

# THE EIGHTH COMMENCEMENT OF ANKENY CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL



SATURDAY, THE TWENTY-NINTH OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY ONE



# ANKENY CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021 The Eighth Graduating Class

## **CLASS MOTTO**

"Our lives are before us, our past is behind us, but our memories are forever with us." Simon Pareek

**CLASS COLOR** 

Black

## CLASS FLOWER

White Rose Tipped in Silver

# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2021 10:00 A.M. Hilton Coliseum, Ames, Iowa

Processional (please stand) Ankeny Centennial High School Band Pomp and Circumstance - Elgar (recorded)
National Anthem Ankeny Centennial High School Concert Choir and Cantamus The Star Spangled Banner - Key (recorded)
Welcome and IntroductionDr. Al Azinger Interim Superintendent of Schools
Remarks on behalf of the Board of Education Mr. Aaron Johnson President
Honoring the Senior Class and Introduction of SpeakersDr. Jill Urich Ankeny Centennial High School Principal
Commencement Addresses
Presentation of ClassDr. Jill Urich, Principal Mr. Adam Busch, Associate Principal, Mr. Joseph Hunter, Associate Principal, Mr. Will Dotson, SBSS, Mr. Austin Roy, SBSS
Presentation of DiplomasAnkeny Board of Education
America the Beautiful Ankeny Centennial High School Band & Ankeny Centennial High School Concert Choir Ward, arr. Dragon (recorded)
Recognition of the Class
RecessionalAnkeny Centennial High School Band Fanfare and Recessional - Ployhar (recorded)

Please remain in your seat during the recessional. The senior class requests there be no whistling or shouting during the ceremony.

# ANKENY CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021



Volta Adovor is the daughter of Clarice Mensah and Doe Adovor. During her time at Ankeny Centennial, she participated in volleyball, band (in all forms), cross country, speech, basketball, soccer, book club, French Club, National Honor Society, French National Honor

Society, Black Student Union, and received the Silver Cord Award. Volta was also a member of the student council. Outside of school, Volta can be found as a member of the Iowa Collaboration for Youth Development, Ankeny Mayor's Youth Council, Youth Alliance for People's Justice, Youth Volunteer Corps, the education committee chair of the Iowa Youth Congress, and an administrative intern for the Iowa Department of Human Rights. She is passionate about youth engagement and will stay involved in legislative advocacy. Volta has received academic and band letters, two Individual-Speech all state recognitions, Lifeguard of the Week, and the Spirit of the Jaguar award. After graduation, Volta plans to attend the University of Iowa to major in Biochemistry on the pre-pharmacy track and minor in French. Roll Jags!

Volta Elolo Adovor Haves Robert Ahrens Eliot Robert Alberhasky Jensen Morgan Allen Rachel Ann Allen ■₩ Carlie Frances Anderlik Angelique Marie Andersen Emma Rose Anderson Gabriel Allen Arredondo Aiden Blake Ashley Lauryn Rose Auderer 🔀 Havden Harris Averv Angela Tirona Bambo Maci Terrell Banyas 💠 Ashton Rae Barker Raven Marie Barton Josie Paige Bearden Scott Alan Belshe Hannah Marie Bender # Amanda Elizabeth Bendezu 🛠 Jack Thomas Benkufsky Audrey Kay Bentall Joseph Paul Berberich Lilly Marie Berg Aila Besic Johnathon Bruce Beuter Kiran Bhat 💠 Madisen Ann Birt

### **Commencement Speakers**



Elizabeth Overberg is the daughter of Nathan and Katie Overberg and sister to Will (ACHS '19). She serves as the President of National Honor Society and is involved in Student Council, Circle of Friends, PEOPEL PE, Beats by Jags, Unified Leadership

Team, Garden Club, French Club, and French National Honor Society. She participates in silver cord by volunteering at Miracle League, Ankeny Area Democrats, and local kids' soccer camps. Elizabeth loves playing for the Ankeny Centennial Girls Soccer Program and the Iowa Rush Soccer Club, and she is the captain of both teams. She takes part in the Ankeny Centennial Individual Speech Team as well, earning All-State honors. In her free time, she enjoys playing sports with her brother, dancing with friends, and playing card games with her family. Elizabeth plans on attending the University of Minnesota to play soccer and pursue her interests in social justice and advocacy.

