

Find out where WHS seniors will go 2006 senior survey results at a glance

Inside you will find the newspaper staff's annual survey of student plans and an explanation of how that survey was conducted. Here is a quick overview of the survey of graduating seniors.

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- United States Navy1

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- Specific work plans18
- No response/undecided/other147

Totals

- Total seniors surveyed 2006407
- Total seniors surveyed 2005463
- Change since last year-52

Biggest changes since 2005

- Southeast Technical Institute-13
- Augustana College+7
- University of South Dakota-8

Graduation set for Sunday at Arena

By Rachel Sivertson

As the year begins to wind down, Warrior seniors take the time to remember their years at WHS.

At 1 p.m. on Sunday, close family and friends will gather in the Sioux Falls Arena to celebrate this milestone. WHS is the first school to graduate at the Arena on Sunday. The two speakers from the class of 2006 are Kayla Jackmon and Haley Vellinga. The WHS Concert Choir and symphonic band will also be performing during the ceremony.

Vellinga said she is honored to represent the senior class and to have been chosen to give her

speech at graduation.

"I am very honored to have been chosen to give the speech—my speech is different than the usual graduation speech," Vellinga said.

The senior class of 2006 has displayed leadership to all students. The class of 2006

has exceeded the scores from years past on the Dakota Step test and they have demonstrated the pride of being a Warrior to all the underclassmen.

Vellinga said she is excited to graduate, but will miss WHS.

"I am very much looking forward to graduation, but I will truly miss all of the seniors and staff at WHS," Vellinga said.

City graduation timetable

The WHS graduation ceremony is set for 1 p.m. Sunday at the Sioux Falls Arena.

- 12:15 p.m.** . . . WHS seniors report and line up at Arena
- 1 p.m.** WHS graduation
- 4 p.m.** Lincoln graduation
- 7 p.m.** Roosevelt graduation

Seniors gather for last time at party

By Sara Hughes

On Sunday night, after the graduation commencement ceremony, the seniors will gather for one last time at the annual Senior Class Party.

The theme for the party in 2006 is "Viva Las Vegas."

The graduates will have a chance to participate in numerous games, win tickets and then later trade in their tickets for prizes.

There are 10 top-level prizes available, which include flat-screen TVs, iPod Nanos, and digital cameras. Everyone will receive some sort of prize.

In addition, a hypnotist will be performing, and seniors from the audience will be selected to be hypnotized.

Pizzas, sub sandwiches, walking tacos, ice cream sundaes and various other foods

will also be provided for the graduates.

The party is a "lock-in," and those who attend will not be allowed to leave until the end, unless picked up by a parent. Seniors will be expected to be at WHS between 10-10:30 p.m. and will be released at 5 a.m.

The Senior Class Party is organized by the Senior Class Party Committee, which consists of many senior parents, and is led by Deb Soholt, Sheila Parks, Nancy Johnson, and Jill Franken.

Soholt said she feels the Senior Class Party is a great event.

"It will be a full night packed with many games, tournaments, a hypnotist, great prizes, entertainment, and some surprises," Soholt said.

A signed parent waiver is required for admission, and those who have not provided a signed waiver, and therefore have not registered, will not be admitted. In addition, \$50 is also charged for entrance, to cover the costs of the prizes, food and hypnotist. If a student has a financial difficulty in providing the \$50, he or she should speak to a school counselor for assistance, as scholarships are available. All graduates need to also show their school ID and wear the provided Senior Class Party T-shirt in order to get in.

Soholt said the party should be very fun for the seniors.

"There's something for everybody," she said. "The whole night we'll keep people moving and keep everyone involved."

Senior survey reveals post-graduation plans

Hiwot Abdu
 •Tacsase Daives College
 "My favorite memory of WHS is HonorFest."

Roza Abukina
 •USDSU, Sioux Falls
 "Stay in school, and do not skip any classes."

