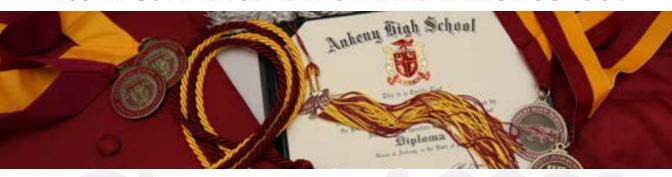


108TH COMMENCEMENT OF ANKENY HIGH SCHOOL



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



ANKENY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021 THE 108TH GRADUATING CLASS

CLASS MOTTO

"We're all in this together."

CLASS COLOR

Yellow

CLASS FLOWER

Yellow Gerbera Daisy

CLASS OFFICERS

President - Alexandra Brooks Vice-President - Gabrielle Roorda Secretary - Josephine Hyatt Co-Communications - Miranda Hall and Alice Land

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2021, 1:00 P.M.

HILTON COLISEUM, AMES, IOWA

Processional (please stand)	mp and Circumstance - Elgar(recorded)
National AnthemTh	Ankeny High School Vocalists e Star Spangled Banner - Key(recorded)
Alma Mater	AHS Concert Choir My Maroon and Gold - Kelsey(recorded)
Welcome and Introduction	Dr. 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 S	peakersMr. Peter Apple Ankeny High School Principal
Commencement AddressesNoah Hackbart, Kaitlyn Richards, and Marcus Ugolini Class of 2021	
	Mr. Peter Apple, Principal Ms. Kelsie Goodman, Associate Principal Mr. Wade Grinhaug, Associate Principal
Presentation of Diplomas	Ankeny Board of Education
Homeland AHS	S Concert Choir and 11-12 Concert Band arr. Z. Randall Stroope(recorded)
Recognition of the Class	Alexandra Brooks and Gabrielle Roorda Student Council
Recessional Poi	11-12 Concert Band mp and Circumstance - Elgar(recorded)

Please remain in your seat during the recessional.

The senior class requests there be no whistling or shouting during the ceremony.

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Noah Hackbart

is the son of Tim and Alma Hackbart. He has been active in many aspects of Ankeny High School including band, where he was a two year marching band commander, choir as a section leader, student

council, drama, speech, and CORE. In addition to school activities. Noah is an active advocate for state issues as a central region member of the Iowa Youth Congress and volunteers in his community and church, having been on several mission trips. Noah also serves as a board member for HART (Harvesting for the Arts), a local nonprofit that serves students through arts scholarships. Noah is a 2018 triple threat nominee with the Iowa High School Musical Theatre Awards, a three-time member of the Iowa Allstate Chorus, a state finalist and member of the National Council on Youth Leadership, a drama and band letter recipient, 2020 recipient of the Choral Department's Director's Dedication Award, the Silver Cord Award, a 2020 Soaring Hawk Award, and recipient of the Ankeny School Foundation Scholarship. Noah will be attending the University of Northern Iowa in the fall to major in Political Communications.

Commencement Speakers



Kaitlyn Richards

is the daughter of Michelle and Robert Richards. During her time at Ankeny High School, Kaitlyn participated in many activities. These activities include concert choir, the Sparkle Effect, Key Club, National

Spanish Honor Society, Teens Against Human Trafficking, National Honor Society, the World Food Prize: Iowa Youth Institute, and volleyball. She even had leadership positions in three of these activities. From a young age, Kaitlyn knew that she loved all things related to helping others. With this, Kaitlyn is a recipient of both the Silver Cord Award for volunteering and the Red Cord Award for blood donations. She received an academic letter every year she was at AHS. Kaitlyn had a grade point average exceeding 4.0, which gave her the recognition of being a Principal's Scholar. She earned the Honors Distinction diploma as well as the Principal's Rigor Award. Kaitlyn plans to study environmental science at the University of Nebraska- Lincoln #GOBIGRED



Marcus Ugolini

is the son of Steve and Kelly Ugolini. During his time at Ankeny High School, Marcus has been involved in a variety of activities including Concert Choir, Showchoir, the School

