addresses her classmates. JARRAD HEDES/TIMES NEWS

Lucas Schatz strides off stage after receiving his diploma.

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Lehighton area graduates are college, military bound

David Alvarez: Lehigh Carbon Community College Hunter Andreas: Lehigh Carbon Community College Eliza Andrew: Marywood University
Aiden Barbo: Workforce Grace Barnett: Indiana University of PA or LACC Braden Bartholomay: Workforce Ava Beers: Messiah University
Taylor Bowman: Lehigh Carbon Community College Abigail Bradbury: Workforce Layla Bravo: East Stroudsburg University
Ceara Breiner: Workforce Ethan Buchert: Union Carpenter Apprenticeship Rachael Carr: East Stroudsburg University
Abigail Christman: Misericordia University Mikhayl Conarty: Workforce Edie Cordes: Ursinus College Layton Costenbader: Seton Hall University Shaya Cotterman: Temple University Kylee Curtis: Metro Beauty Academy
Angelina Dambach: Lehigh Carbon Community College Dakoda Danforth: Workforce Briyonna Daniela: Lehigh Carbon Community College Katilyn Danner: Bloomsburg University
Mylah Delgado: Lehigh Carbon Community College James DeVore: Penn State University Gabriella DiDea: Boston University
Ariana DiBuo: Lehigh Carbon Community College Sara Dishon: Moravian University Jessica Dorshimer: Workforce
Trent Dorward: Lehigh Carbon Community College Jack Dowbachuk: Marines
Amy Dwojewski: Penn State Hazleton Mariah Eckley: Phlebotomy Certification
Emma Emrey: Workforce Evan Gower: Pennsylvania College of Technology Austin Greene: Penn State Harrisburg
Rachel Gruber: Workforce Starr Guinter: Northampton Community College Cady Gustafson: Lehigh Carbon Community College Katherine Halenar: Penn State University
Jordan Haley: Bloomsburg University Ayden Hand: Penn State University
Kaydence Hartranft: Lehigh Carbon Community College Megan Hauser: Penn State Schuykill
Allie Hawk: Workforce Ethan Heiser: Workforce Megan Hoffman: Penn State University Nathan Holmberg: Penn State-Altoona
Anna Hoppes: Bloomsburg University Daniel Hoppes: Bloomsburg University
Brenna Hunt: AMDA College of Performing Arts or Northwestern Riley Judge: Workforce Katyna Keck Penn State Altoona
Abbi Kerestes: Workforce Lily Kershner: Penn State Hazleton
Alexis Kester: Workforce Josiah Kimmel: Moravian University Mackenzie Kintz: Metro Beauty Academy
Abigail Klotz: Belmont University Owen Kovach: Workforce Patience Kresge: Workforce
Layla Kunkle: Master Herpetologist Program Nicholas Kutzler: Workforce
Tanley Lacz: Workforce Kimberly Lauer: Misericordia University
Adrienne Leiby: Drexel University Hannah Lichtenthaler: Penn State Schuykill
Aj Light: Workforce Joshua Little: Workforce Dade Long: Undetermined
Giovanna Lorenzo: Lafayette College Autumn Madzarac: Southern New Hampshire University
Summer Maier: Workforce Mason Marchessault: Duquesne or West Chester Univ.
Katelyn Markell: Penn State Lehigh Valley
Mae Marks: Workforce Zoey Martin: Workforce Cheyann Marx: Northampton Community College
Kevin McArindle: Workforce Connor McDonough: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Elexis McLaren: Empire Beauty School Leah Mickley: Bloomsburg University
Abbie Miller: Penn State Schuykill
Levi Monk: University of Pittsburgh Vincent Montes: Lehigh Carbon Community College Brandon Morales: Workforce
Jarred Moyer: Workforce Daniela Munoz: Northampton Community College
Isabella Myszkowski: Penn State Ethan Nagy: Lehigh Carbon Community College Amaya Nevenglosky: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Chloe Nichols: Florida Atlantic University Riley Notherstein: Kutztown University
Laurel Ohl: Southern New Hampshire University
Robert Ohl: Workforce Jared Oswald Kutztown University
Zi He Pan: Workforce Nicholas Passiglia: Lehigh Carbon Community College Morgan Peters: Workforce
Ashlyn Popovich: Northampton Community College Dana Post: Empire Beauty School
Bryce Potts: Workforce Ian Rarick: Delaware Valley University
Zekiel Reppert: Workforce DaFe Rodas: Lehigh Carbon Community College Jacqueline Rodgers: Delaware Valley University
Jason Roeder: Workforce Makayla Sabatino: Delaware Sales University
Christian Salerno: Workforce Tyeson Sargent: Lehigh Carbon Community College Lucas Schatz: Bloomsburg University
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The longest and shortest year

It’s so cliché to say, however I truly cannot believe that my high school years are coming to an end. As I sat and wrote this, I am staring straight down the barrel of our final senior activities, as it is that time of the year. Except this year, all of the traditions we’ve seen year after year, they’re now for our class, the class of 2023.

The last four years have been the longest and the shortest of my life.

I’ve had my best and my worst moments. I’ve gained so much, but I’ve lost a lot too. I have had a much different high school experience than most, only moving to Lehighton part way through our freshman year. After living in this new district for only a couple of months, a pandemic swept the globe and became the focal point in all of our lives for almost three years.

After a year of online and hybrid learning during sophomore year, I enrolled in our college scholars program with LCCC, hoping to obtain my Associate Degree as well as my high school diploma beginning junior year. Unfortunately, the program was not the right fit for me, so for my senior year, I decided to finish taking classes at the high school.

If we’re being completely honest, I am so ready to graduate. Everyone told me “Don’t let your senior year fly by or you’ll regret missing everything.”

Here we are at the final days of our high school career, and things have been much different from I could have ever imagined.

As scary as it is to leave home, I’m more excited about it than anything before. Graduating from high school is one of the first life goals that we set as kids starting school, and here we are. We’ve made it. Now we’re ready to start a new chapter and become successful on our own.

As hard as it’s been, and all of my reservations about school aside, there are still plenty of people and memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life. The life lessons during Honors Anatomy with Ms. Blocker, my “lunch chats” with Mrs. Klotz, hoping to start a new chapter in our lives. One with independence, responsibility, and adventure. As we embark on this journey, no matter where it takes you, remember your roots, be kind and respectful, and work hard to become the upstanding members of society that we’ve worked so hard toward.

