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2025

Board of Education Meetings

July 14, 5:15pm (Regular Meeting)

July 28, 4:30pm (Regular Meeting)

Aug. 12, 8:30am (Work Session)

Aug. 25, 6:30pm (Regular Meeting)

Sept. 8, 6:30pm (Regular Meeting)

Sept. 22, 5:15pm (Work Session)

Oct. 6, 6:30pm (Regular Meeting)

Oct. 20, 5:15pm (Work Session)

Nov. 3, 6:30pm (Regular Meeting)

Nov. 17, 5:15pm (Work Session)

Dec. 1, 6:30pm (Regular Meeting)

Dec. 15, 5:15pm (Work Session)

Check www.bcpsk12.net board page
for meeting specifics and locations.

Work Sessions will be scheduled
as needed.

Upon request at least ten (10) days
prior to a meeting, the District shall
make reasonable accommodations
for a person with disabilities to
be able to attend and participate.
Contact the Facilities Director at
616.878.6100.

There is a time for public
participation during a meeting as
indicated in the agenda.

Official minutes are available and
stored at the administration office.



BYRON CENTER
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Class of 2025



This special edition of the BConnection is all about celebrating the Class of 2025 and their many accomplishments during their time at Byron Center Public Schools. This class has done amazing things and I wish them nothing but the best in their future endeavors.

From the academic success with scholarships, test scores and a high number of AP and honors classes, the Class of 2025 has set the bar high by holding themselves to the highest standard.

These seniors have set a precedent for success with the arts; from band and choir performing at the state level, student artwork being celebrated across the state and the jazz program competing nationally in New York City.

Many student-athletes in this year's graduating class have been a part of school records, conference, district and regional championships. Our athletes put Byron Center on the map for the highest number of sports competing for a state level championship in school history.

Seniors, you have built your success stories and left your mark on Byron Center. Along the way you had help and support from family, friends, teachers, staff and classmates. A special recognition to all BCPS staff members who helped these students get to the finish line.

I challenge the Class of 2025 to not only strive to be successful in all that you do, but as your classmates have shown, make sure you are significant in all that you do.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025!



Kevin Macina, Ph.D.
Superintendent



TOP SENIOR PROFILES

Byron Center High School proudly recognizes the Class of 2025 Top Seniors!

BRANDEN COLLER - VALEDICTORIAN



Branden Coller is the 2025 Byron Center High School Valedictorian. He is the son of Dale and Jodie Coller. He was a member of the National Honor Society and Boy Scouts. Branden volunteered at Kids Food Basket and with BC Youth Wrestling. He participated in band for one year, football for four years where he was Academic All-State and wrestling for four years where he was a captain. Branden is an AP Scholar with Distinction, has been named a Scholar Athlete of the Year finalist and has been awarded the Hope College Presidential Scholarship. He will attend Hope College and plans to major in pre-med with a biology focus.

COLTON STANDORF - SALUTATORIAN



Colton Standorf is the 2025 BCHS Salutatorian. He is the son of Darren and Lynn Standorf. Colton was a member of the National Honor Society, Tutor Club and Spanish Club. He was on the swim and dive team for four years and was named All-State and All-Conference. Colton is an AP Scholar with Distinction, earned the Michigan Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish, received the BCHS Science Award and has been awarded the University of Michigan Regents Merit Scholarship. He will attend U of M and plans to major in pre-med.

TESS DEHAAN

Tess DeHaan is the daughter of Darrel and Kalani DeHaan. She was a member of the National Honor Society and a class officer. Tess volunteered at Kids Food Basket, ResLife Nursery and Mel Trotter Ministries. She studied ballet at HIS Dance Academy for 14 years and performed in several HIS Dance productions. Tess is a National Merit Commended Scholar and an AP Scholar with Distinction. She has been awarded the National Rural and Small Town Award, the Centralis Gold Award, the BCHS Math and Science Awards and the Liberty Academic Scholarship for full tuition. Tess will be attending Liberty University and plans to major in biopsychology.



VIVIAN PELL

Vivian Pell is the daughter of David and Jolene Pell. She was a member of the National Honor Society and a class officer. Vivian completed five years of Spanish and earned the Michigan Seal of Biliteracy and the BCHS Spanish Award. She is a National Merit Commended Scholar and an AP Scholar with Distinction. Vivian plans to major in biochemistry and minor in Spanish at Florida State University and will be doing her first year abroad in Valencia, Spain.



EMMA WIECHERTJES

Emma Wiechertjes is the daughter of Brad and Tera Wiechertjes. She was a member of the National Honor Society and the BCHS Chamber Orchestra. Emma volunteered at Kids Food Basket and at her church. She was on the swim and tennis teams for four years. Emma is a National Merit Scholarship Finalist and an AP Scholar with Distinction. She has been awarded the National Rural and Small Town Award, the BCHS Social Studies and Math Awards and was a representative at the Women in Sports Leadership Conference. Emma will be attending Liberty University and plans to major in biopsychology.



JADEN BOSSEN BROEK

Jaden Bossenbroek is the son of Zachary and Christy Bossenbroek. He was a member of the National Honor Society and Science Olympiad, President of the International Music Appreciation Club, founder of the Global Sports Club, member of the Lego Club and a class officer. Jaden volunteered with Toys for Tots and played tennis for four years. He is an AP Scholar with Distinction and a National Rural and Small Town Award recipient. Jaden will be attending the University of Michigan's College of Engineering.



ACE ARMS

Ace Arms is the son of Clinton and Christine Arms. He was a member of the National Honor Society, International Music Appreciation Club and a class officer. Ace volunteered at Kids Food Basket and played tennis for three years. He is an AP Scholar with Honor, a Grand Rapids Economics Club essay winner and received the BCHS Social Studies Award, the BCHS Principal's Award and the National Rural and Small Town Award. Ace will be attending the University of Michigan to major in civil and environmental engineering.



NYLA BROEKHUIZEN

Nyla Broekhuizen is the daughter of Yuliya Broekhuizen. She was a member of the Michigan Rover's Soccer Club and BCHS Marching Band. Nyla volunteered with Hand2Hand and at her church. She and a friend created Children's Health Month through Helen DeVos Children's Hospital and led a toy drive at BCHS. Nyla played soccer for two years and track and cross country for one year, winning several awards. She is an AP Scholar with Distinction and has been awarded the Calvin Trustees Scholarship and the Shelby Beagle Memorial Scholarship. Nyla will be attending Calvin University and plans to double major in finance and supply chain.



CONNOR FURLONG

Connor Furlong is the son of Kevin and Tracey Furlong. He was a member of the Code Red Robotics team and the Super Smash Brothers Esports Team. Connor is an AP Scholar with Distinction. He has been accepted to the Michigan State University Honors College and awarded the Honors College State Scholarship. Connor plans to pursue a major in physics at MSU.



ADDISON GILPIN

Addison Gilpin is the daughter of Michael and Erin Gilpin. She played basketball for one year and soccer for four years. Addison is an AP Scholar with Distinction. She has been awarded the National Rural and Small Town Recognition Award, the Baylor Distinction Scholarship and Baylor's Invitation to Excellence Scholarship. Addison will be attending Baylor University to major in statistics with a sports analytics concentration.