Musical, and Speech. He also participated in Cross Country, Track, Soccer, Swim. and National Honor Society, Outside of school, Marcus has been involved with the American Lung Association's Fight for Air Climb, and OLIH Church. He has been awarded numerous awards, including 4 academic letters, 3 choral music letters, 2 Time All-state Iowa Honor Choir member, Homecoming King and was named in the top 10% of incoming freshmen to Belmont University, This fall Marcus will be attending Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee to pursue a major in Commercial Music Performance with minors in Music Business and Finance. #YEEHAW

Graduating Class

Ethan David Accola Seth Eli Acheampong Jose Mario Aguilar Evan Jennings Albaugh Marisa Christine Alberico Ameera Elizabeth Ali Crew Gabriel Allan Benjamin Michael Alleman Emily Jean Allen ❖■₩ Rvan Thomas Allen Katie Scarlett Ammerman Jayden Douglas Andrews Cynthia Renee Angran Connor Nicholas Anselme Faith Anne Armstrong Bo Daniel Badger Alayna Grace Bahe Tristan John Bailey Janie Lizabeth Ball Grace Evelyn Barnes ₩ Ashleigh Anne Barrett Chloe Ann Bartek Olivia Rae Baskerville

Jase Allan Bauer Alexander Lee Bautista Brett Joseph Baxter Ian Nicolas Beardslev Jordan Leigh Beede Tarvn Lavne Beenblossom David John Belew Duncan Alexander Bennett William Thomas Bennett Alvsse Breanne Bentz Angel Gabriel Berber Josie Belle Bingham Megan Claire Bosch Corinne Elise Bovee ❖■ Cael Mason Boyd Katelyn Rachelle Bradley Evan Marshall Bradshaw Gabrielle Faythe Brady Brody Aaron Brecht Sydney Kay Brenning Josiah Ryan Brookes Alexandra Rae Brooks Lucy Jane Brooner ❖■器

Emma Shea Brotherton Caden Matthew Brown Arland Richard Bruce IV Kavla Paige Brummer ■ Julia Shirley Bryant Brandon Lee Burkhart Kaitlynn Malese Burrows Mason Jeffery Bush * Essynce Joy Butler Casandra Jewel Byrd ■ Tyler Thomas Campbell Raylin Nicole Capdevila Alexander Bradly Caraway Nicholas Ray Caraway Adelaide Marie Carlson Marina Chevenne Carter Leah Margaret Cemper Keaton McKenna Chapman Brock James Chiodo Morgan Darlene Christman Rachael Ann Christmann * Morgan LaVon Clair Michael Anthony Coady

Tyler Austen Coe Tannim Joseph Coley Gabrielle Caroline Collins Kyrsten Marie Collins Madalynn Marie Constable Margaret Rave Cook Mason Anne Corbett Remel Adrian Cortez Alexander Michael Corv Cael Anthony Cox ❖■ Cooper Cael Cox Madison Jean Craft Logan Bradley Curtis Daniel Arthur Dahlheimer Ellie Brooke Dalton Hunter Matthew Daub Lori Helen Marie Dauterive Nadia Caroline Davies Carter John Davis Mallory Nicole Day Sophia Abigail Day Samantha Leeann Dean Cameron Isaiah Deberry Dominic John Della Vedova Tyler Scott Dennis Daylen Leslie DeRaad Logan DeVore Skyler Alexus Dirksen Allison Hope Dorfler ■ McKayla Elizabeth Doyle ■ Anthony Michael Drew Carson Michael Ducar Justin Kurtes Dullard Emma Kathleen Dunlavey Wyatt Francis Roy Eason * Zane Spencer Henry Eason * Savannah Erin Edwards Brianna Marie Egenberger Grace Lavinia Eness ■ Macev Nicole Enga Brody Peter Enich Jack Thomas Enright # Jessica Sky-Marie Ethridge Hope Madison Evans Marissa Marie Faber Noah Daniel Fankhauser Ian Maxwell Ferree ❖■ Peter Robert Ferrell **Emily Susan Fetters** Macey Isabel Filling Dominique Wesley Forrest Abdulla Thaer Fouad Nathan Alexander Fox Trent Dohrn Frandson Vanessa Serwaa Frimpong Sarah Angela Froelich 🗫 Tyler Joseph Fromm Weston James Fulk Dominick Joseph Gall Caden Anthony Gantenbein Stormie Lyn Gantz McGwire Michael Gardner Alexander Robert Gates ❖■\ Payton Layne Gatzlaff Amy Sue Gaulke William James Geren