THANK YOU AGAIN,
JOSIAH KIMMEL
CLASS OF 2023 PRESIDENT
Marian Catholic High School

Graduates listen to the speaker during Marian Catholic High School’s commencement. ABBEY OBERT/TIMES NEWS

Class of 2023 facts
Graduation: June 2
Location: High school gymnasium
Number of diplomas: 52
Valedictorian: Angela Pan
Salutatorian: Addison Pan

Class officers
President: Frank Valente
Vice president: Matthew Martin
Secretary/treasurer: Kerrigan Digris

Jr. Ankiewicz, Eric
Baran, Andrew
Barcenas, Consuelo
Bauder, Eliza
Berube, Ryan
Bobish, Jacob
Boyle, Rebecca
Chambers, Christopher
Chapman, Thomas
Cornmesser, Alexander
Cryder, Emma
Dagogostin, Gabrielle
Digris, Kerrigan
Drumheller, Ryan
Ebert, Jackilyn
Eroh, Emily
Fellin, Alexis

Jr. Ferrera, Isaac
Gallagher, Hunter
Goff, Jenna
Guth, Jaclyn
Heisey, Alise
Hermany, Logan
Hoover, Trinity
Jordan, Luke
Katchur, Joseph
Kuba, Alyssa
Maggio III, Richard
Martin, Matthew
Melendez, Rawlin
Mikita, Ian
Paisley, Megan
Paisley, Mya
Pan, Addison

Pan, Angela
Petrilyak, Chase
Pleban, Ashley
Price, Lance
Quinn, Brandon
Risteter, Ethan
Ryba, Taylor
Salter, Zoe
Tejada, Mya
Tikhtova, Fatikha
Valente, Frank
Vizcaino, Yohan
Walko, Joseph
Walsh, Tevin
Watkins, Hailey
Young, Scott
Zakrewsky, Matthew
Marian grads announce future plans

Jr. Ankiewicz, Eric: Workforce
Baran, Andrew: Williamson School of Trades
Barcenas, Consuelo: Immaculata University
Bauder, Eliza: West Chester University
Berube, Ryan: Pennsylvania State University
Bobish, Jacob: Pennsylvania State University
Boyle, Rebecca: University of Scranton
Chambers, Christopher: Pennsylvania State University
Chapman, Thomas: Pennsylvania College of Technology
Cornmesser, Alexander: Duquesne University
Cryder, Emma: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Dagostin, Gabrielle: Pennsylvania State University
Digris, Kerrigan: University of Scranton
Drumheller, Ryan: Pennsylvania State University
Ebert, Jackilynn: Pennsylvania State University
Eroh, Emily: Immaculata University
Fellin, Alexis: Misericordia University
Jr. Ferrera, Isaac: Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
Gallagher, Hunter: University of Scranton
Goff, Jenna: West Virginia University
Guth, Jaclyn: Kutztown University
Heisey, Alise: East Stroudsburg University
Hermany, Logan: Workforce
Hoover, Trinity: Lehigh Carbon Community College & Reading Area Community College
Katchur, Joseph: Undecided
Kuba, Alyssa: Pennsylvania State University
Maggio III, Richard: Luzerne County Community College
Martin, Matthew: United States Coast Guard Academy
Melendez, Rawlin: Clarion University
Mikita, Ian: Pennsylvania State University
Paisley, Megan: Lebanon Valley College
Paisley, Mya: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Pan, Addison: Villanova University
Pan, Angela: Villanova University
Petriyak, Chase: Lycoming College
Pleban, Ashley: Lebanon Valley College
Price, Lance: Pennsylvania College of Technology
Quinn, Brandon: Hayden Power Group Apprenticeship
Risteter, Ethan: Lehigh Carbon Community College
St. Luke’s School of Nursing
Ryba, Taylor: Bloomsburg University
Salter, Zoe: Delaware Valley University
Tejada, Mya: Misericordia University
Tikhtova, Fatikha: Lebanon Valley College
Valente, Frank: University of Scranton
Vizcaino, Yohan: United States Navy
Walko, Joseph: Elizabethtown College
Walsh, Tevin: University of Pittsburgh
Watkins, Hailey: Pennsylvania State University
Young, Scott: Workforce
Zakrewsky, Matthew: Workforce

Frank Valente, a graduating senior from Marian Catholic High School’s Class of 2023, carries the American flag.
JILL WHALEN/TIMES NEWS
Dear Fellow Class of 2023,

We finally made it. Looking back, time truly did fly by. I transferred to Marian after my freshman year and was immediately welcomed by my classmates and faculty. I felt at home here.

Over the last three years we have made countless memories, and it has been an honor to grow with each of you.

To the faculty and staff that helped form the people we have become, thank you. It would not have been possible without the endless encouragement and love you have shown us over our high school years. You have instilled values in each of us that will carry with us for the rest of our lives. I speak on behalf of a lot of my classmates when I say we were inspired to learn every day of our Marian careers.

To my classmates, thank you for welcoming me into your school the way you did years ago. I made some of my best friends and formed connections I will never forget.

As exciting as it is to finally walk across the stage and close this chapter of life, it is important to cherish the memories made. Every sports game, pep rally, or school dance was a time we will never have back. As we move into a new chapter of our lives and go our own ways, don’t forget where we came from and the seeds planted in us. Because the saying is true — you never know you are in the good old days until you have actually left them.

It has been an honor to be your senior class president, and good luck in all your future endeavors.

BLUE AND GOLD FOREVER.
FRANK VALENTE
2023 CLASS PRESIDENT

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SENIORS**

Eliza Bauder
Rebecca Boyle
Alexander Conmesser
Kerrigan Digris
Emily Eroh
Alexis Fellin
Jenna Goff
Jaclyn Guth

Trinity Hoover
Megan Paisley
Addison Pan
Angela Pan
Ashley Pleban
Taylor Ryba
Fatikha Tikhtova
Frank Valente

Marian Catholic High School salutatorian Addison Pan, left, and valedictorian Angela Pan pose for a photo.

Marian Catholic remembered classmate Lisa Napoletano, who passed away.

Graduates walk on stage to receive their diplomas. ABBEY OBERT/TIMES NEWS

Graduates walk into the gymnasium during Marian’s commencement.

**In Loving Memory of Lisa Napoletano**

On what would’ve been her high school graduation day

Life is but a stopping place
A pause in what’s to be
A resting place along the road,
To swell our lives.

We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We’ve meant to learn some things,
But never meant to stay.

Our destination is ahead,
Let greater than we know,
For some, the journey’s shorter,
For some, the journey’s slow.

And when the journey finally ends,
May all a great reward
And find at everlasting peace,
Together with the Lord.

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Class of 2023 facts
Graduation: June 2
Location: Bulldog Stadium
Number of diplomas: 112
Co-Valedictorian: Danielle Dougherty and Delia Quier

Class officers
President: Danielle Dougherty
Vice president: Aicha Salih
Secretary: Delia Quier
Treasurer: Madelynn Mack
Historian: Cameron Kuntz

Class facts
Colors: Lavender and Silver
Song: “See You Again”
Flower: Lily
Motto: “Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.”