TRISTON RUTGERS

Triston Rutgers is the son of Benjamin and Emily Rutgers. He was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Life and Leadership, Science Olympiad, International Music Appreciation Club, Be Nice Club, German Club, Chess Club, Lego Club, Anthropology Club and Asian Culture Club. Triston volunteered at Discovery Village Volunteers, Toys for Tots and Kids Food Basket. He played tennis for four years and was a class officer. Triston is an AP Scholar, a Science Olympiad Regional Finalist and California Tennis Invitational Champ. He has been awarded the National Rural and Small Town Award, the BCHS Math and Social Studies Awards, the BCHS Business Leadership Scholarship and he is a Central Michigan University Centralis Gold Scholarship Finalist. Triston will be attending Central Michigan University to pursue a major in Industrial Engineering Technology.



SENIOR Scholarships & Awards

- Carter Ahearne** – Davenport University
Lacrosse Commit
- Hunter Allchin** – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Award for Excellence Scholarship
- Parker Allchin** – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Laker Merit Scholarship
GVSU Laker Lane Scholarship
BCHS Applied Arts Award
BCHS Art Award for Digital Design
MAEA Art Award
- Calla Alofs** – Ferris State University
BCHS Business Award
- Ace Arms** – University of Michigan
AP Scholar with Honor
National Honor Society
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award
BCHS Principal's Award
BCHS Social Studies Award
- Yaretsi Arvizu Becerra** – Grand Valley State University
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
- Andrew Bae** – SUNY University at Buffalo
Michigan Seal of Biliteracy for Korean
- Daphne Ball** – Michigan State University
AP Scholar
National Honor Society
BCHS Service Award
Versiti Leaders for Life Award
- Alexandria Barbour** – Grand Valley State University
National Honor Society
GVSU Laker Merit Scholarship
GVSU Laker Lane Scholarship
Van Singel Fine Arts Foundation Scholarship
BCHS Performing Arts Theatre Award
- Selah Bartsch** – Douglas J. Aveda
Aveda Natural Talent Scholarship
BCHS LINKS Award
- Espn Batdorff** – Grand Rapids Community College
GVSU Award for Excellence Scholarship
- Marlaina Bathrick** – Michigan State University
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
- Hanna Baumbach** – Hope College
AP Scholar
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
Hope Presidential Scholarship
Road to Hope Scholarship
Hope Legacy Award
Hope Forward Interview Award
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award
BCHS Spanish Award
- Madisyn Baumbach** – Grand Rapids Community College
BCHS LINKS Award
Versiti Leaders for Life Award
- Adrey Bilot** – Western Michigan University
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
WMU Bronco Success Award
WMU Achievement Grant
- Nikolas Blok** – Cornerstone University
Soccer Commit
CU Athletic Scholarship
- Andrieu Blomeling** – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Award for Excellence Scholarship
- Juliet Bodinaku** – Hope College
AP Scholar
Hope Presidential Scholarship
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
Lumbermen's Beating the Odds Scholarship
United Bank Community Dedication Scholarship
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award
Versiti Leaders for Life Award
- Alex Boerman**
AP Scholar with Honor
Global Seal of Biliteracy
- Grayson Borin** – Grand Valley State University
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
- Allison Boruta** – Grand Valley State University
National Honor Society
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
GVSU Presidential Scholarship
GVSU Laker Lane Scholarship
Kelsey's Law Distracted Driving Scholarship
Versiti Leaders for Life Award
- Jaden Bossenbroek** – University of Michigan
AP Scholar with Distinction
National Honor Society
Rural and Small Town Award
- Bryce Bowling** – Aquinas College
Aquinas Academic Scholarship
- Cole Brechting** – Grand Rapids Community College
BCHS Service Award
- Kate Bredemeier** – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Award for Excellence Scholarship
- Kasey Brehm** – Aquinas College
Hockey and Track & Field Commit
- Natalie Bright** – Northern Michigan University
National Honor Society
NMU Wildcat Merit Scholarship
NMU Presidential Scholars Award
Buist Electric Scholarship
Versiti Leaders for Life Award
- James Brock** – Central Michigan University
AP Scholar
CMU Maroon & Gold Merit Scholarship
Versiti Leaders for Life Scholarship
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award
- Nyla Broekhuizen** – Calvin University
AP Scholar with Distinction
Calvin Trustees Scholarship
Shelby Beagle Memorial Scholarship
BCHS Service Award
- Melanie Brougham** – Michigan Tech University
Soccer Commit
AP Scholar with Distinction
MI Tech Athletic Scholarship
MI Tech Presidential Scholarship
- Jay Burgess** – Grand Rapids Community College
Versiti Leaders for Life Award
- Presley Cecil** – Davenport University
Lacrosse Commit
DU Athletic Scholarship
DU Excellence Scholarship
Michigan Merit Scholarship
BCHS Service Award
- Alondra Chavez-Reza** – Grand Valley State University
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
GVSU Award for Excellence Scholarship
- Aliyah Colella** – Ferris State University
FSU Provost's Scholarship
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
BCHS Performing Arts Choir Award
- Austin Coleman** – Albion College
Wrestling Commit
Albion Kresge Scholarship
- Branden Collier** – Hope College
AP Scholar with Distinction
National Honor Society
Hope Presidential Scholarship
Road to Hope Scholarship
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award
- Landen Conrad** – Hope College
Football Commit
BCHS Physical Education Award
- Laney Conrad** – Hope College
Hope Alumni Scholarship
Road to Hope Scholarship
Bite Cancer Foundation Scholarship
BCHS Service Award
- Anthony Cordes** – Davenport University
Lacrosse Commit
- Alyssa Davis** – University of Tennessee
AP Scholar
UT Volunteer Scholarship
- Kristin Deamud** – Grand Rapids Community College
AP Scholar with Distinction
BCHS Service Award
- Chloe DeBoer** – Defiance College
Volleyball Commit
Defiance STEM Scholarship
BCHS Physical Education Award
- Tess DeHaan** – Liberty University
National Merit Commended Scholar
AP Scholar with Distinction
National Honor Society
Liberty Academic Scholarship
Liberty Academic Honors Scholarship
Liberty Champion Award
Rural and Small Town Award
BCHS Math Award
BCHS Science Award
Versiti Leaders for Life Award
- Addison Deppe** – Calvin University
AP Scholar
National Honor Society
BCHS Service Award
Girl Scout Silver Award
- Gianna Desgranges** – GRCC, GVSU
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
- Payton Dodgson** – University of Michigan
AP Scholar
National Honor Society
- Brody Dunnill** – Michigan State University
AP Scholar with Distinction
National Honor Society
Byron Center Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
Versiti Leaders for Life Award
- Randall Dustin** – Grand Valley State University
Global Seal of Biliteracy for American Sign Language
GVSU Faculty Scholarship
GVSU Laker Lane Scholarship
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award
- Elory Dykstra** – Lake Michigan College
Softball Commit
Byron Center Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
- Logan Ensing** – Western Michigan University
AP Scholar
WMU Bronco Merit Scholarship
WMU Achievement Award
- Diana Esparza-Salvador** – University of Michigan
AP Scholar with Honor
National Honor Society
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
Brink Wood Products Scholarship
BCHS Social Studies Award
BCHS Service Award
- Jacob Evink** – Western Michigan University
WMU Bronco Merit Scholarship
- Ryan Fan** – Michigan State University
AP Scholar with Distinction
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award
Presidential Volunteer Service Award
BCHS Science Olympiad Award
BCHS Service Award
- Sophia Feldpausch** – Grand Valley State University
AP Scholar with Distinction
National Honor Society
GVSU Presidential Scholarship
Arend D. & Nancy Lubbers Scholarship
St. Sebastian Knights of Columbus Scholarship
BCHS Art Award for 2D Art
BCHS Service Award
- Kayla Ferguson** – Davenport University
Pom Pom Commit
National Honor Society
- Kylee Ferner** – Grand Rapids Community College
Golden Apple Scholarship
BCHS Art Award for Yearbook
BCHS Service Award
- Trace Finkbeiner** – Michigan State University
National Honor Society
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
- Jocelyn Fitzpatrick** – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Laker Lane Scholarship
- Madison Fonnesebeck** – Grand Valley State University
National Honor Society
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
GVSU Award for Excellence Scholarship
- Addison Foote** – Davenport University
Rugby Commit
Army National Guard
DU Athletic Scholarship
DU Signature Scholarship
- Natalie Formsmma** – Saginaw Valley State University
National Honor Society
SVSU Dean's Scholarship
SVSU Athletic Scholarship
SVSU Housing Scholarship
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
Bite Cancer Foundation Scholarship
BCHS Service Award
- Rowan Fortier** – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Laker Scholarship
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award
- Brooklyn Fortuna** – Grand Rapids Community College
BCHS Performing Arts Band Award
- Calena Foster** – Aquinas College
Track Commit
Aquinas Academic Scholarship
- Gabriela Fredericksen** – Grand Rapids Community College
AP Scholar with Honor
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
Global Seal of Biliteracy for German
Brink Wood Products Scholarship
BCHS German Award