## **Graduating Class**

Ravlee Denae Bishop Laney Rae Bissell Bailey Rose Blake Brody James Blakeslee Will Thomas Blevins \* Jacen Cale Blomme Aubree Faith Bloom Logan Patrick Boyle Dylan Thomas Brehm 🛠 Morgan Taylor Brennecke Addison Loree Bright Halle Nichole Brooks Blake Alan Brown Ella Renee Brown Kathryn Nicole Brown Lilian Christine Buck Annika Marie Burds Caden Charles Burke 💠 Nathan Allen Burns Cecilia Jov Burroughs Brianna Noelle Busch Rvan James Bybee Tegan Wendy Byford 🛠 Autumn Janiai Joi Cadoree Asa Christian Cardines Andrew Leon Cardoso James David Cardoso Lainee Lynn Carey

#### **Eugene Viti**

is the son of Patricia and Eugene Viti. During his time at Ankeny Centennial, he participated in individual speech, student council, student ambassadors, and tennis. He also

served as a member of National Honor Society and Spanish National Honor Society. Eugene was selected for the National Council on Youth Leadership and has received four academic letters, two Spirit of the Jaguar Awards, All-State distinction and a letter for individual speech, and the Silver Cord Award. In his free time, he enjoys volunteering at the Kirkendall Library and Animal Rescue League. Next fall, Eugene will attend Boston University where he will major in public relations and minor in Spanish.

Jaclyn Kay Carlson Katlvn Ann Carlson Heather Carmona Maciel McKenna Joy Carr Madelina Faith Carreon Kinsey Rae Caruth **Toviel Isaac Cavton** Christopher James Ceplecha 💠 **Kylee Nicole Chambers** Hunter Chi Kaden Robert Christensen Anna Elizabeth Christiansen Angelika Ann Clark Makayla May Clark Svdnev Rae Clark # Wesley Nathan Clark Tarin Siri Clements Kieran Jeffery Cline Thomas Lee Collins Lily Angelica Cook Avery Renae Coons Macy Jayne Cowman Eleanor Susan Christine Cox Gavin Jay Crees JaRon Jacob Crews Mia Catherine Crivaro Tanner Lee Cronk Seth John Cswercko

Alayna Jo Cullen Connor Jay Cunningham Marcus James Cutsforth Jack Matthew Davis Makayla Paige Davis Joshua Steven Deaton Abigail Elizabeth Den Adel Lawrence Lin Deng \* Blake Douglas DePhillips Joseph Michael Devereux Grace Marie Dickinson Eva Grace DiMeo �■₩ Samuel Doyle DiMeo Carter Quinten Dirksen Olivia Grace Dittmar Emma Catherine Donnelly Hannah Kayleen Doup Aubrey Catherine Dyer Noah Ralph Ede Bethany Marie Ehmcke Lennon James Elliot Emlyn Nicole Elsberry Macy Jo Epp Kole Gerald Erixon Maria De Los Angeles Espinoza Noriega Clayton William Fenton Ellie Nicole Ferlitsch Ethan Lee Ferriss Tate Edward Fina Maggie Elizabeth Fisher Thomas Sean Folev Jordan Lee Foss Kara Marie Foster Ryan Michael Foster Benjamin Tanner Fountain Mikavla Jean Fouraker Juslyn Stephanie Freeman Ellyse Marie Froehlich Paige Marie Froelich Samuel Todd Gammon Amukta Gantalamohini 🗖 Matthew John Garland Kyrillos George Girgis Shannyn Sue Glasgow Jackson Christopher Glenn Mavah Lvn Gorsh Sarah Eileen Grabenbauer Tyler James Graham 🗖 Mikaela Gabrielle Greathouse Owen Edward Gruenwald Claudia Lee Guan 🖁 Joseph Edward Guddall Jordvn Jill Gustafson Peter Ramon Indab Guzman Dzenan Hadzikadunic Max Aaron Halbach Kathleena Anne Hampton **Brooke Proffitt Hance** Arlan Christopher Hanlon Trev William Hansen Zachary Chris Hansen 💠