Northern Lehigh High School

John Abidelli
Seth Adams
Cole Albert
Nichella Allen
Adam Altemos
Jeweliana Andrews
Dillon Barrett
Jose Batista Cardena
Jenna Beatty
Jesenia Beltran
Elizabeth Binder
Aiyana Bosch
Jacob Bottcher
Aidan Bowman
Quinn Bradley
Jesiah Burton
Taylor Campbell
Bianca Carrion
Anna Cotto
Tylor Cruz
Logan Davis
Alex Desh
Sabrina DiGovanna
Danielle Dougherty
Keona Dyer
Crisjaidi Espinal Morel
Christopher Farber
Lucas Farmer
Alexandra Feifel
Diego Fenstermaker

Tyler Fenstermaker
Raven Fern
Nicholas Frame
Olivia Frantz
Cianni Garcia
Joseph Gervasi
Andrew Goodwin
Adriana Greenawalt
Douglas Greene
Lily Groover
Jannetza Guzman Davila
Seaira Haines
Zoe Haines
Victoria Halkias
Cade Hankey
Zoe Hathaway
Jeffrey Heintzelman
Jordyn Hemingway
Elena Henning
Calah Hersh
Stephen Herstich
Justin Hunter
Alexander Jimenez Wittong
Ethan Karpowich
Gage Kemmerer
Ariel Kern
Caitlin Kirk
Nathan Knauss
Emma Kramer
Jayden Krempasky

Robert Kuhns
Ethan Kunkle
Cameron Kuntz
Alexander Lamon
Devon Lesher
Jesse Loeb
Donovan Long
Bryce Lopinto
Madelynn Mack
Sabrina Marsh
Griffin Martineau
Seth Matlock
Landon Meckes
Neyshmarie Millan Rosario
Taylor Morley
Alexander Neas
David Neff
Alivia Obenski
Joan Onsongo
Cadence Peters
Aisha Petrovic
Delia Quier
Roselinda Quinones
Izaiah Ramos
Colby Rehrig
Benjamin Reitz
Austin Rex
Matthew Rissmiller
Soleiny Liz Rivera Padilla
Giana Rosario

Katie Ryba
Piper Sabater
Aicha Salih
Reagan Schaeffer
Jaxson Schmoyer
Jackson Schoch
Robert Scholl
Kameryn Smith
Gabriella Smoyer
Austin Smyth
Kendall Snyder
Devon Sosa
Zachariah Sosa
Cameron Sullivan
Nakayla Swanger
Hayley Thoder
Alexis Traugher
Jayda Vazquez
Gianna Vought
Lily Wanamaker
Isaiah Warner
Courtney White
Kaylee Wilk
Tristan Willis
Chase Wisocky
Faith Zelevny
Jonathan Zemlansky
Domanic Zenz
Callum Bryce Zimmerman

These seniors gather together before the start of commencement exercises. TERRY AHNER/TIMES NEWS
Northern Lehigh graduates announce college, future plans

John Abidelli: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Seth Adams: Kutztown University
Jeweliana Andrews: Bloomsburg University
Jenna Beatty: Oswego
Elizabeth Binder: Millersville University
Aiyana Bosch: United States Navy
Jacob Bottcher: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Quinn Bradley: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Jesiah Burton: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Taylor Campbell: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Bianca Carrion: The University of Tampa
Tylor Cruz: U.S. Air Force
Logan Davis: University of South Carolina
Sabrina Di Giovanna: Bloomsburg University
Danielle Dougherty: University of Miami
Keona Dyer: Penn State University
Alexandra Feifel: Temple University
Diego Fenstermaker: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Nicholas Frame: Bloomsburg University
Olivia Frantz: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Joseph Gervasi: United States Army
Lily Groover: Penn State University
Jannetza Guzman Davila: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Seaira Haines: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Zoe Haines: Northampton Community College
Victoria Halkias: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Jordyn Hemingway: Fairleigh Dickinson University
Elena Henning: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Justin Hunter: Penn State University
Alexander Jimenez Wittong: Kutztown University
Ethan Karpovich: Penn State University
Ariel Kern: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Caitlin Kirk: King’s College
Jayden Krempasky: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Ethan Kunkle: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Cameron Kuntz: Marywood University
Donovan Long: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Madelynn Mack: Penn State University
Sabrina Marsh: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Seth Matlock: U.S. Marines
Neyshmarie Millan Rosario: Northampton Community College
Alivia Obenski: Drexel University
Joan Onsongo: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Cadence Peters: Cedar Crest College
Aisha Pjetrovic: East Stroudsburg University
Delia Quier: DeSales University
Izaiah Ramos: Wilkes University
Colby Rehrig: Penn State University
Benjamin Reitz: Penn State University
Austin Rex: Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
Matthew Rissmiller: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Soleinyliz Rivera Padilla: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Giana Rosario: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Katie Ryba: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Piper Sabater: Moravian College
Aicha Salih: Temple University
Reagan Schaeffer: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Gabriella Smoyer: Cedar Crest College
Austin Smyth: Wilkes University
Kendall Snyder: East Carolina University
Devon Sosa: Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
Hayley Thoder: Northampton Community College
Alexis Trauger: University of Connecticut
Jayda Vazquez: Kutztown University
Gianna Vought: Lehigh Carbon Community College
Lily Wanamaker: Kutztown University
Jonathan Zemlansky: Pennsylvania College of Technology
Callum Bryce Zimmerman: Pennsylvania College of Technology

Northern Lehigh High School seniors Danielle Dougherty, co-valedictorian, Delia Quier, co-valedictorian, Aicha Salih, vice president, and Madelynn Mack, Student Council president, shown during commencement exercises. TERRY AHNER/TIMES NEWS

Madelynn E. Mack
NORTHERN LEHIGH
So very proud of all of your accomplishments and the person you are. Best of luck to your next chapter at Penn State.
From Your Family

Graduate Callum Bryce (second from left) is joined by his aunt, Jennifer Wentz (first from left), his grandmother, Theresa Gregory (second from right), and his cousin Leah Wentz after commencement exercises.

Senior Jannetza Guzman Davila waves a flag moments after she receives her high school diploma.
Graduates throw their caps in the air to signify the end of the graduation ceremony.

Graduate Sabrina Marsh shown with her sister, Tabitha Marsh (far left), friend Brianna Kuntz (second from right), and mother Christine Marsh following graduation. TERRY AHNER/TIMES NEWS

These seniors break out their cellphones moments before they prepare to turn their tassels. TERRY AHNER/TIMES NEWS

Senior Chase Wisocky shakes hands with Northern Lehigh School District Superintendent Dr. Matthew J. Link as classmates look on.