Mariam Abusharkh

Kelsey Acers
 •Augustana College, Sioux Falls
 "Don't be afraid to try new things. You never know what will happen, you may surprise yourself. Also, enjoy your time here! Honestly, it goes by extremely fast!"

Mensur Ajdari
 •Mensu Bibari Technical School

Alyssa Allen
 •University of Sioux Falls
 "My favorite memories of WHS are of homecoming week and beach bash week."

Nathan Allen

Amr Amer
 •South Dakota State University, Brookings
 "My favorite memories of WHS were being able to meet new people and make new friends."

Dallen Amundson
 •Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
 "My favorite memories of WHS have been being able to wake up, come to school and see all the people I've made friends with over the last four years."

Jennifer Andersen
 •Augustana College, Sioux Falls
 "My advice to underclassmen is simple...never settle."

Kristen Andersen
 •Brigham Young University, Utah
 "Get involved in as much as possible, but still hang out with your friends and get everything done. Also, make sure that you apply for colleges and scholarships early."

Tyler Anschutz
 •University of Minnesota
 "Don't spend all of your time studying, because in the end, it's not the grades that matter; it's the memories."

Freweini Araia

Nicole Arens
 •Work

Survey of 407 graduating seniors conducted by newspaper staff

Each spring the News of Washington surveys the graduating class at WHS to find what each senior plans for after graduation.

This information is collected from a volunteer, non-scientific survey of all class members. The News of Washington also asked seniors to provide their favorite memory and a piece of advice to underclassmen. Some of these are also included in the survey results.

On pages 2-7 are the results of the survey. After the name of each student, listed alphabetically, students indicated what school, branch of the military or work opportunity they plan to pursue next year.

All quotes and information were edited for style, space, grammar and taste considerations. Seniors who

left items blank or did not return a survey may not have their names listed or have incomplete information. The responsibility for the accuracy of the information rests solely with the respondents.

The list of graduating seniors was as accurate as possible as of our publication deadline. Because of last minute changes to the graduation guidelines, an accurate list of the class of 2006 was difficult to obtain. We apologize for any oversights.

The News of Washington staff wishes to extend best wishes to each graduate in the WHS Warrior class of 2006.

Good luck to the class of 2006!

Survey compiled by Ashley Harkness and the NOW staff

"My advice to underclassmen is to tell them to work as hard as they can. Also, to get all of their required classes first, so that their senior year is slack, because time here flies by faster than it may seem at the time."

Emily Austin
 •Mount Marty College, Yankton
 "Live in the moments of today, not in the worries of tomorrow."

Ruslan Averin
 •Augustana College, Sioux Falls
 "Don't fail or you will regret it later."

Graeme Baartman

Daniel Baedke
 •South Dakota State University, Brookings
 "My favorite parts of WHS were the Beach Bash and Homecoming talent shows."

Kelsie Bair
 •Brigham Young University
 "Don't procrastinate; get all of your assignments in. Being a senior is awesome, so make sure you get all of your credits in order!"

Samantha Balk
 •College
 "My favorite memories of WHS have been all of the great people, and going to football

and basketball games, and cheering my head off!"

Breinne Baltzer
 •University of South Dakota, Vermillion
 "With every step you take towards the future, take it with pride and no regrets."

Whitney Barnes
 •Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
 "Do your homework!"

Brittany Barto

Jessica Bayne
 •Southwest Minnesota State University
 "Don't be afraid to try new activities and to meet new people!"

Jena Beauchamp

Andrew Beck
 •University of South Dakota, Vermillion
 "My favorite memories of WHS include football and basketball games, the variety shows, and the Highsteppers."

Samuel Beck
 •University of Nebraska
 "It's easy to blow off your work now, but later on, when your applying to colleges the work will pay off."

Coty Bell

•USDSU, Sioux Falls
 "My favorite memories of Washington are homecoming, prom, and making lifelong friends!"