Sarah Fredricks – Central Michigan University
AP Scholar with Honor
CMU Maroon & Gold Merit Scholarship

Connor Furlong – Michigan State University
AP Scholar with Distinction
MSU Honors College Scholarship

Colton Gady – Hope College
AP Scholar with Distinction
Hope Presidential Scholarship
Road to Hope Scholarship

Brady Gallagher – Grand Valley State University
Michigan Achievement Scholarship

Jameson Garbarek – Grand Rapids Community College
Winter Guard Commit
National Honor Society
Versiti Leaders for Life Award

Sophia Geerling – Grand Valley State University
AP Scholar with Honor
GVSU Award for Excellence Scholarship
GVSU Laker Lane Scholarship
BCHS Service Award

Addison Gilpin – Baylor University
AP Scholar with Distinction
Baylor Distinction Scholarship
Baylor's Invitation to Excellence Scholarship
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award

Angela Gonzalez-Martinez
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish

Emily Hernandez
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish

Joseph Hernandez – Siena Heights University
Football Commit
SHU Saints Scholarship
SHU Athletic Scholarship

Ella Herremans – Western Michigan University
WMU Bronco Honors Scholarship
WMU Bronco Alumni Scholarship
Byron Center Education Association Scholarship
KCTC Teacher Academy Values Award

Keane Hinkle – Davenport University
Basketball Commit

Addisen Huffman – Central Michigan University
CMU Maroon & Gold Merit Scholarship

Alexis Huizenga – Central Michigan University
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
CMU Maroon & Gold Merit Scholarship
CMU Last Dollar Award
Michigan Achievement Scholarship

Caden Hyma – Western Michigan University
WMU Brown & Gold Scholarship
WMU Achievement Award
Michigan Achievement Scholarship

Kayleigh Imperi – Central Michigan University
CMU Maroon & Gold Merit Scholarship

Madison Ipema – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Laker Scholarship

Brian Jarchow – Michigan State University
Haworth Scholarship

Mitchell Jeruzal – Grand Valley State University
AP Scholar
GVSU Award for Excellence Scholarship
GVSU Laker Scholarship
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
Gaines Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
Knights of Columbus Scholarship
BCHS English Award

Irumva Jessica
BCHS ESL Award

Lance Johnson – Ferris State University
FSU President's Scholarship
BCHS Applied Arts Award

Ella Kaiser – Grand Rapids Community College
National Honor Society
BCHS Student Life & Leadership Award
BCHS Service Award

Camden Karel – Bowling Green State University
Basketball Commit
BGSU Athletic Scholarship

Makayla Karel – Cornerstone University
CU Dean Scholarship

Reed Kartes – Maryville University
Lacrosse Commit

Harjot Kaur – Michigan State University
AP Scholar with Distinction
National Honor Society
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
Bite Cancer Foundation Scholarship
BCHS Spanish Award
BCHS Service Award
Versiti Leaders for Life Award

Nicholas Keillor – Western Michigan University
WMU Bronco Honors Scholarship

Jordan Kerns – Davenport University
Soccer Commit
MHSAA Scholar Athlete Scholarship

Alexus Kleczynski – Grand Valley State University
Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
GVSU Award for Excellence Scholarship
Lake Michigan Competitive Cheer Officials
Association Scholarship

Simon Kramer – Grand Rapids Community College
National Merit Scholarship Finalist
AP Scholar with Honor
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award
BCHS Performing Arts Orchestra Award

Tatum Kramer – Grand Valley State University
National Honor Society
Versiti Leaders for Life Award

Kaden Krause – Grand Rapids Community College
BCHS Student Life & Leadership Award

Allyson LaBean
Learning Strategies Outstanding Achievement Award

Will Lake – Grand Rapids Community College
BCHS Physical Education Award

Luke Laska – Saint Xavier University
Football Commit
SXU Merit Scholarship
SXU Athletic Scholarship

Sienna Law – Western Michigan University
WMU Bronco Merit Scholarship

Sydney Law – University of Michigan
Triathlon Team Commit
AP Scholar with Honor
National Honor Society
U of M GR Club Scholarship
ELK Scholarship

Atlas Molded Products Scholarship
Van Singel Fine Arts Foundation Scholarship
BCHS Principal's Award

Ellisyn Lazowski – Grand Rapids Community College
Soccer Commit

Alyssa Le – Grand Rapids Community College
BCHS Art Award for 2D Art

Kim Le – University of Michigan
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
College Board First Generation Recognition Award
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award

Isaac Lee – University of Pennsylvania
Football Commit
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award

Calli Lenger – Grand Rapids Community College
National Honor Society
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
Future Farmers of America Excellence Silver Award
BCHS English Award
BCHS Service Award

Vivian Lindgren – GRCC, University of Michigan
Michigan Community College Guarantee
BCHS German Award

Reese Lowe – Ferris State University
Volleyball Commit
FSU Dean Scholarship
Athletic Scholarship

Madison Lutke – Ferris State University
FSU Dean Scholarship
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
Kozal and Baker Scholarship
Brink Wood Products Scholarship

Morgan Malek – Oakland University
Soccer Commit
AP Scholar with Honor
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
OU Talented Scholar Scholarship

Maxwell Mathers – University of Alabama
AP Scholar with Distinction
UA Scholarship
UA Mechanical Engineering Scholarship
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award

Camden Mathiesen – Michigan Technological University
AP Scholar with Honor
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
Buist Electric Scholarship

Xavier McCallum – Aquinas College
Track & Field Commit
Aquinas Academic Scholarship
Michigan Achievement Scholarship

Sophia McCotter – Central Michigan University
CMU Maroon & Gold Merit Scholarship
CMU Leadership Advancement Scholarship
Lake Michigan Competitive Cheer Officials Association
Scholarship
BCHS English Award
BCHS Service Award

Ian McLellan – Western Michigan University
AP Scholar
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
WMU Bronco Honors Scholarship

Addison Meredith – Michigan State University
MSU Academic Scholarship

Abigail Middleton – Grand Rapids Community College
Michigan Achievement Scholarship

Alexis Mulder – Western Michigan University
LMCU Teacher Pathway Scholarship
KCTC Teacher Academy Values Award

Leah Myhre – Central Michigan University
AP Scholar with Honor
CMU Maroon & Gold Merit Scholarship