NHS SENIORS

Elizabeth Binder
Danielle Dougherty
Diego Fenstermaker
Zoe Hathaway
Caitlin Kirk
Cameron Kuntz
Madelynn Mack
Delia Quier
Colby Rehrig
Aicha Salih
Hayley Thoder

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Class of 2023 facts
Graduation: June 2
Location: Tiger Stadium
Number of diplomas: 181
Valedictorian: Emily Bell
Salutatorian: Carson Mesics

Class officers
President: Elijah Johri
Vice president: Samuel Mauro
Secretary: Caden Kuhns
Treasurer: Ryan Baker

Members of the Northwestern Lehigh High School Class of 2023 prepare to turn their tassels as class adviser Erica Gross turns class President Elijah Johri’s tassel at the Northwestern Lehigh High School graduation ceremony June 2 at Tiger Stadium. LOU WHEELAND/SPECIAL TO THE TIMES NEWS

Northwestern Lehigh High School

Braden Achey
Evan Anderson
Amy Alison Andreoli
Hannah E. Bachman
Ryan M. Baker
Samantha Paige Bardonner
Jennifer Behm
Emily D. Bell
Emily M. Bennicoff
Luke Benvin
Gianna Blaise
Austin Blawn
Nicholas Bogert
Ewan Tate Boone
Chase Bortz
Samuel Bower
Jonah M. Braskie
Jenna Grace Breininger
Isabella R. Broadhead
Colby R. Burrows
Avery Gabriella Carreiro
Marissa Beatrice Christman
Cade Ryan Christopher
John Joseph Cicala Jr.
Ava S. Collins
Quinn Marie Conrey
Jay-Neya Cordero
Claire Costa
Owen S. Daniels
Darryl Charles Danner
Dartanyon M. DeLillo
Tanner DeLong
Andrew Diehl
Cailey Simpson
Zachary Joshua Michael Divers
Mikaela A. Dorney
Elizabeth C. Drake
Lauren B. Drake
Payten Marie Duffy-Slemmer
Christopher Leon Durdenberger
Brooke Dwane
Rachel Erin Eck
Emily Mae Fagan
Maci Nicole Fisher
Cayden M. Fitch
Jedediah Luke Fogel
Benjamin Alan Fornwalt
Miriya Fratrik
Mary Elizabeth Frey
Andrew R. George
Wesley G. George
Naomi Rose Glassberg
Gabrielle E. Gober
Rian Golas
Josiah Gornicz
Zachary Michael Grohotolski
William F. Gruen
Morgan L. Hahn
Cody Matthew Hallock
Seona A. Hanna
Nevaeh D. Hardison
Samara Heckman
Olivia J. Henritzy
Braxton Hofmann
Alicia R. Hunsicker
Emma C. Jeanes
Elijah M. Johri
Arden Lorraine Kaas
Mason C. Kauker
Adam C. Kehl
Jonah S. Keiffer
Haydn S. King
Elijah James Kinzel
Angelina Marie Klein
Erik P. Kline
Damian M. Krapf
Cayden M. Kuhns
Zachary C. Lavish
Aiden P. Lederer
Owen Leibovitz
Molly M. Lenhart
Tristin C. Lentz
Danielle M. Leto
Daniella Rose Lister
Lydia C. Lobach
Jalen Lowthert
Mackenzie Faith Madeira
Zoe E. Manbeck

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GRAD
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Samuel J. Mauro
Bethany Paige McDonald
Scott G. McGehee
Ty Meck
Carson Charles Mesics
Gracie B. Meyers
Lucas Cole Miller
Nina S. Miller
Kelly Moloney
Alex Morales
Alexeia Marie Morales
Sheyanne Madison Muse
Colin M. Myers
Caitlyn Paige Nemchik
Sydney Lillian Nyce
Declan R. O’Connor
Fallyn Oertner
Kian B. Osborne
Brooke Page
Hel C. Pallop
Jacob Peters
Giara Felina Piazza
Kaelin Reese Popp
Nicholas Prudente
Makayla J. Rausch
Olivia Jane Rehrig
Riley Reichard
Amanda Courtney Reidenhour
Sarah Michelle Renner
Brinley Rex
Samantha A baggage Rex
Nalani Rhodes
Mia A. Ritter
Daizha Ronceroes
Zachory Jordan Russo
Cameron Sacco
Matthew Santana
Zachary Santana
Kevin Scanlon
Haley E. Schantz
Brenton Schneider
Aiden Schock
Erin M. Schock
Chloe Schoemaker
Connor Alan Schwartz
Paige Sophia Sevrain
Marie Shane
Damien T. Sherry
Cameron Shields
Grace L. Shirer
Jonah A. Shorette
Matthew W. Shuhay
Kiersten Nicole Shupp
Christopher George Sipos
Trevor W. Smith
Kassandra L. Snyder
Rubiell Soler Cabrera
Jacob Michael Solt
Austin K. Sosnovik
Andrew Frank Spatz
Katana L. Stopp
Tyler Marie Stroup
Steven V. Sukley
Benjamin O. Surman
Thomas J Tenzycki
Cohen Thompson
Aidan R. Tivner
Isabelle Toth
Zadrianna Phillicity Treese
Damian A. Tretter
Macie B. Trotter
Andrew Unangst
Riely N. Uscocovich
Sophia Vargas
Alexis Vennera
Alice Walp
Jocelynn D. Wambold
Josephine L. Wehr
Ava E. Wellings
Emily A. Werley
Hudson M. Wertman
Faith A. Yost
Joshua Zellner
Avrie Zentz

Jennifer Holman, superintendent of schools, presents the Class of 2023 at the Northwestern Lehigh High School graduation ceremony.

Senior Maci Fisher releases balloons to symbolize the unknowns that will challenge her classmates.

Haydn King had the honor of presenting a student address at the Northwestern Lehigh High School graduation ceremony.

Caps fly in celebration at the Northwestern Lehigh High School Class of 2023 graduation ceremony June 2 at Tiger Stadium.
I have a question for all of you. What on earth did I do to deserve the happiness that you all have provided me? Truly, it's impossible for me to describe how each and every one of you have impacted my life.

You guys took someone who always felt like a zero and made him feel like a hero, and for that I am eternally grateful to every single one of you. I hope and pray that someday I can give you even just a shred of what you all have given me.

Thanks to you, I have the confidence to face tomorrow with my head held high, and I love you all for that.

We have built so many memories and reached so many incredible heights.

One great thing we can all be thankful for is we still have Mrs. Paist, despite Kersh's attempt to remove her from the food chain. But seriously, our class, along with other grades, has had great success in education, in sports and in the arts.

Each one of us is a beautiful facet to the jewel that is Northwestern Lehigh Class of 2023.