Sara Benson

Justina Berkness
 •Augustana College, Sioux Falls

Ageb Beyene

Ryan Bickett
 •Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
 "My favorite memories of WHS are the times I spent with my friends."

Trevor Bittner
 •Undecided

Jeremy Blackburn
 •University of Minnesota
 "Being apart of the black hole at football games is my favorite memory of WHS."

Kyle Blake
 •North Dakota State University
 "Have as much fun as you can. It will be over before you know it."

Brandon Blide
 •South Dakota State University, Brookings
 "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard."

Rheanna Boe

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
 "Don't let drama take over your year, and don't take any second for granted, because time goes by fast."

Anala Boku
 •University of Minnesota, Mankato
 "My favorite memory is of all the staff members, especially Mrs. Veldhouse."

Ruman Boku

Skyler Bolks
 •Mount Marty University, Yankton
 "Have fun, but live so you have no regrets."

Nathan Bowden
 •Vermillion Community College, Minnesota

Karin Bratcher

Elmer BraveHawk

Jessica Brende
 •Southwest Minnesota State University
 "My favorite memory is prom because it was our last big dance of high school and it was really fun."

Andrei Brinzila
 •University of Minnesota, Morris
 "If you want to succeed at WHS, do your homework, don't delay and do your best."

Jason Bruggeman
 •Dakota State University, Madison
 "Work hard and have a good time."

Ashley Buhr
 •University Of South Dakota, Vermillion
 "Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."

James Bulock
 •South Dakota State University, Brookings
 "Make sure you always have fun, even if the class is boring."

Jesse Bult
 •Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
 "Don't get behind on credits."

Christopher Burnette

Kristen Burns
 •Tufts University, Medford, Mass.
 "Be sure to challenge yourself and get the most out of high school that you can. All of the hard work will be worth it

when you move on to the next step.”

Nicholas Burnside

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“My favorite memories from WHS have come from the great talent shows we’ve had.”

Nichole Bushman

•USDSU, Sioux Falls

•College of Saint Benedict, Minnesota
“Be yourself and live everyday like it’s your last! You never want to look back on life and have regrets.”

Ashley Christensen

•Colorado Technical University, Sioux Falls
“Don’t slack off, you will regret it in the long run.”

“Live life to the fullest.”

Joshua Cunningham

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
“Stay cool, stay in school.”

Scott Cunningham

•University of Minnesota
“Make an ‘Open Lunch Fund’ and save up because you get tired of mac & cheese real fast.”

Anna Cutler

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“Always do the best that you can and enjoy life.”

Travis Cutshaw

•Saint Cloud State University, Minnesota
“Friends are everything, keep them close.”

Jamie Dahlen

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“Don’t be afraid to talk to others and make friends!”

Craig Dahlin

Karlee Damme

•University of Minnesota
“Live, love, laugh and learn.”

Reid Dammer

•Undecided
“Don’t do drugs.”

Chelsea Dean

•Southwest Minnesota State
“Let your senior year be your best year.”

Kathryn DeZee

Mitchell Dickens

•Undecided
“Challenge yourselves to always do better. Learn from your mistakes.”

Regina Domanskaya

•Wells Fargo Bank

Yanina Domanskaya

•Wells Fargo Bank

Rebecca Donaldson

•University of Minnesota

JoAnna Douglas

•Saint Cloud State University, Minnesota
“Take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way because you will form lasting friends and memories.”

Bradley Drewes

Ryan Duffy

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“My favorite memories of WHS are the dances.”

Brandy Duggan

Sarah Dukes

•Minneapolis, Minnesota
“My advice is to do your homework, and don’t get senioritous! It will attack you! Fight the urge!”

Justin Ebright

•Southeast Technical School, Sioux Falls
“Try your hardest and don’t ever give up!”

Seth Edblom

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“By far homecoming was my favorite memory.”

Justin Egge

•Valparaiso University, Indiana
“I advise you to get sleep and don’t study too much!”