Helena Nguyen – Michigan State University
AP Scholar with Honor
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
Michigan Achievement Scholarship

Addison Nielsen – Grand Valley State University
GVSU Award for Excellence Scholarship

Jaxson O'Keefe – Grand Valley State University
Hockey Commit

John Obert – Grand Rapids Community College
AP Scholar
BCHS Science Olympiad Award

Sarah Oegema – University of Michigan
National Honor Society
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
Gaines Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
BCHS Service Award
Versiti Leaders for Life Award

Jack Olivier – Penn State University
Diving Commit
AP Scholar with Distinction
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
Athletic Scholarship

Abigail Parker – Purdue University
AP Scholar
National Honor Society
BCHS Service Award
Girl Scout Silver Award

Kellen Payne – University of Nevada, Reno
Baseball Commit
UNR Athletic Scholarship
UNR Academic Scholarship

Vivian Pell – Florida State University
National Merit Commended Scholar
AP Scholar with Distinction
National Honor Society
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award
BCHS Spanish Award
Versiti Leaders for Life Award

Elaina Perez – University of Tampa
UTampa Presidential Scholarship
Versiti Leaders for Life Award

Jaylene Perez – GRCC, GVSU
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish

Brady Pettit – Albion College
Tennis Commit

Henry Phan – Grand Rapids Community College
BCHS Business Award

Luke Philo – Cornerstone University
Soccer Commit
CU Scholarship

Celia Pollock – Central Michigan University
National Honor Society
CMU Maroon & Gold Merit Scholarship
BCHS Service Award
Versiti Leaders for Life Award

John Potter – Michigan State University
AP Scholar with Honor

Maggie Potter – University of Michigan
AP Scholar with Honor
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award

Jersey Pylman – Michigan State University
Future Farmers of America Excellence Gold Award

Zavier Radle – Davenport University
Michigan Achievement Scholarship

Leila Ramadani – Grand Rapids Community College
Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish

Paislee Rhodes
Versiti Leaders for Life Award

Addison Rutgers – Central Michigan University
CMU Maroon & Gold Merit Scholarship
Versiti Leaders for Life Award

Triston Rutgers – Central Michigan University
AP Scholar
National Honor Society
CMU Centralis Gold Scholarship
BCHS Business Leadership Scholarship
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award
BCHS Math Award
BCHS Social Studies Award

Elle Sanders – Michigan State University
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
BCHS Spanish Award

Trent Sanderson – Michigan State University
AP Scholar with Distinction
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
Byron Center Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Colin Sands – University of Alabama
AP Scholar with Honor
UA Crimson Legends Scholarship

Mason Sarver – Lincoln Memorial University
Lacrosse Commit
Precision Metalforming Association Educational Foundation Scholarship
Atlas Molded Products Scholarship
Robert H Skutt Scholarship
Gene Haas Scholarship

Ellen Schans – Hope College
Hope Presidential Scholarship
Road to Hope Scholarship
Hope Legacy Award
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
Kelsey's Law Distracted Driving Scholarship
BCHS English Award

Kiera Schleh – Grand Rapids Community College
Versiti Leaders for Life Award

Korrie Schuurman – Oakland University
National Honor Society
OU Golden Guarantee Scholarship
OU Academic Achievement Award
OU Geographic Region Award

Macilynn Shaffer – Central Michigan University
AP Scholar
CMU Centralis Gold Scholarship
CMU Maroon & Gold Merit Scholarship
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award
Girl Scout Silver Award

Kylie Sheldon – Michigan State University
AP Scholar

Aidan Sicilia – Adrian College
Cornhole Commit
Adrian College Presidential Scholarship
Adrian College Scholarship Day Scholarship
BCHS Business Award

Max Sietsema – Grand Rapids Community College
AP Scholar

Lincoln Simmons
Gene Haas Scholarship

Delaney Sommers – Grace Christian University
Volleyball Commit

Logan Standish – Northern Michigan University
AP Scholar with Distinction
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
NMU Wildcat Merit Scholarship
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
Tanner's SPRK on the World Scholarship

Colton Standorf – University of Michigan
AP Scholar with Distinction
National Honor Society
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
U of M Regents Merit Scholarship
BCHS Science Award
BCHS Service Award
Versiti Leaders for Life Award

Platon Starchenko – University of Michigan
AP Scholar with Distinction
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
College Board First Generation Recognition Award
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award

Margo Steensma – Hope College
Hope Distinguished Scholar Award
Road to Hope Award Scholarship
Hope Legacy Award

Nolan Stubblefield – Davenport University
Track & Field Commit
DU Athletic Scholarship

Tate TenHarmsel – Grand Rapids Community College
Brink Wood Products Scholarship

Sophia Tessmer
Gene Haas Scholarship

Blake Teunissen – Ferris State University
FSU Provost Scholarship
BCHS Applied Arts Award

Isabella TeWinkel – Belmont University
BU Merit Scholarship

Owen Thornton – Grand Rapids Community College
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award

Landon Tungate – Davenport University
Football Commit
Athletic Scholarship
BCHS Physical Education Award

Ava Van Kampen – Western Michigan University
AP Scholar with Distinction
National Honor Society
Byron Center Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
BCHS Service Award

Abigail Van Loozenoord – University of Alabama
National Merit Scholarship Finalist
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
UA Merit Scholarship
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award

Chloe VanderWal – Michigan State University
AP Scholar with Distinction

Paola VanderZwart – Butler University
Butler Academic Scholarship
Butler Dr. John Morton-Finney Diversity Scholarship
Butler Compass Center Scholarship

Landon VerMerris – Grand Rapids Community College
College Board First Generation Recognition Award
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award

Aiden VerMurlen – Michigan Technological University
Michigan Tech Leading Scholar Scholarship

Edgrielis Villegas-Martinez – Wayne State University
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish

Quinn Vugteveen – Grand Valley State University
AP Scholar
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
GVSU Faculty Scholarship
GVSU Laker Lane Scholarship
Michigan Achievement Scholarship

Avah Walcott – GRCC, FSU
Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish

Brendan Walker – Grand Valley State University
AP Scholar with Distinction
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
GVSU Faculty Scholarship
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award

Alex Wauben – Grand Rapids Community College
Baseball Commit

Emily Way – Davenport University
Soccer Commit
DU Excellence Scholarship
DU Athletic Scholarship
Michigan Achievement Scholarship

Grace Wells – Cedarville University
AP Scholar
Cedarville President's Scholarship
Cedarville Excellence Scholarship
Cedarville Bold Leader Scholarship
Cedarville Pastor Recommendation Scholarship

Chase Wieber – Grand Rapids Community College
AP Scholar
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award

Zachary Wieber – University of Alabama
UA Scholarship

Emma Wiechertjes – Liberty University
National Merit Scholarship Finalist
AP Scholar with Distinction
National Honor Society
LU Merit Scholarship
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award
BCHS Math Award
BCHS Social Studies Award

Isabella Winn – Michigan State University
AP Scholar
National Honor Society
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award

Ella Wolters – Western Michigan University
National Honor Society
WMU Bronco Merit Scholarship
United Bank Community Dedication Scholarship
BCHS Math Award
BCHS Service Award

Addison Yerkes – Central Michigan University
CMU Maroon & Gold Merit Scholarship

Grace Yerkes – Central Michigan University
CMU Maroon & Gold Merit Scholarship
College Board First Generation Recognition Award

Miguel Zarate
Michigan & Global Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish

Jordyn Zimmer – Hope College
Hope Distinguished Scholar Award
Road to Hope Award Scholarship
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
College Board First Generation Recognition Award
BCHS Art Award for Yearbook

Hailey Zondervan – Calvin University
National Honor Society
Calvin Trustee's Scholarship
Calvin Legacy Award
Michigan Achievement Scholarship
Rural and Small Town Recognition Award
BCHS Service Award

Kent Career Tech Center

Kent Career Tech Center offers education focusing on career exploration and continuing education leading to successful employment. These 46 BCHS seniors have earned industry-recognized certifications. Some of these students will go on to receive additional training, while others are ready to enter the workforce.