And most importantly, I'd like to thank God for putting you all in my life. You all have been the miracle that I needed, and I will miss all of you dearly. And I would like to leave you with this Northwestern Class of 2023, ask yourselves, "What is a dream?"

To me, a dream is an intangible idea, it's nothing but a rubric for your reality, a blueprint for your aspirations. But I want to try to give you all the vigor and determination to know that a blueprint or a rubric doesn't get completed unless you, the dreamer, are able to get up and seize the day with your own two hands.

So I hope that you all have the determination to make your lives beautiful, just as you have made mine."

SINCERELY,
ELIJAH JOHRI
CLASS OF 2023 PRESIDENT

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS

Ryan Baker
Elijah Kinzel
Samantha Bardonner
Angelina Klein
Jennifer Behm
Cayden Kuhns
Emily Bell
Daniella Lister
Emily Lister
Mackenzie Madeira
Ewan Boone
Zoe Manbeck
Samuel Bower
Samuel Mauro
Quinn Conrey
Ty Meck
Claire Costa
Carson Mesics
Dartanyon DeLillo
Lucas Miller
Andrew Diehl
Heli Pallop
Zachary Divers
Sarah Renner
Rachel Eck
Zachary Santana
McI Fisher
Erin Schock
Cayden Fitch
Connor Schwartz
Benjamin Forewalt
Marie Shane
Mirya Fratik
Grace Shirer
Mary Frey
Matthew Shuhay
Wesley George
Kiersten Shupp
Naomi Glassberg
Austin Sorosnov
Gabrielle Gober
Macy Trotter
Josiah Gornicz
Andrew Unangst
William Gruen
Alexis Vennera
Seona Hanna
Ava Wellings
Alicia Hunsicker
Emily Werley
Emma Jeanes
Hudson Wertman
Elijah Johri
Faith Yost
Arden Kaas
Avrie Zentz
Haydn King

Northwestern Lehigh School Board President Todd Hernandez presents senior Matthew Santana with his diploma at the Northwestern Lehigh High School Class of 2023 graduation ceremony.

Editor’s note: A list of where graduates will be attending college was not available as of press time.
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Palmerton Area High School

Class of 2023 facts
Graduation: June 5
Location: High school stadium
Number of diplomas: 102
Valedictorian: Ethan Jones
Salutatorian: Emma Martinez

Class officers
President: Ethan Jones
Vice president: Justin Sebelin
Secretary: Hannah Serfass
Treasurer: Emma Martinez

Class facts
Colors: Blue and silver
Song: “Can't Hold Us” by Macklemore & Ryan Lewis
Flower: Blue hydrangea
Motto: “Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift. That's why they call it the present.”
— Master Oogway

Members of the Palmerton Area High School Class of 2023 begin their procession into the stadium for commencement.
JARRAD HEDES/TIMES NEWS
Riley Fallon, right, hugs classmate Ethan Jones during Palmerton Area High School’s commencement ceremony. JARRAD HEDES/TIMES NEWS

Chorus members, from left, Hannah Serfass, Fiona Winger, Riley Fallon and Daniel Haskins, sing the Palmerton Area High School alma mater.

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Manuel Aguinada Hernandez: Work Force
Jocelyn Anthony: Work Force
Kelsey Ballet: Cedar Crest College
Samuel Bittner: Universal Technical Institute
Emily Bollinger: Kings College
Reilly Burke: Charlotte Rush Hockey
Paige Burnett: Work Force
Mayakia Burns: Work Force
Ariella Catania: Penn State University
Logan Connelly: University of Illinois
Marissa Crespo: East Stroudsburg University
Harrison Denthorne: Drexel University
Reiley Doward: Work Force
Dalton Drake: Lincoln Technical Institute
Carly Ellis: Lehigh University
Ian Everett: Lehigh Carbon Comm. College
Trevor Everett: Universal Technical Institute
Riley Fallon: Penn State University
Julia Finley: Elizabeth-town College
Clair Frank: LV dental Assisting School
Elizabeth Frey: Penn State University
Emily Frey: University of Scranton
Ava Gostonyi: Lehigh Carbon Comm. College
Jayden Gursky: East Stroudsburg University
Tyler Hager: Saint Peter’s University

Elizabeth Melber: Beauty Institute
Kylie Messinger: Work Force
Sean Miller: Continuing Education
Jacob Molchan: U.S. Army
Elizabeth Morgan: Rider University
Natalie Mosier: Penn State University
Justin Nansteel: Work Force
Lucas Netznik: Albright College
Taylor Pengelly: Kutztown University
Samantha Perloni: Lancaster Bible College
Emilie Peterson: Moravian University
Brayden Platts: Work Force
Matthew Raub: Kutztown University
Connor Reinhard: Shenandoah University
Chase Reph: King’s College

Margaret Ries: Cedar Crest College
Addie Ring: Work Force
Kendall Robinson: Ursinus College
Alysa Roe: West Chester University
Autumn Rohde: Work Force
Egan Rohde: Work Force
Soledia Ross Vazquez: PA College of Technology
Dalton Rumfield: Penn State University
Ethan Schaffer: Trade School
Kaylee Schleicher: Kutztown University
Justin Sebelin: Duquesne University
Cole Serfass: Mansfield University
Hannah Serfass: Penn State University
Ethan Shaner Swank: Work Force
Aaron Simpson: Bloomsburg University

Taylor Smith: Lehigh Carbon Comm. College
Alyiah Snyder: Moravian University
Nathan Steinmetz: Military
Brian Stepp: Work Force
Trey Sterling: Bloomsburg University
Elizabeth Sterner: James Madison University
Kristopher Styer: Work Force
Bryce Taschler: Air Force
Madison Theisen: Lehigh Carbon Comm. College
Marissa Walck: Lehigh Carbon Comm. College
Alexis White: East Stroudsburg University
Devon White: Work Force
Fiona Winger: Temple University
Paige Wobach: Metro Beauty Academy
Magnolia Young: University of Scranton
Gage Zuberka: Work Force

ON THE COVER: Nathan Steinmetz emerges from the confetti on his way receive his diploma.
Palmerton Class of 2023, you are amazing. You have proved yourselves over and over again. These past four years were full of challenges, not just for us, but for everyone across the nation and the world. We pushed through every obstacle that came our way, however, and we were more successful than we ever could’ve imagined. We did so much, and, most importantly, we enjoyed every moment of it. From staying up all night at MiniThon, to watching some of Palmerton’s boys show off their talents at Mr. Palmerton, to partying at Prom, we truly did have a blast.

These last four years have been incredible, and we are ending them with a bang.

Our senior year of high school has been nothing but success. To list all of our accomplishments would take up the entire newspaper, so here are just a few: we sold out Grease, we won championships in Girl’s Soccer, Cross Country, Boy’s Track, Golf, and Mock Trial, and we did incredibly well in FBLA, Girl’s Basketball, and Girl’s Softball.