Maren Eggers

Jason Eggleston

Stephanie Engel

Allan Ernster

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
“Semester tests are never as hard as they seem.”

Thomas Erpenbach

•Muscatine Community College, Iowa
“Stay in school.”

Eric Essem

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
“Don’t slack off on your grades.”

Stephanie Fejfar

Megan Fiedler

Collin Fields

•Valparaiso University, Indiana
“Try your hardest and don’t procrastinate.”

Jeremy Fields

•Work
“My favorite memories of WHS are of matball.”

Jonathan Fischer

Denisse Flores

Dustin Jerry Forde

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
“I really enjoyed going to the dances.”

Katherine Forsyth

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion

Jared Franka

James Franken

•Augustana College, Sioux Falls
“My advice is to not get lazy during crunch time and just get your work done!”

Dustin Freeman

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“My advice is to stay in school.”

Kayleigh Frenz

•Stewart’s School of Hairstyling, Sioux Falls
“Stop walking in groups and you’ll be successful in making your way through the hallway without getting yelled at.”

Brittany Fueston

•Rochester Community and Technical College, Minnesota
“My favorite memory was prom because it was something I looked forward to and enjoyed spending time with my closest friends.”

Emma Fuglsby

•Work - Old Navy
“Have fun and stay focused!”

Mohammed Gabre

“Don’t be afraid to try new activities and to meet new people!”

—*Jessica Bayne*



“Don’t lose focus; get involved.”

Aaron Bute

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion
“My favorite memories of WHS were the basketball games.”

Tori Cain

Shawn Camfield

Erica Carmichael

•Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell
“My favorite memories are the dance parties in the dressing rooms before a [theatre] production.”

Javier Carrillo

•Mitchell Technical Institute

Braxton Carter

Berenice Cazares

Celeste Centra

•Augustana College, Sioux Falls
“My favorite memories are of going to all the football games and going to Fryin’ Pan afterwards.”

Lori Chapman

Christina Chau

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion
“Always do your assignments and join the various variety of activities offered at WHS.”

Sally Chau

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“Enjoy high school while you can because you will never know what there is to come when reality hits.”

Susan Chhen

Melissa Christensen

•Marines
“Don’t stress out about school it will line up the way it should.”

Joshua Christie

•Army
“Be nice and stay in class.”

Joy Churchill

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion
“No matter how bad things seem to be, or how lousy you feel, don’t give up on your high school education, work as hard as you can. These four years go so fast. Don’t take it for granted.”

Crystal Clark

•Undecided
“Don’t procrastinate!”

Jessica Claussen

•Western Iowa Technical Institute, Iowa
“My favorite memory of WHS would have to be prom.”

Anthony Collins, Jr

•Dakota State University, Madison
“My favorite memories are playing football.”

Christopher Compson

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
“Keep on keeping on.”

Trevor Cook

•Miami University, Ohio
“Look at all those fancy clothes, Lord knows that these can keep us warm just like those.”
—Jack Johnson

Kyle Cosand

•South Dakota State University, Brookings



“Hard work beats talent when talent doesn’t work hard.”

—*Brandon Blide*

Lindsey Dickey

•Pursue Music
“Don’t worry what anyone says. Conformity will never fill your voids. Be who you are and be true to yourself.”

Ashley Dolly

•University of Nebraska
“The tassel’s worth the hassle.”

•Black Hills State University, South Dakota

Samantha Eitreim

•Augustana College, Sioux Falls
“My advice to underclassman is to stay true to yourself and don’t let anyone change who you are.”

Leif Enberg

Chad Garner

Axel Gatica Barrientos

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls

Caitlin Gilliland

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“Talent shows and definitely prom are my favorite memories!”

Nebiyat Girmay

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“In the end all your hard work will pay off.”

Traci Gluhm

Hilda Gonzalez

Phillip Goodwin

•Dakota State University, Madison
“Always have fun and try not to be mad all the time because it's over in a blink of an eye.”