Drew David Harmon Leslie Nicole Hartman James Allan Haugh Ethan James Hauschildt Harrison Lauren Haynes Logan Robert Hebel Jack Thomas Heckenlaible Elias Matthew Heidick Alex Neil Heimer Zoe Bobby Helmke Carson Tyler Hempel Allison Niehaus Herke Tyler Michael Higgins Amelia Ann Hill Elizabeth Ann Hinton Leah Claire Hofstadter Chase Aaron Hohanshelt Abby Geneve Housker Nathaniel William Howe Karissa Lea Howlett **Emily Marie Huff** Christopher Lee Hunt Emelia Anne Hunt Kyle Nhat Huynh Katelyn Marie Hytrek Kaden Deon Ingram Andrew Jeffrey Janes Trevton Elliot Jansma Kyle Dean Janssen Landen Pierce Jennings Brock Harley Jensen Katherine Anna Jensen Mason William Jensen Michael Thomas Joensen Jordan Kay Johnson Keiton Jeffrey Johnson Megan Janet Johnson Tyler James Johnson Macie Pearl Johnston Austin Alan Jones Kylee SueEllen Jones Nathan Ronald Jones Oliver Shio Jones **Rachel Michelle Jones** Shaylen Abigail Marie Jones Sierra Marie Jones Trinity Velvet Jones Jennifer Eve Jordan Zakary Stephen Jorgensen Alvson Nicole Jumper JaKyla RaeLease Kaniaru # Logan Ryan Keenan Allison Renae Kenney Parker Ashton Kintigh \*# Samantha M Klug Madeline Grace Kohl Krishna Kopparapu Talia Rose Krewson Jalissa Kathleen Josie Kroneman Joseph Bennett Krueger \* **Taylor Ann Kruse** 

Luka David Kruzich Miranda Elizabeth Kuehl Jacob Dale LaClair Brooke Ilene Lage Sophia Marie Lampe Savanah Jo Lane Macie Jean Langstraat **Bailey Ann Lawrence** Kilev Amber Ledbetter Sydney Ann Lee Dylan Michael Lefler Halley Lea Livingston Grace Elaine Loney Natalie Raya Long Mackenzie Ellen Longmire Jayden Thomas Lord Chad Allen Louis Emerson Amelia Love Alison Kay Lundberg **♦**■₩ Cole Michael Lynch Nicholas James Mackaman Garret Paul Madison Sydney Ann Madison Asia Mae Makundi Maxwell Robert Marold Mason B Maronn Rvann Nicole Marzen Jade Erin Massoth Ella Wylie Maurer Colin William McAleer Hunter Matthew McCabe Kaylee Elizabeth McClaskey Miles Thomas McGlothlen Nathan Alexander McKeever Jack Francis McTaggart Josephine Ann McTaggart Grace Nicole Meador Katie Anne Meers JT Xavon Meier Alexander Christopher Merk Abigail Eloise Miller Abigail Jacqueline Miller

- Denotes graduates in the top 5% of the class as determined by either weighted or unweighted grade point average (GPA).
- Denotes graduates receiving an Honors Diploma who have completed all graduation requirements, have a weighted GPA of 3.67 or higher after 7 semesters, and have earned 12 or more honors points for various academic achievements.
- Denotes graduates who received the Seal of Biliteracy for demonstrating an advanced level of academic proficiency in two or more languages, one of which is English.