I cannot stress how proud I am of each and every one of you. You have set the bar high for future seniors and have demonstrated just how great our school and community is.

Titles aren’t everything, however. Our class isn’t simply great in terms of the flashy outside picture, but we’ve been great within, too.

I can say with 100% certainty that everyone in this class is a great person. We have all truly gotten along so well, and we’ve pushed each other to be better.

We have shown each other respect and kindness throughout all these years, and that is what defines us more than anything else. From the inside to the outside, our class is great.

You should all be proud of yourselves for how much you have done. We owe it to ourselves to be successful in our futures, so let’s keep it up and show the world what we’ve got!

ETHAN JONES
CLASS OF 2023 PRESIDENT
From left, Ava Gostonyi, Alexis White and Jayden Gursky snap a selfie before Palmerton Area High School's commencement. JARRAD HEDES/TIMES NEWS

Brayden Platts, left, and Reiley Dorward pause for a photo before Palmerton Area High School's commencement ceremony.
Justin Sebelin accepts his diploma from Palmerton Area School District Board President Tammy Recker. JARRAD HEDES/TIMES NEWS

Sean Miller, right, smiles as he receives his diploma from Palmerton Area School District Board President Tammy Recker.

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Salutatorian David McAndrew III and valedictorian River Knoblauch smile with other classmates. AMY MILLER/TIMES NEWS

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Izabella Bochicchio  
Ryan Bradley  
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Edward Mullen  
Morgan Nelson  
Xavier Ocasio  
Cody Orsulak  
Nina Oswald

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John Ruzicka  
Telly Santos  
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Autumn Shields  
Spencer Skoutelas-Kern  
Ayden Souders  
Connor Stefanick  
Jason Stenock  
Austin Stevens  
Dustin Stevens  
Zachary Swolensky  
Eugene Turner  
Valery Umana  
Geralys Vazquez Matta  
Emily Vogt  
Kacie Weaver  
Katie Werner  
Molly White  
Bryan Wilde  
Koby Yarnall

Class of 2023 facts
Graduation: June 5  
Location: Intermediate school gymnasium  
Number of diplomas: 87  
Valedictorian: River Knoblauch  
Salutatorian: David McAndrew III

Class officers
President: Kyle Lin  
Vice president: David McAndrew III  
Secretary: Lauren Semko  
Treasurer: Molly White

Class facts
Colors: Black and Yellow  
Song: "The Nights" by Avicii  
Flower: White Rose
Panther Valley graduates announce future endeavors

Selena Bauder: Penn State
Naomi Baumer: West Virginia
Bryce Bell: Workforce
Izabella Bochicchio: Misericordia
Ryan Bradley: Workforce
Rachael Clader: Workforce
Bryan Collado Caceres: Workforce
Elizabeth Cox: LCCC
Anizjah Crawford: LCCC
Destiny Deno: Emerson College
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Jacob Ellis: Workforce
Matthew Engler: Workforce
Tremaine Ervine: St. Luke’s Health Network
Edward Evans: Workforce
Damien Flexer: Workforce
John Foerster: HVAC
Emily Gable: Workforce
Aislynn Gallahar: Moravian University
Nicholas Gannecilli: Workforce
Laney Garcia: Moravian University
Ethan Gardiner: Johnson College
Juliana Gindhart: LCCC
Gioanna Gines-Ramos: Workforce
Juliana Gjoca: LCCC
Brandon Gotthardt: LCCC
Hazel Gutierrez: East Stroudsburg University
Austin Hadley: Franklin and Marshall College
Logan Haines: Job Force
Anthony Heiland: Marywood University
Esmeralda Hernandez: Arizona State University
Dimitri Hesse: Workforce
Riley Hoben: Thaddeus Steven’s College of Technology
Bradley Hood: Mansfield University
Benjamin Imler: Workforce
Skylar Jandrisevitz: CCI Work Welding Program
Jessica Janulin: Workforce
Lovell Johnson: Workforce
Matthew Juracka: LCCC
Sage-Marie Kamonka: LCCC
River Knoblauch: Lehigh University
Thomas Kokinda: Accounting
Chloe Kruslicky: Arizona State University
Haley Kulaga: Workforce
Kyle Lin: Carnegie Mellon University
Leonard Loggins: Workforce
David McAndrew: Villanova University
Kiara McQuillen: Wilkes University
Jenalise Muir: Penn State Schuykill
Edward Mullen: Workforce
Morgan Nelson: LCCC
Xavier Ocasio: Workforce
Cody Orsulak: Franklin Pierce University
Michael Pascoe: Chestnut Hill College
Mia Perilli: Lebanon Valley College
Hayden Posey: LCCC
Lexiss Richter: LCCC
Sera Robin: Misericordia University
Aiden Rohrbach: Workforce
John Ruzicka: University of Pittsburgh

LEFT: Graduate Jacob Ellis receives his diploma from school board President Daniel Matika during graduation on June 5.

Izabella Schuler: Workforce
Lauren Semko: Coastal Carolina University
Amber Shafer: Workforce
Spencer Skoutelas-Kern: Workforce
Connor Stefanick: Military
Austin Stevens: Workforce
Zachary Swolensky: Workforce
Eugene Turner: Workforce
Geralys Vazquez Matta: LCCC
Emily Vogt: Workforce
Kacie Weaver: Workforce
Katie Werner: LCCC
Molly White: St. Joseph’s University
Bryan Wilde: Temple University
Koby Yarnall: Workforce

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I want to think back to the times when we played in the streets and playgrounds, the days when we had no care in the world except to have fun.

Perhaps we’ve passed those days and now we’re upon a new time, moving forward to college, the armed forces, or the workforce but we should still remember the time we spent at Panther Valley.

Maybe our proms weren’t the most lavish, our clubs the most interesting, our school the prettiest, but I hope everyone still was able to find something memorable whether it was laughing away during class or playing a ballgame in the gym.

Maybe it was when a friend did some ridiculous thing and got put in detention.

In a small school like ours, it’s the students who make the school, as said by our previous principal Joseph Gunnels. When what we have is just each other, we come together and create something special, an experience in which we find every way to make it more memorable.

I want everyone to express some thanks to their teachers before we move on as they gave us a classroom to both learn and create fun memories in.

As the class president of the Panther Valley graduating Class of 2023, I hope my words are representative of my class and we can all move forward with something important from Panther Valley.

KYLE LIN
CLASS OF 2023 PRESIDENT

Cody Orsulak listens to the speakers at Panther Valley’s graduation on June 5. AMY MILLER/TIMES NEWS

Lexiss Richter checks her cap with her phone before graduation.

John Ruzicka smiles before graduation.