Jared Goos

•University of Minnesota
“Have fun, stay classy, stay in school.”

Crystal Grathwol

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“My favorite memories of WHS are all the events that take place throughout the year like dances, talent shows and the pizza feed.”

Shana Green

•University of Saint Thomas, Minnesota
“Stay true to your friends; they will help you overcome all your problems through high school.”

Kyle Grogan

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion
“My favorite memory is playing football my sophomore year.”

Robert Earl Grygierczyk

Wagner Gudiel

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls

Dillion Gully

Technical School

Luis Gutierrez

Kevin Haiar

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion
“Make sure you stay front-to-front at dances.”

Kellen Hall

•Work
“Make the best out of the time you have, be good.”

Sova Halma

Larissa Ham

Taylor Hammrich

•Augustana College, Sioux Falls
“I enjoyed spending time with my soccer team and creating new friendships.”

Betsy Hansen

Nycole Hansen

•Work
“Stay in school and work very hard to get done.”

Taylor Hansen

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“My favorite memories of WHS are the sports games and matball.”

Ashley Harkness

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“My advice for the underclassman is to remember that high school is not just academics, get



“My favorite memory is the friends I have made.”

Patrick Heidzig

•Air Force
“Do not skip class.”

Henry Heilman

Corey Heither

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“Take school seriously.”

Courtney Heitkamp

•Valparaiso University, Indiana
“Make decisions based on what you want and always be true to yourself.”

Adam Hemmingson

•South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Rapid City
“Do not procrastinate.”

“My advice to students would be to get out of your comfort zone and get involved and meet new people.”

—*Brent Jamison*

involved and create memories that will last a lifetime.”

Shantell Harpster

•Art School
“Don't skip school, graduating is important.”

Jacob Harris

Michael Hars

Chelsey Harvey

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
“My favorite memories were of homecoming week.”

Mikaela Haugan

Griffin Haugen

Samantha Haugen

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
“Stick with it, it's worth it.”

Christopher Hawkins

Tyler Hayzlett

•Augustana College, Sioux Falls
“Don't fall behind. Take every year seriously.”

Amber Hedrick

Sarah Heeren

•South Dakota State University, Brookings

Briana Herrlein

Patrick Hicks

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion
“My favorite memories are hanging out with my friends and going to concerts.”

Ali Hoffman

•Stewart's School of Hairstyling, Sioux Falls
“My favorite memories are going to all the school activities and just hanging with friends.”

Charli Hoffman

•Valparaiso University, Indiana
“My favorite memory at WHS is placing first in the pom division at UPA nationals for Highsteppers my junior year.”

Melissa Hoffman

•Northwestern College, Minnesota
“Don't ever lose sight of who you are.”

James Hohn

•University of Minnesota
“My favorite memories would be those of football and choir.”

Jessie Hoiland

Brian Holtkamp

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls

“I would recommend students learn as much as possible while at WHS.”

Seth Honerman

•Northern State University, Aberdeen
“Get involved in school activities and listen to advice intended to help you move forward.”

Amanda Honken

•Black Hills State University, Spearfish
“Prom was the most memorable.”

Jason Horstman

•University of Minnesota
“My favorite memories were being involved in activities and hanging out with friends.”

Sara Hughes

•Augustana College, Sioux Falls
“Life is too short, so live every day to the fullest.”

Kasie Hummel

•Minnesota State University
“My favorite memories were playing soccer and hanging out with friends on the weekends.”

JonMichael Hyatt

Caitlin Iddings

•Augustana College, Sioux Falls
“It's better to be hated for who you are than to be loved for who you're not.”

Amanda Ingalls

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“Work hard in school but don't forget to have fun.”

Kayla Ingalls

•Work
“I will always remember being in the WHS choir.”