Isabella Amato D'Angelo – Welding
Skylar Babson – Criminal Justice
Charles Bartz – Auto Collision Repair
Owen Carter – Networking & Cyber Security
Ashley Cramer – Hospitality & Culinary
Brayden Duff – Diesel & Equipment Technology
Jessica Dutcher – Intro to Business Marketing
Elyse Eriksen – Digital Animation and Game Programming
Marissa Estrada – Health Pharmacy Technician
Kylie Fannon – Marketing & Design
Emilio Faulkner-Cruz – Precision Machining Technology
Addison Foote – Criminal Justice
Rowan Fortier – Nurse Tech/Patient Care Tech
Calena Foster – Teacher Academy
Joseph Fowkes – Aviation Maintenance Technology
Abdallah Habimana – Networking & Cyber Security

Helena Hernandez – Digital Animation and Game Programming
Ella Herremans – Teacher Academy
Christian Howard – Diesel & Equipment Technology
Layna Hunderman – Criminal Justice
Madison Ipema – Teacher Academy
Lance Johnson – Auto Collision Repair
Sienna Law – Medical Assistant Program
Calli Lenger – Agriscience for Plants and Animals
Brody Leyendecker – Applied Construction Technology
Madison Lutke – Nurse Tech/Patient Care Tech
Camden Mathiesen – Digital Animation and Game Programming
Ashlee Meekhof – Teacher Academy
Abigail Middleton – Nurse Tech/Patient Care Tech
Alexis Mulder – Teacher Academy
Colin Mulder – Heating, Air, Refrigeration

Vincent Mysliwiec – Networking & Cyber Security
Alan Oom – Intro to Automotive & Industrial Technology
Skylar Pruitt – Nurse Tech/Patient Care Tech
Jersey Pylman – Agriscience for Plants and Animals
Addison Rutgers – Hospitality & Culinary
Mason Sarver – Precision Machining Technology
Kiera Schleh – Healthcare Diagnostics
Lincoln Simmons – Precision Machining Technology
Kevin Simo – Applied Construction Technology
Mya Steenberg – Teacher Academy
Tate TenHarmsel – Diesel & Equipment Technology
Sophia Tessmer – Precision Machining Technology
Mercedez Thompson – Teacher Academy
Harvey Trammell – Agriscience for Plants and Animals
Edgrielis Villegas-Martinez – Teacher Academy

THANK ★ YOU! ★

We wish to honor the following 2025 graduates who have enlisted into the Armed Services. Thank you very much for your willingness to serve!



Amelia Caspari-Maddox
Air National Guard



Kaylee Deters
United States Army



Addison Foote
Army National Guard



Layna Hunderman
United States Air Force



Shayla O'Brien
United States Air Force

North Star Academy

Congratulations to the 31 seniors who graduated from the North Star Academy this year! This was the 17th graduating class. The personalized, blended-education program at Byron Center High School is designed to prepare students for their individual plan after high school, while completing graduation requirements and receiving a BCHS diploma.

Senior Class Motto

"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."

-Winnie the Pooh

Senior Class Flower

Orange Dahlia



Senior Class Song

"Best Day of My Life"

by American Authors

Senior Class Advisors

Kaitlyn Brunsink and Amber Stroven

Senior Class Representatives

Ace Arms, Daphne Ball, Alexandria Barbour, Jaden Bossenbroek, Tess DeHann, Gianna Desgranges, Randy Dustin, Diana Esparza-Salvador, Kylee Ferner, Kayleigh Imperi, Harjot Kaur, Vivian Pell, Triston Rutgers, Mercedes Thompson and Grace Wells



BCHS Exchange Students

Iwen Burmester – Germany
Melyssa Callegari – Italy
Gaia De Angelis – Italy
Guillermo Lillo Ezquerra – Spain
Katharina Heinrichs – Germany
Loreto Leon Aguayo – Spain
Carl Lindskog – Sweden
Fabian Munch – Germany
Arnaud Palamara – Switzerland
Anezka Pleskova – Czech Republic



CELEBRATING Fine Arts

Congratulations to all of our actors, dancers, musicians, singers and visual artists!

Your dedication to the fine arts has been remarkable and your talents are extraordinary. The Byron Center Fine Arts program hopes all students continue to develop their creative talents and we wish the best for our graduating seniors!

Band, Choir and Orchestra



Byron Center High School's marching band performs at a Friday night football game.

BAND

Marching Band: placed second in the State

District Solo and Ensemble: 54 First Division ratings and 39 Second Division ratings

State Solo and Ensemble: 30 First Division ratings and 15 Second Division ratings

WMU Jazz Fest Outstanding Performers: Tyler Anderson, Allison Boruta, Luke Dunnill, Jonah Enriquez-Galoc, Jaxon Floor, Hunter Frederickson, Timothy Fredrickson, Jameson Garbarek, Braedyn Inthammavong, Sydney Law, Avery Millhouse, Blake Polderman, Matthew Sherman, Nolan Smith, Olukayode Sonuga, Carter Swanson, Kellen Umlor and Audrey Wolfe



BCHS' Jazz Band performs at the Western Michigan University Jazz Festival.



Byron Center High School's Clarinet Choir was named on of the top Chamber Ensembles in the state at State Solo & Ensemble.



Byron Center High School's Bella Voce choir received a perfect score at the District Choral Festival.

CHOIR

State Honors Choir: Rebekah Nicolai & Jacob Underhill

WorldStrides Honors Treble Choir: Alyssa Ehlert

District Choral Festival: Intermediate Choir & Vocal Expressions received a first division rating. Bella Voce got a first division rating & perfect score!



Byron Center's Jazz Orchestra performs at the 30th Anniversary of Essentially Ellington in New York City.

JAZZ ORCHESTRA

Opening act for Wynton Marsalis in Ann Arbor

Named Outstanding Ensemble at WMU Jazz Festival

Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Competition & Festival, Top 30 in the world

Byron Center Theatre



The cast of It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play is pictured.

FALL PLAY: IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: A LIVE RADIO PLAY

Cast size: 24 students

Crew size: 22 students

The play was based on the classic holiday movie with a clever twist thrown in: the story was staged as a live radio broadcast. The cast and crew welcomed more than 1,000 audience members across their three performances.



Byron Center Theatre's fall play was based on the classic holiday movie, It's a Wonderful Life, and staged as a live radio broadcast.



The lead characters of the spring musical, High School Musical On Stage!, are pictured.

SPRING MUSICAL: HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ON STAGE!

Cast size: 58 students

Crew size: 31 students

The musical was based on the Disney Channel Original Movie, showcasing all the fan favorite characters. Students had the chance to perform multiple shows for community members over two weekends!



These nine BCHS students auditioned for Musical Theatre Intensive and were selected to learn and study with some of the best names in the musical theatre world.