Anja Alguire Gjullin Samuel Donavan Glaub Josalyn Nicole Gomez * Orlando Gonzalez-Palacios ₩ Brenna Kave Goodman Kathleen Leigh Green Marcus Philip Green Lucy Winn Ha ■# Noah James Hackbart Miranda Grace Hall Mva Adrienne Hall Avery Rose Hansen Emma Christine Harris Cael Alexander Harrison Izabella Rae Wolfe Hartshorn Ryan James Heller Joshua Steven Helm Tyler Christopher Hendrix Kelsev Elaine Hensen Ashley Marie Holly Hernandez Cael Reece Hesseltine Sydney Renae Heuton ■ Avery Benjamin Hickcox * Devon Parker Hill Dylan Hunter Hill Chloe Isabel Hines Hanlay Hmwe Ash Lurlin Murphy Hoelscher Hannah Marie Hogan ■ Nathaniel Marcus Hohensee Zane Jonathan Holmen Emma Marie Hood Samuel Allan Hough Madison Rae Howard Logan Marie Hughes Mason Keith Humphrey Josephine Hyatt Harrison Avery Ingham Kavleigh Ann Inman Seair Olivea Dawn Jackman Price James Jacobsen Ashlev Ivv James Aubrey Ryann Johns Abigail Lee Johnson ■ Alex Vo-Luu Johnson Brenna Nicole Johnson ₩ Hunter Scot Johnson Logan David Johnson ■ Olivia Alice Johnson Rashawn Ladarius Johnson William Paul Johnson Zachary Joseph Josten ■ Angwej David Kang Jeremiah Bounsouk Kara Brooklyn Danielle Kelly Anastasia Patricia Kennedy Jacob Russell Kern Addyson Rose Kiene Kamaura Kim Suho Kim Kaitlyn Elizabeth King Madalehn Rose Kingston GraceAnn Elizabeth Kirschbaum Marika Mabel Kisgen ❖■ Averey Thomas Knobloch Kylie Elizabeth Knudten ❖■

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- 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 Regan Roorda

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

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 108th graduating class of Ankeny High School. You have made us very proud.

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

Congratulations class of 2021. We started our journey together talking about how Ankeny High School's goal was to empower you to make changes in the world. As Nelson Mandela stated "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." You have used your education to change not only AHS but to effect change in the district and the community during the year when your voice was needed the most.

As you commence, take with you the confidence that comes with your success. Together, you have overcome obstacles and inspired change. I am humbled and honored to have been your principal.

Today, we celebrate you; congratulations class of 2021.

Best Wishes,

Mr. Peter Apple Ankeny High School Principal

Embellishments to the Cap and Gown

Maroon and Gold Cords: Seniors wearing a combination of maroon and gold 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 a minimum of 120 hours of community service over a three-year period.

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 Award for Scholarship:** 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.
 - **Principal's Rigor Award:** Given to students who have completed five or more AP courses while attending high school.
 - **Honors Diploma:** Given to students who have completed all graduation requirements, have a weighted GPA of 3.67 or higher after seven semesters, and have earned 12 or more honors points.
- **Seal of Biliteracy Award:** Given in recogntion of a student who has attained proficiency in two or more languages, one of which is English by high school graduation.
- •Soaring Hawk Award: This honor is bestowed by high school faculty and staff members to students. This award is given each semester to students for a variety of reasons: improved grades, improved attitude, overcoming great obstacles, displaying the six pillars of good character, leadership in class, helping a department or the school, good attendance, hard work, and/or excellence in extracurricular activities/clubs.



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