Yuriy Ivanov

•Undecided

Kayla Jackmon

•Ohio State University
“My favorite memories of being at WHS would definitely include competing in show choir and oral interp as well as our concert choir trip to Boston this year.”

Rafael Jacob

Dylan Jacobson

•Dakota State University, Madison
“My favorite memories from WHS are spending time with and making friends.”

Brent Jamison

•Augustana College, Sioux Falls
“My advice to students would be to get out of your comfort zone and get involved and meet new people.”

Shukri Jara

Abby Jarrott

Amanda Jellis

Stefanie Jellis

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion
“Don't wash your life away, have fun in high school.”

Jodi Jensen

•Work at Hy-Vee
“I have really loved all of the teachers who taught me over the years.”

Katie Jensen

•Boston University, Massachusetts
“Come to school to get work done. You'll be glad that you worked hard when you're done.”

Brian Johnson

Shandi Johnson

•University of Nebraska
“I will always remember making awesome friendships with great memories of dances and games.”

Angela Jones

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion
“My favorite memories are going to all the football games and doing fun stuff with all my friends.”

Danielle Jones

•Kansas City State, Kansas
“My favorite memories from WHS are going to nationals for Highsteppers.”

Mattie Jones

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“My favorite memory was cheering on the Warriors at the football and basketball games.”

Tara Jungen

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“My advice to underclassmen is to get involved, have fun, and make lots of memories.”

Seth Kading

Sierra Kading

•Southeast Technical Institute and University of Sioux Falls
“My advice is don't quit or get lazy. Getting out of high school should be your goal.”

Kimberly Kapperman

•Augustana College, Sioux Falls
“Have the confidence in being your very best and work to succeed every day.”

Nicolas Kenison

•Augustana College, Sioux Falls
“My favorite memory was performing in the variety shows with Riot 5-0.”

Tara Kilmer

•Technical school
“One favorite memory I have is

going to my classes and meeting new people and teachers.”

Ilia Klimchuk

Melissa Knochenmus

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
“My favorite memory of WHS would be when coach Kim Nelson taught me how to throw the shot put and discus.”

Dustin Kocak

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion
“When applying to colleges, get your application in on time.”

Justin Kockx

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
“My advice is to get involved in lots of activities.”

Cory Kolbrek

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls

Taylor Kollitz

•University of Minnesota
“I’ll never forget all the friends I’ve made and the time I’ve spent with them over the past four years.”

Eric Krpan

Valerie Krpan

•Undecided
“My favorite memory was all of my friends.”

Joshua Kurtz

•University of Minnesota
“Work hard and success will come your way.”

Daniel Kvanli

•Augustana College, Sioux Falls
“My favorite memories were of theatre and choir.”

Michael Kvanli

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“High school is easy. Just set yourself on cruise control and have a good time.”

Derek Laddusaw

Danielle Larson

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
“One of my favorite memories of WHS is of attending prom.”

Justin Larson

•Work at Muth Electric
“My favorite memory is wrestling at WHS.”

Jessica Leaf

Skip Lee

Ryan Lehr

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“Be yourself and participate in activities because you meet new people and it makes high school more enjoyable.”

Lyudmila Levchenko

•Augustana College, Sioux Falls
“Try your best always! Push yourself and don’t ever give up or get mixed up with the wrong crowd.”

Eric Lindquist

•Iowa State University
“My favorite memories of WHS are beating Lincoln at their gym in basketball and winning state golf.”

Joel Lockwood

Skyler Loewenberg

•College
“My advice is to enjoy your time here, it goes quick.”

John Lokonobei

•College
“Don’t wait until the last moment and do your home-

•University of Wisconsin—Madison

“My favorite memories were when we won state basketball freshman year, going to sporting events and homecoming/beach bash weeks.”

Emanuel MadrigalZamora

•U.S. Air Force
“My advice is don’t wait to do homework until the last minute.”

Michael Madsen

Kellen Mahone

Lucas Marchand

•Wayne State College, Michigan
“My advice is to stay in school.”