Gabrielle Jo Miller Grant Edward Miller \* Weston Lee Miner Brianna Marie Minnihan London B Mitchell Colin Christopher Moran Xavier Whitt Morgan Jalen Lemont Michael Morrow Andrew Felix Moses Rylee Rae Mott Amra Mrkoniic Jaavin Leo Mueller Grace Elizabeth Mullins # Luke Avery Murray Sydney Taylor Murray Kobe Glen Naber Kaylen Elise Naert Griffin William Neal Erin Marie Neppl Jade Faber Nettrour �■೫ Cody Everett Nihart Jaden James Nithang Lillian D'Nae Nordstrom Halle G Northway **#** Emmy Gloria-Jean O'Meara Brodi Lvn Oaklev Nicholas Bradley Obermeier Zeynep Oghan \* Hunter Aaron Olmstead Elizabeth Marie Overberg \* Isaac Allen Oxenreider Raina Celeste Paeper \* Cordelia Corrine Page Mary Gwendolyn Page Kaedee Lee Pagliai Lindsey Marie Paulson Alice Jordan Pauly Taylor Lane Pease Sophie Marie Peck Daniel Johnathan Pedashov Kaylyn Lee Peel Paige Lynn Peterson Maggie Grace Phipps 💠 Jacklyn Raye Pippett Lauren Diana Playle Michael Ronald Green Poitry Natalia Portal-Figueroa # Jackson Paul Powell Kayden Michael Presnall Macee Adalynn Pruisner Bryce John-Robert Purtill Kaelynn Marie Quam

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## **Congratulations!**

On behalf of the Ankeny Community School District, I would like to congratulate each member of the class of 2021. History will indicate this class has excelled in academics, activities, arts, and athletics.

As you reflect upon your school experience, take with you a feeling of accomplishment. Use the lessons you have learned to face new challenges with confidence and determination, striving to make a difference in the world around you.

Congratulations on being a member of the eighth graduating class of Ankeny Centennial High School. You have made us very proud.

#### Dr. Al Azinger Interim Superintendent of Schools

**Congratulations** to each of you on this special day. We are here to celebrate the many accomplishments of the class of 2021 and to honor each one of you as you successfully transition to the next step on your journey.

As graduates of Ankeny Centennial, you have embraced the Spirit of the Jaguar and continued the ACHS traditions of excellence, service, compassion, collaboration, and hard work. You have left a legacy to which other classes will aspire.

Go into the world to lead, to serve, to make a difference; and come home to tell us of your successes. It has been an honor to have been your principal.

Best wishes,

Dr. Jill Urich Ankeny Centennial Principal

\* Denotes members of the Board of Education, District and High School Administration on stage during commencement.

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#### leadership

## **Embellishments to the Cap and Gown**

**Black and Silver Cords:** Seniors wearing a combination of black and silver cords are ranked in the top 5% of their class by either weighted or unweighted GPA.

**Gold Cords** denote members of the National Honor Society. Students apply and are selected by a faculty committee on the basis of their academic record, involvement in community and school extracurricular activities, character and a written essay.

Silver Cords denote seniors recognized for outstanding community service through the Silver Cord program, completing more than 120 hours of community service over a three-year period.

**Blue and Gold Cords** denote members of the Quill and Scroll Society. Students must exhibit superior performance in journalism or school media and devote time and positive attitude to involvement with yearbook or school newspaper throughout their high school career.

Medals: Seniors wearing medals have been recognized in one or more areas:



• **Principal's Academic Excellence Award:** Includes students who have achieved an "A" average, or a cumulative 3.676 to 3.99 grade point average on a weighted grade scale during the first seven semesters of high school.

• **Principal's Scholar Award:** Given to students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 4.0 or higher on a weighted grade scale during the first seven semesters of high school.

• Spirit of the Jaguar Award: Given to students who were nominated by a staff member for displaying one of the six pillars of the Jaguar Creed.



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