MUSICAL THEATRE INTENSIVE (100 students chosen across Michigan)

Alexandria Barbour, Natalie Bright, Madison Bouman, Aliyah Colella, Madelyn Denhof, Alyssa Ehlert, Fia Ingersoll, Davis Le and Rebekah Nicolai

Visual Arts

STATE FILM FESTIVAL

Best of Show: Jay Inthammavong & Isabelle Smith

Bronze Medal Winner of Merit: Alexander Brown

COURAGEOUS PERSUADERS FINALIST

Chloe Heckwolf – *Your Car Knows Better*

Emarie Herrema – *Don't Wrap Up Your Life*

Zoe Dolce, Madyson Hyma, Taylor Imperi & Taylor Zeinstra – *Passenger Distraction*

TOP 18 IN THE STATE

Alyssa Le – *Angel Blues*

Alyssa Le – *Starlight Reverie*

Ellie Hernandez – *I Cannot Breathe*

TOP 100 IN THE STATE

Isabelle Smith – *Photosynthesis*

SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING AWARDS

High School - 8 Awards

Gold Key: Danielle Burchard & Kayleigh Imperi

Silver Key: Sophia Feldpausch & Jay Inthammavong

Honorable Mention: Rosalia Feldpausch, Sophia Feldpausch, Ellie Hernandez & Alyssa Le

BCHS ART AWARDS

Parker Allchin, Alexander Brown, Sophia Feldpausch, Kylee Ferner, Alyssa Le and Jordyn Zimmer

BCHS PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS

Alexandria Barbour, Aliyah Colella, Brooklyn Fortuna and Simon Kramer



BCHS students Jay Inthammavong and Isabelle Smith earned Best of Show for their narrative film, *The Gentleman*.



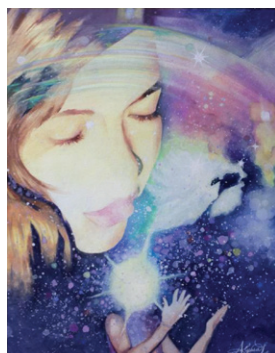
Madison Hyma, Zoe Dolce, Taylor Zeinstra and Emarie Herrema were named Courageous Persuaders Finalists.



Alexandria Barbour, Brooklyn Fortuna, Aliyah Colella and Simon Kramer received the BCBS Performing Arts Awards.



Top 18 in the State
I Cannot Breathe, Ellie Hernandez



Top 18 in the State
Starlight Reverie, Alyssa Le



Scholastic Gold Key
Finite, Kayleigh Imperi

INSPIRING Athletes

OK Conference Scholar Athletes

Alexis Backing	Ellory Dykstra	Sophia McCotter
Daphne Ball	Logan Ensing	Ian McLellan
Espn Batdorff	Diana Esparza-Salvador	Leah Myhre
Hanna Baumbach	Sophia Feldpausch	Sarah Oegema
Adrey Bilot	Kayla Ferguson	Jack Olivier
Andrieu Blomeling	Trace Finkbeiner	Matthew Orange
Matthew Boersma	Madison Fonnesbeck	Celia Pollock
Ethan Borin	Natalie Formsma	John Potter
Jaden Bossenbroek	Addison Gilpin	Triston Rutgers
Kate Bredemeier	Ella Herremans	Trent Sanderson
Kasey Brehm	Mitchell Jeruzal	Mason Sarver
James Brock	Nicholas Keillor	Ellen Schans
Nyla Broekhuizen	Jordan Kerns	Macilynn Shaffer
Melanie Brougham	Alexus Kleczynski	Kylie Sheldon
Amelia Caspari-Maddox	Will Lake	Delaney Sommers
Presley Cecil	Luke Laska	Colton Standorf
Branden Collier	Sydney Law	Margaret Steensma
Landen Conrad	Timothy Lawrence	Blake Teunissen
Bryce Counts	Ellisyn Lazowski	Owen Thornton
Alyssa Davis	Isaac Lee	Ava VanKampen
Chloe DeBoer	Calli Lenger	Landon VerMerris
Addison Deppe	Morgan Malek	Brendan Walker
Payton Dodgson	Claire Marzolino	Chase Wieber
Brody Dunnill	Maxwell Mathers	Emma Wiechertjes
Randall Dustin		Addison Yerkes
		Jordyn Zimmer

Athlete of the Year



Natalie Formsma



Luke Laska

Sports Boosters Scholarship Sydney Law & Jack Olivier

Cristi Curtis Memorial Award Hanna Baumbach & Claire Marzolino

Robert L. Nickels Scholarship Brody Dunnill & Ava VanKampen

Advanced Chemical Concepts Business Athlete Scholarship

Nyla Broekhuizen, Madison Fonnesbeck,
Ben Kitchen, Will Lake, Isaac Lee,
Kellen Payne, Luke Philo

Bulldog Award

Chloe DeBoer & Matthew Orange

Bulldog Power Award

Laney Conrad & Luke Laska

Triple Threat Award

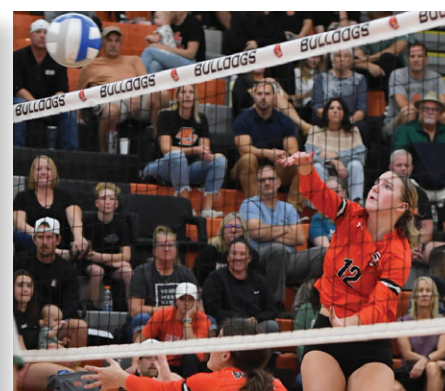
Luke Laska – Baseball, Football & Hockey
Ian McLellan – Cross Country, Swimming & Track



Matthew Orange, 2025
Bulldog Award recipient



The BCHS Class of 2025 student-athletes
pictured on signing day



Chloe DeBoer, 2025 Bulldog Award recipient

Byron Center Athletics Core Values

EFFORT:

Relentless pursuit of excellence by dedicating 100% to your program, teammates and coaches.

Kaden Krause



EXCELLENCE:

Maintaining a growth mindset: willing to take a risk and learn from failure. Commitment to continuous growth and improvement.

Mitchell Jeruzal



ATTITUDE:

Controlling how you react to adversity and success to produce a positive outcome.

Kayla Roussey



RESPECT:

Showing character in all situations while striving for competitive excellence.

Ava Van Kampen



All-Conference Athletes

FALL

Emmarie Formsma, Cross Country
Mitchell Jeruzal, Cross Country
Kailey Mann, Cross Country
Celia Pollock, Cross Country
Donna Haaksma, Cross Country (HM)
Brady Newman, Cross Country (HM)
Blake Rhoton, Cross Country (HM)
Jackson Bovia, Football
Luke Laska, Football
Isaac Lee, Football
Kellen Payne, Football
Landon Tungate, Football
Nolan Stubblefield, Football
Chris Brown, Football (HM)
Landen Conrad, Football (HM)
Kaden Krause, Football (HM)
Holly Lawrence, Golf
Izzy Tawoda, Golf
Autumn Kartes, Golf (HM)
Natalie Grit, Golf (HM)
Connor Jenks, Soccer
Brody Leyendecker, Soccer
Luke Philo, Soccer
Kaleb Smith, Soccer
Brendan Walker, Soccer
Braylen Legge, Soccer (HM)
Blake Wilson, Soccer (HM)
Adrianna Drake, Swim
Lila Ritsema, Swim
Izzie VanDuyn, Swim
Nolan Booth, Tennis
Terrence He, Tennis
TJ Lawrence, Tennis

Ryan McKendry, Tennis
Brady Pettit, Tennis
Casey Schans, Tennis
Rylan Vandenberg, Tennis
Mallory Johnson, Volleyball
Reese Lowe, Volleyball