Benjamin Matchan

•University of South Dakota,

Brookings

“My favorite memories at WHS are of all of the friends I’ve met along the way.”

Heather Medalen

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
“My advice to the underclassmen would be to be yourself. Don’t be something you’re not.”

Sadie Meirose

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
“My advice for underclassmen is to get involved.”

Alex Mehlhaff

Jara Melsha

Michael Merry

•University of Sioux Falls
“My favorite times at WHS were having fun with friends and winning the state basketball tournament freshman year.”

Tolcha Mesele

Julean Michels

•Augustana College, Sioux Falls
“My favorite memory was watching the state basketball title game freshman year.”

Tiffany Middlebrook

•USDSU, Sioux Falls
“My favorite memory is toilet papering the football players’ houses.”

Amanda Miedema

Milena Milanko

•Stewart’s School, Sioux Falls
“My advice is to enjoy your high school days as much as you can, the years go fast.”

Kathryn Millar

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“My favorite memories of WHS come from traveling to Boston with Concert Choir in April.”

Ryan Miller

•Valparaiso University, Indiana
“Never settle for less than your best.”

Lindsey Mills

USDSU, Sioux Falls

“My favorite memories of WHS are the dances and getting to meet tons of new people.”

Ethan Minard

Kadar Mohamed

•Undecided

Ryan Montileaux

•Augustana College, Sioux Falls
“My favorite memories from WHS are the homecoming football games.”

Samantha Morgan

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
“Every memory is a great one here at WHS.”

Edward Moritz

Christina Mosley

•Work

Jamey Moss

Joshua Moulton

•Undecided

Michael Moxnes

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion
“My advice is don’t skip school.”

Kimberly Moya Marroquin

•Work
“My favorite memory is meeting new people.”

Abigail Murphy

•College
“My advice to the underclassmen is be nice to everyone no matter who they are.”

Brittany Murray

•College
“My favorite memories would be homecoming—Spirit Day and ROTC class and events.”

Molly Murray

Renee Nelson

•Premier Bank Card
“My advice to the students is to do your work.”

Sara Nesbit

•College
“Being a part of improv and

“My advice for underclassmen is to just take a chance and step out of your shell.”

—Phuonganh Nguyen



work.”

Donald LongCrow

•USDSU, Sioux Falls
“Try and do all your homework and join extra activities. It will help in the future.”

Stephan LongCrow

•U.S. Navy
“My favorite memories would be all the cool people I met.”

Nikki Loria

•University of Minnesota
“My favorite memories of WHS include cheerleading, wrestling and open lunch.”

Bryan Lowrey

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“My favorite memories at WHS are the football and basketball games.”

Eric Loy

•University of Nevada, Las Vegas
“My favorite memory is making people laugh at variety shows.”

Julian Lujardo

•College
“My advice to underclassmen is don’t slack off.”

Samantha Madland

Vermillion

“My favorite memory at WHS is defeating Lincoln in basketball twice in the 2006 season.”

Michael Maurer

Nathan McBeth

•North Dakota State University
“My favorite memories are of all the friends I’ve made throughout high school.”

Melissa McCollar

•National American University, Sioux Falls

Kyle McCurry

Ryan McGuire

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion

Alexi McKercher

•Northwestern College, Iowa
“My favorite memory of WHS was all the friends I’ve met and the times we’ve shared together.”

Ryan McKnight

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
“My favorite memories would be playing football for a great school and with great people.”

Tiffany McQuisten

•South Dakota State University,

“Do things today, don’t put them off for tomorrow.”

—Kyle Sexe



being able to talk to kids from other schools because of it is my favorite memory from WHS."

Benjamin Nguyen

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
"My advice is take life slowly and take it one step at a time."

Phuong Quynh Nguyen

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
"My favorite memory of WHS was prom."