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Robert and Tiffany Ritchie accept their son's diploma from Superintendent David McAndrew and school board President Daniel Matika. Nolan Ritchie, who passed away in 2012, would have been a graduate of the Panther Valley Class of 2023.

A sign representing the Class of 2023 sits at the back of the Panther Valley graduation. AMY MILLER/TIMES NEWS

Graduate Juliana Gjoca waves as she enters the gymnasium during commencement.

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Class of 2023 facts
Graduation: June 2
Location: High school stadium
Number of diplomas: 361
Valedictorian: Kassidy Shupp
Salutatorian: Julia Gower

Class officers
President: Jaclyn James
Vice President: Emilia Mancuso
Secretary: Frankie Morales
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Pleasant Valley High School

Graduates get situated for the start of the Pleasant Valley High School graduation. AMY LEAP/TIMES NEWS

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Many students like to personalize the cap and this Pleasant Valley graduate wanted to make sure her mom know how grateful she is for her mom. AMY

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Maria Saitta
Kassidy Shupp
Lishka Soto-Semidey
Sophia Tauer
Sophia Trout

Editor’s note: A list of where graduates will be attending college was not available as of press time.

Pleasant Valley Band members wait for their time to show off their talents.

Graduates wait for the signal to start toward their seats. AMY LEAP/TIMES NEWS

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A graduate smiles as she walks up to the podium to receive her diploma.

Seniors wait for the signal to walk onto the field to take their seat. AMY LEAP/TIMES NEWS

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Tamaqua Area High School

Class of 2023 facts
Graduation: May 25
Location: High School stadium
Number of diplomas: 148
Valedictorian: Helen Elena Florea
Salutatorian: Brooke Williams

Class officers
President: Jonathan Ulicny
Vice president: Katie Miller
Secretary: Mia Jones
Treasurer: Eileen Lusch

Class facts
Colors: Sage Green
Song: "Party in the USA"
Flower: White carnation
Motto: "Last one. Best one."

Autumn Storm Ackles
Donavin J. Albert
Chase Aaron Andrews
Gabriel Arcand
Jonathon Edward Barr
Thomas J. Bartasavage
Michael Ronald Benderawicz
Erica L. Benningfield
Nelson Russell Bensinger
Sarah Rachel Bolles
Tucker James Bowman
Alexis Brito
Jacob J. Carroll
Angelina Rose Casella
Jersey Cholminski Rodriguez
Allie Marie Clausius
Aydan M. Coady
Gabriel Coleman
Liam M. Conforti
Yan Omir Cosme
Isaac D. Curvev
Kyra Elizabeth DeKorte
Jacob Julian DeMarco
Tegan Devlin
Teagan Elizabeth Dibert
Brayden R. Dombrosky
Kelly A. Ehrig
McKenna R. Ehrig
Diliah A. Espinosa

Anthony Fairchild
Nathan M. Fannock
Colton J. Fatzinger
Kaitlin Arroyo
Helen Elena Florea
Connor Fredericks
Robert J. Fredericks
Timothy J. Fritzinger
Kiesha Gayle
Mason Alexander Gerber
Erika Lynne Gerhard
Haley Marie Giuliiano
Amara M. Goho
Johan Goho
Ryan Goho
Kylie E. Greenzweig
Layla Helen Hall
Daniel H. Heckman
Matt Hedrick
Alec J. Hill
Lauren Nicole Hill
Steven J. Hoffman
Ashlyn Elizabeth Houser
Alyssa D. Hughes
Emily J. Hunsicker
Mason G. Job
Matthew R. Jones
Mia Gabrielle Jones
Manuel Jorge Gomez

Taryn N. Kapes
James W. Kemmerer
Nataly R. Kerestus
Grace Elizabeth Kinder
Jazlynn M. King
John Klein
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Kelsey Ayn Kraemer
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Cameron Kareem Lewis
Megan Marie Logan
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Riley Rose MacMillan
Danniel I. Maldonado
Zachary D. Markiewicz
Aiden J. Markowski
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Cian Edward McLaughlin

Benjamin K. McNutt
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Katie Lee Miller
Marissa Lynn Miller
Morgan Elizabeth Miller
Pamela A. Miller
Tucker D. Miller
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Christina Mary Modesto
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Abbie Marie Ostrowski
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Tyler P. Petrucci
Andrew D. Pilla
William Rowland Puckette
Leiry L. Ramos
Kailey Rose Richards
Daeja J. Riddick
Aaron M. Rolko
Alexander N. Rosas
William R. Ross
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Tamaqua High School graduates sing a song, “Graduation Day” at the commencement services. JAMES LOGUE JR./SPECIAL TO THE TIMES NEWS
Editor's note: A list of where graduates will be attending college was not available as of press time.

Robert Hollenbach, guest speaker; Helen Florea, valedictorian; Brooke Williams, salutatorian; Jonathan Ulicny, class president; and Ray Kinder, TASD Superintendent, pose for a photo. JAMES LOGUE JR./SPECIAL TO THE TIMES NEWS

Helen Elena Florea, valedictorian, addresses the graduating class.

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Katie Miller
Marissa Miller
Lucas Milot
Gracie Nallon
Megan Oswald
Aaron Rolko
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Jonathan Ulicny, president, Class of 2023, Tamaqua Area High School, speaks at the graduation ceremony.

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We always say home is where we spend our childhood, the beginning of our lives. So how can we leave our homes behind? How can we move on from the friends we have known since we were 5 years old, from teachers we have spent years learning from, the coaches who made us better athletes, and the advisors that motivated us?

High school is not always a happy place, nor is it always somewhere we want to spend countless hours of the year. Yet when we talk about college and the future, there is always a dismissive nature to these conversations, concealing a slow, persistent sadness.

We are scared to leave. We are scared to abandon what we know, what is comfortable. Everyone says that “time flies” and to “make memories while you can,” but no one says that high school is more than a place. It is a home.

No one wants to wake up before 7 o’clock in the morning. No one wants to spend the majority of their day holed up in a stuffy classroom learning about statistical inferencing, classical rhetorical devices, or the Rydberg Equation. But we do so anyway.

Every high school student is challenged to learn something new everyday, but more importantly, we find comfort in the friendships we forge along a beaten path. Students who share the same classes as us, students who are in band and drama club with us all become our closest friends, our family.

How can we leave all of these friendships behind?

When senior year finally arrived, we thought that we had finally achieved freedom. No more boring classes we needed to take for graduation requirements. No more awkward teachers who did not even know our first names. No more lunches stuck with people we did not know or recognize.

Senior year brought countless new experiences and memories, but in an instant, it was all over. All we had from the class trips, games, competitions, and performances were fading memories, memories that would someday fade. How can we leave this behind?