WINTER

Cassius Bont, Basketball
Keane Hinkle, Basketball
Camden Karel, Basketball
Isaac Lee, Basketball (HM)
Madisyn Meissner, Basketball
Nolan Martin, Bowling
Adrey Bilot, Bowling (HM)
Diana Esparza-Salvador, Comp Cheer
Alexus Kleczynski, Comp Cheer
Sophia McCotter, Comp Cheer
Hanna Pulawski, Comp Cheer
Brooke Imperi, Comp Cheer (HM)
Audrey Nobach, Comp Cheer (HM)
Luke Goheen, Hockey
Luke Laska, Hockey
Braxton McKee, Hockey
Jaxson O'Keefe, Hockey
Luke Philo, Hockey
Kasey Brehm, Hockey (HM)
Reid Glupker, Hockey (HM)
Brady Beauch, Swim/Dive
Kellen Cutler, Swim/Dive
Caleb Meginley, Swim/Dive
Carter Nelson, Swim/Dive
Ryder Nichols, Swim/Dive
Jack Olivier, Swim/Dive
Lucas Ritsema, Swim/Dive

Jackson Schmuker, Swim/Dive
Colton Standorf, Swim/Dive
Graeden Standorf, Swim/Dive
Austin Coleman, Wrestling
Caden Meyering, Wrestling
Hunter Pulawski, Wrestling
Zavier Radle, Wrestling

SPRING

Nolan Booth, Baseball
Jake Hill, Baseball
Kellen Payne, Baseball
Carter Ricketts, Baseball
Tate Bainbridge, Baseball (HM)
Keaton VanKampen, Baseball (HM)
Cassius Bont, Golf (HM)
Gibson Hibma, Golf (HM)
Reed Kartes, Lacrosse
Luke Maas, Lacrosse
AJ Cordes, Lacrosse (HM)
Connor Hummer, Lacrosse (HM)
Presley Cecil, Lacrosse
Molly Wierengo, Lacrosse
Jenna Holwerda, Lacrosse (HM)
Carli Alexander, Soccer
Ella Alexander, Soccer
Jadyn Glover, Soccer
Ella Leyendecker, Soccer
Morgan Malek, Soccer
Jordan Kerns, Soccer (HM)
Nora Leavitt, Soccer (HM)
Hanna Baumbach, Softball
Avery Broekhuizen, Softball
Olivia Dolan, Softball
Ellory Dykstra, Softball

Lyla Henline, Softball (HM)
Ava VanKampen, Softball (HM)
Maddie Fannesbeck, Tennis
Kristina Ha, Tennis
Mal Johnson, Tennis
Leah Myhre, Tennis
Saraiah Okoh, Tennis
Sharon Okoh, Tennis
Jillian Vanderhorst, Tennis
Kasey Brehm, Track
Kayla Craven, Track
Natalie Formsma, Track
Calena Foster, Track
Caitlin Hartson, Track
Parker Holford, Track
Brody Leyendecker, Track
Xavier McCallum, Track
Lauren Milward, Track
Cooper Mitchell, Track
Connor Nealon, Track
Katie Noel, Track
Celia Pollock, Track
Nolan Stubblefield, Track
Blake Teunissen, Track



Individual State Qualifiers

FALL

Mitchell Jeruzal, Cross Country

Kenzie Schichtel, Dive (7th)

Taylor Blomeling, Swim, 200 Freestyle Relay (5th)

Chayse Campbell, Swim, 200 Freestyle Relay (5th)

Tara Darter, Swim, 200 Medley Relay (7th)

Adrianna Drake, Swim, 200 Freestyle Relay (5th), 200 Medley Relay (7th), 100 Breaststroke (8th)

Lucy Haney, Swim

Kloey Hullah, Swim

Lila Ritsema, Swim, 200 Freestyle Relay (5th), 200 Medley Relay (7th)

Braylee VanDusen, Swim

Izzie VanDuyn, Swim, 200 Medley Relay (7th)

Emma Wiechertjes, Swim

WINTER

Ashley Cramer, Bowling

Jack Olivier, Dive, State Runner-Up

Brady Beauch, Swim, 500 Freestyle (3rd), 200 Freestyle Relay (3rd), 400 Freestyle Relay (3rd), 200 Freestyle (5th)

Kellen Cutler, Swim

Ike DeVries, Swim

Ian McLellan, Swim

Caleb Meginley, Swim, 200 Medley Relay (3rd), 400 Freestyle Relay (3rd), 200 Individual Medley (10th), 100 Backstroke (13th)

Fabian Munch, Swim, 100 Breaststroke (5th)

Carter Nelson, Swim, 400 Freestyle Relay (3rd), 500 Freestyle (6th), 200 Freestyle (12th)

Ryder Nichols, Swim, 100 Breaststroke State Runner-Up, 200 Medley Relay (3rd),

Arnaud Palamara, Swim

Grant Pierce, Swim

Lucas Ritsema, Swim, 200 Freestyle Relay (3rd), 400 Freestyle Relay (3rd), 50 Freestyle (6th), 100 Freestyle (9th)

Jackson Schmuker, Swim, 100 Butterfly (7th), 200 Freestyle (13th)

Colton Standorf, Swim, 200 Medley Relay (3rd), 200 Freestyle Relay (3rd), 100 Butterfly (8th)

Graeden Standorf, Swim, 200 Medley Relay (3rd), 200 Freestyle Relay (3rd), 50 Freestyle (12th)

Owen Vansolkema, Swim

Jackson Bovia, Wrestling

Austin Coleman, Wrestling

Hunter Pulawski, Wrestling (7th)

SPRING

Kayla Craven, Track

Natalie Formsma, Track, Long Jump (8th)

Calena Foster, Track

Parker Holford, Track, 4x200 team (7th)

Brody Leyendecker, Track, 400 meter dash State Champion, 4x400 team State Runner-Up, 4x200 team (7th)

Xavier McCallum, Track, 4x400 team State Runner-Up

Lauren Milward, Track

Cooper Mitchell, Track, 4x400 team State Runner-Up, 4x200 team (7th)

Connor Nealon, Track, 4x200 team (7th)

Kaitlyn Noel, Track

Parker Perez, Track

Blake Teunissen, Track, 4x400 team State Runner-Up

Nolan Stubblefield, Track



Mitchell, McCallum, Teunissen & Leyendecker finish 2nd in the 4X400 relay at the State Finals

2024-25 Championship Teams

Football

District Champs, Regional Champs & D2 State Runner-Up

Boys Soccer

Conference Champs, District Champs, Regional Champs & D1 State Runner-Up

Girls Swim/Dive

9th in State Finals

Boys Tennis

Conference Champs, Regional Champs & 4th in D2 State Finals

Volleyball

District Champs

Boys Basketball

District Champs & Regional Champs

Boys Swim/Dive

Conference Champs & D2 State Runner-Up

Girls Soccer

Conference Champs, District Champs, Regional Champs & D1 State Champs

Softball

Conference Champs & District Champs

Girls Tennis

Conference Champs, Regional Champs & 8th in State Finals

Boys Track

Conference Champs

Girls Track

Conference Champs



Boys Swim/Dive Conference Champs & Division 2 State Runner-Up



Girls Soccer Division 1 State Champions!



Boys Tennis placed 4th in the Division 2 State Final

MESSAGES to Our Graduates

“Congratulations, Class of 2025!! You’ve accomplished so much and yet the adventure is just beginning. May you reach for the stars and be blessed in all that comes your way.”