Despite our best wishes to remain where we are happy, and where we are home, life is about moving on to more difficult and challenging things.

The skills we have learned and the memories we have gained serve as a road map for our future, helping us navigate the most difficult of obstacles. We will be challenged. We will struggle. We will fail. But through this failure, we will grow and we will become better and stronger because of it.

High school set us on a path to success and prosperity and happiness, and the memories every student made will stay with us forever.

Home is how forever feels, and we will always have a home at Tamaqua.

JONATHAN ULICNY
CLASS OF 2023 PRESIDENT

Senior members of the Jazz Chorale at Tamaqua High School sing the Star Spangled Banner at commencement exercises. JAMES LOGUE JR./SPECIAL TO THE TIMES NEWS

Hailey Morgan Williams accepts her diploma from Raymond J. Kinder, superintendent of Tamaqua Area School District.
Robert Hollenbach, TASD Class of 1989, was the guest speaker at the Tamaqua Area High School’s commencement program.

Class of 2023 President Jonathan Ulicny prepares to present Class of 2024 President Stephen Behun IV, with the class colors.

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Graduation: May 25

Area graduates include:
Brenna Eckhart, Lehighton
Kate Malay, Jim Thorpe
Samuel Pacchioli, Barnesville
Jessica Zheng, Jim Thorpe

Editor’s note: Attempts to obtain graduate information from Commonwealth Charter Academy were unsuccessful.

Jonathan E. Barr, Tamaqua Class of 2023, listens to the speakers at the graduation ceremony on May 25.
JAMES LOGUE JR./SPECIAL TO THE TIMES NEWS
Weatherly Area High School

Class of 2023 facts
Graduation: June 2
Location: Middle school auditorium
Number of diplomas: 43
Valedictorian: Michael Berger
Salutatorian: Abigail Paisley

Class officers
President: Michael Berger
Vice president: Abigail Paisley
Secretary: Madisyn Marie von Frisch
Treasurer: Emma Angeline Kane
Historian: Owen John Broskoskie

Class facts
Colors: Lavender, Gold and Cream
Song: “Don’t Stop Believing” by Journey
Flower: Tulip
Motto: “If you can imagine it, you can achieve it; if you dream it, you can become it.
— William Arthur Ward

Members of the Weatherly High School Class of 2023 get ready for their graduation ceremony. JAMES LOGUE JR./SPECIAL TO THE TIMES NEWS
Weatherly grads announce plans

Michael Lewis Berger: Pennsylvania State University - Hazleton Campus
Owen John Broskoskie: Bloomsburg University
Dylan Thomas Buck: Harrisburg Area Community College
Jonathan Darraugh II: Pennsylvania College of Technology
Fredrick Wolfgang Deck er: Workforce
Adrianna Rose Dotzel: Delaware Valley
Huntyr Nicole Eichhorst: Undecided
Jayden C. Eubanks: Pennsylvania College of Technology
Angelina Marie Fewins: Bloomsburg University
Tyler James Fosburg: Pennsylvania College of Technology
John Edward Fultz: Workforce
Jocelynvan Maria Gonzalez: Wilkes University
Danielle Jewel Gordon: Pennsylvania State University
Nathan Herman: Workforce
Wyatt Higgins: Ursinus College
Tanner Matthew Hinkle: Workforce
Zackery Hitchens: United States Army
Jonathan M. Hoffman: Bloomsburg University
Tucker Hollowell: Workforce
Benjamin G. Jeffries: Workforce
Taylor Elizabeth Jones: Pennsylvania State University - Hazleton Campus
Emma Angeline Kane: Pennsylvania College of Technology
Christal Madison Kislan: Waynesburg University
Ian Robert McLaurin: Kings College
Kelly Elizabeth Michaels: DeSales University
Jordan Anthony Mitchell: Luzerne County Community College
Jack Edward Nemshick: Pennsylvania State College - Hazleton Campus
Abigail Paisley: Susquehanna University
Jacob Michael Parker: Pennsylvania College of Technology
Raynessa Paulino Diaz: Undecided
Johnathan Petrylak: Workforce
Leeta Christine Prater: East Stroudsburg University
Nicholas J. Rea: Workforce
Rebecca Lynn Schell: Kings College
Alicia M. Schertrumpf: Kings College
Brianna Hope Shuman: Messiah University
Nathan Albert Tripp: Pennsylvania College of Technology
Ivan Vladimir Venne: Undecided
Madisyn Marie von Frisch: Kings College
Evan A. Wenner: Workforce
Jenna C. Winkler: Wilkes University
Mason Zubritsky: Workforce

Weatherly High School Class of 2023 graduates line the sidewalk to greet guests and family members following the graduation ceremony. JAMES LOGUE JR./SPECIAL TO THE TIMES NEWS

Seniors at the Weatherly High School graduation decorated their caps for the program.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SENIORS

Michael Berger
Emma Kane
Owen Broskoskie
Christal Kislan
Dylan Buck
Ian McLaurin
Jonathan Darraugh II
Kelly Michaels
Adrianna Dotzel
Jack Nemshick
Huntyr Eichhorst
Abigail Paisley
Jayden Eubanks
Rebecca Schell
Angelina Fewins
Alicia Schertrumpf
Danielle Gordon
Brianna Shuman
Wyatt Higgins
Nathan Tripp
Jonathan Hoffman
Madisyn von Frisch
Jenna Winkler

A member of the Weatherly High School Class of 2023 gets help attaching a flower to his gown.
It is crazy to think that the end is near for high school. For the last thirteen years we have been doing the same thing, coming to school every day. The time is almost upon us where we get to move forward with our lives. It is time that we move to our next chapter.

In this next chapter we will make new friends and meet new people. We will be offered new opportunities and new chances. It will be a huge change to begin, but over time we get used to the change.

We will be able to live our lives freely in the way we choose. Instead of having to come to school every day, we can chase new adventures and new journeys. Our opportunities are unlimited and endless.

In our lives we will go through rough patches and hard times, but we will also go through some of the best times of our lives. School has taught us many valuable life lessons that we need to make sure that we never forget.

School has taught us how to keep pushing through. I know at times we all wanted to give up, but we never did.

We made it our goal to graduate, and we have achieved this. School has taught us how to build friendships and relationships with people in our lives. This valuable skill will allow us to meet new people and help us achieve our dreams.

School has taught us hard work and determination. With enough hard work and determination we can achieve anything we believe we can. Our class is the next generation.

We are the ones who can make a difference, and as long as we remember everything we learned in school, the good and the bad, we will all have a bright future ahead of us.
HONORING THE
Class of 2023

TIMES NEWS would like to congratulate the area graduates.

Today you celebrate the culmination of all your hard work and perseverance.
May this be the beginning of a bright and beautiful future.
We look forward to celebrating all of your future success!