Mrs. Rousch
1st Grade Teacher

“Congrats on making it, class of 2025! I have great memories of you in 7th grade history during our Asia Travel Fair, Greek Olympics and of course virtual learning!”

Mrs. Collison (Mines)
WMS History Teacher

“It’s always so bittersweet to watch you walk out the halls of BCHS one last time! What a gift it is to see you grow over the four years you spend with us. As you move into the next phase of your life, dream BIG! You get to choose what your life looks like and make it happen. So proud of you!”

Mrs. Ingersoll
BCHS Office Assistant

“My first class of students at BC! Congratulations on reaching this milestone! All of your hard work has paid off! Remember that success isn’t just measured by achievements, but by kindness, perseverance and the impact you have on others! Congratulations Class of 2025!”

Mrs. Glowacki
Nickels Teacher

“What a joy it has been to watch you grow and learn. You are wonderful students and even more wonderful people - now go change the world!”

Mrs. Bartholomy
BCHS Counselor

“Go and do great things! I wish you nothing but the best.”

Mrs. Kanitz
WMS Principal

“Congratulations class of 2025! You did it! If you came through Nickels Intermediate, you will remember the transition from elementary to Nickels and all of the new and independent things that came with being a little older and a little wiser, like no longer having to walk in a line to class! Now you are transitioning to a new world with even more independence and opportunities. Take advantage of these opportunities and persevere through the challenges that will come, but most of all, take time to enjoy the journey along the way!”

Mr. Trout
Nickels Principal

“¡Felicidades! Estamos muy orgullosos de este grupo. Espero que ustedes viajen el mundo, que conozcan a mucha gente nueva y que ayuden a muchas personas. Han tenido una experiencia especial en BCPS y ahora es el momento de explorar y mejorar la sociedad. ¡Buena suerte en el futuro!”

Sra. Showers
BCHS Spanish Teacher

“Congrats!! Take one day at a time and don’t be in a hurry. Life will give you challenges but trust this is the plan you are supposed to be on.”

Mrs. Dallas
Paraprofessional

“Wow! The class that got caught in the Seussical double play! I am really very thankful that I was with you at the middle school during those very challenging years of the pandemic. You have so much talent and have proven to be resilient. Use those things to make the world a better place! I will always be a fan!”

Mrs. Vitarelli
Music Teacher

“Congratulations on this big step in your journey! You have a bright future ahead.”

Mr. Volkers
4th Grade Teacher

“Congratulations to the class of 2025! As I’ve watched you grow into confident young adults, I know that our future is in good hands with the impact you will be making on our world! I’m excited to see the legacy you leave behind wherever you go!”

Mr. Joseph
Director of Curriculum & Instruction

“Congrats class of 2025! It was a blessing to have you my first year at BC. It was fun to learn and sing with you but most of all watch you grow. I am so proud of all your accomplishments over the years in BC. I know you’re going to do great things! I wish you all the best.”

Mrs. Aguilar-Broome
Kindergarten Teacher

“Congratulations, class of 2025! I can’t think of a more talented group in the classroom, on the courts and fields and on the stage. What an honor it was to be a part of your learning journey. May the Lord bless you wherever your feet land!”

Mrs. Hunt (Sander)
Nickels Teacher

“Congratulations on reaching this milestone. You’ve shown resilience, leadership and growth throughout your time here, and we’re proud of all you’ve accomplished. As you step into this next chapter, take with you the lessons, friendships and memories that made your time here meaningful. You’ve made a lasting impact on our school, and we’ll be cheering you on in all that’s ahead.”

Mr. Schut
BCHS Assistant Principal



“Class of 2025 - It is hard to believe that you all were my first class (4th grade) as a Byron Center teacher. What a joy it was and has been watching you grow up. Whether you are off to college, trade school, entering the workforce, heading into the military or simply following your dreams, I hope the next chapter is the best one yet! My wish for you is to never forget where you came from, how proud the little boy/girl would be of you now and how special you each are. Thank you for letting me be a small piece of your Byron Center journey. I am so proud of each and every one of you!”

Miss VanEngen
Elementary Teacher

“You did it! Your freshman year might have started out a little crazy with a hybrid schedule but it didn’t stop you from reaching the finish line. You made an impact here at BC and you will be missed!”

Mrs. Klopfenstein
BCHS Math Teacher



“Congratulations to the first 7th grade class that I taught in BC! I am proud of all of your success and wish you the best of luck in whatever comes next for you!”

Mr. Purdy
WMS History Teacher

“Watching you grow as performers and people has been one of the greatest joys. Keep chasing your passion, telling your stories and believing in your magic. The world needs your light. Always cheering for you!”

Mrs. Wagner
VSFAC Managing Director

“As a 5th grade teacher, I am filled with pride and joy as I watch you all graduate. Your hard work, growth and resilience have brought you to this momentous day. Remember to seize the day, embrace each opportunity, learn from every challenge and continue to pursue your dreams with passion and determination. Congratulations, Class of 2025! The future is bright, and it’s yours to shape.”

Mrs. Sabin
Nickels Teacher

“Congratulations Class of 2025! Shine bright in your next adventure! I’ve been lucky to have those of you in class that I did. We will surely miss all of you in the halls of BCHS. Have fun, be safe and make good choices that you are proud of and that grow you as a person. Be kind to one another!”

Mrs. Merritt
BCHS Math Teacher

“I have some great memories from the class of 2025! I enjoyed how competitive you were during PE class. It has been so nice seeing many of you following your years at Nickels. Thank you for the many times you made BC proud in athletics, academics and the fine arts these past few years! You will be missed, but always remember that once a student of Mr. Amo, ALWAYS a student of Mr. Amo! Best wishes and congratulations to all of you Nickels PE alumni!”

Mr. Amo
Nickels PE Teacher

“Wishing you all the best! Dig deep and find your “WHY” and then go get after it! You are going to make this world a better place!”

Mr. Gilpin
BCHS Business Teacher

“¡Excelente Clase de 2025! ¡Felicidades - Congratulations! Continue to grow as lifelong learners by traveling and meeting new people. As a graduate of Byron Center High School, you will have so many opportunities; however, you have to seek them out! Take the initiative and set goals realizing that life will throw challenges your way. Stay persistent and determined no matter what comes upon you. By making sacrifices and having a strong work ethic, you can accomplish anything as global citizens. Keep in touch - “Mi salón de clase es su clase clase.” ¡Hasta la vista!”

Sr. Domeier
BCHS Spanish Teacher



“Congratulations Class of 2025! I’m so proud of all that you have accomplished. I have so many great memories of our time together in 1st grade! Dream big and reach for the stars!”

Mrs. Johnson
1st Grade Teacher

“Class of 2025: You MADE it! Thank you for being you. Your class was resilient, your class was goofy, your class was kind, your class was hopeful. Those are the traits you need to take into the real world and be a positive force. There will be good days, there will be hard days, but just stay true to who you are and you will make this world a better place. I am so blessed to be at least a small part of your journey. Take care all!”

Mr. Boillat
BCHS Psych Teacher

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A Note from Mr. Reedy



Dear Class of 2025,

Congratulations on wrapping up your high school career! You have worked incredibly hard to get to this point and have set yourself up for success in your next phase of life. It has been

a true pleasure getting to build connections with many of you over the past two years. You have done so much to make BC proud in your time at the high school. Your success in arts, academics and athletics have raised the bar for future classes to come in BC. While I hope your time in high school was full of great memories and meaningful friendships, remember that some of the best times of your life are still yet to come. We look forward to seeing the Class of 2025 continue to excel!

Troy Reedy
BCPS Principal