Phuonganh Nguyen

•University of Nebraska
"My advice for underclassmen is to just take a chance and step out of your shell."

Joshua Nunn

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion
"My advice to underclassmen is to get involved in many activities so you will have no regrets."

Emmylu O'Donnell

•University of Minnesota
"My advice to underclassmen is don't be afraid to be who you are and take chances. Don't stress out over small things."

Ryan Oliver

•University of Nebraska
"Enjoy high school while you can, it goes by fast."

Alexander Olsen

•Augustana College, Sioux Falls
"My favorite memory was performing at the O'G beach bash."

Chad Olson

•Undecided
"My favorite memory is being in Show Choir and Concert Choir."

Daniel Olson

Megan Olson

Mohamed Omer

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
"My favorite memory from WHS was playing matball."

Osman Omer

•Undecided
"The thing I will remember from my time at WHS is prom."

Abdul Osman

•Dakota State University, Madison
"Word hard, because school goes by fast!"

Karima Osman

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion

Clayton Oster

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls

"My favorite memory was meeting new people"

Tyler Palmer

•Mitchell Technical Institute
"Show up, turn in your home work and you'll do fine."

Alison Parks

•University of Nebraska
"My advice is to enjoy the four years you have here and to have no regrets, because it goes by way too fast."

Christopher Patron

Patrick Patterson

•Undecided
"You guys are in charge of things now, so take the big risks."

Ljubica Paukovic

•Work at McKennan Hospital

Brittany Pedersen

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
"Enjoy high school while you can because it will pass you in a blink of an eye!"

Angela Pekas

•Dakota State University, Madison
"I will remember hanging out with friends and meeting new people."

Amanda Pelton

•Army National Guard
"Have fun, you only have high school memories once."

Rebecca Perreault

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
"I will remember participating in track and field."

Joshua Perry

•South Dakota State University, Brookings

Joseph Peters

Alicia Peterson

•University of Sioux Falls
"I will never forget all the good times spent with friends and being a C-Winger."

Gina Pfeifle

•Colorado Technical University, Sioux Falls
"Don't be a slacker, live everyday as your last!"

Timothy Phillips

•Good Samaritan Center
"Pay attention in class and do your work."

Brandon Phoummany

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion
"My favorite memory is of my friends."

Cody Powell

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls

Austin Preheim

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion

Nathan Preston

•Army National Guard

Matthew Pridey

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
"I will remember watching Josh Cunningham (senior) dance to Michael Jackson's 'Thriller' at prom."

Somphone Promvongsa

•Undecided
"Pick school over partying and things like that."

Nahida Qayumzada

Chad Rapp

Sarah Rasmussen

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
"Don't worry so much about high school drama because it doesn't matter in the end."

Aaron Reinwald

•Mitchell Technical Institute

Ashley Reiter

•Work at Little Caesars
"Never give up and try not to slack off because it will all catch up to you in the end."

Britney Rennie

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
"My favorite memory from WHS is winning state softball in 2002 and meeting my best friends."

Jordan Richardson

•South Dakota State University,



Seth Rohlck

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
"My advice is to always do your homework."

Alisha Rolle

Josette Ross

Laura Rothenbuehler

•Winona State University, Minnesota
"My advice to underclassmen is to start preparing for your future now, because high school goes by fast."

Sergey Rudich

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls

Melissa Ruesch

•University of Sioux Falls
"Don't procrastinate. No matter how much you long for it to just disappear, it won't go away. Tomorrow comes faster than you want it to."

DaVida Russell

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion

Joshua Ryan

•Concordia College, Minnesota
"My favorite memory of WHS was attending football games at Howard Wood Field."

Reyad Saada

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls

Waylon Schave

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls

Paul Schipper

•Southeast Technical Institute,

Katie Scholl

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
"Do homework and be nice to your teachers."

Jeffrey Schulte

•College

Greyson Schulz

Chelsie Schwing

•Northwestern College, Minnesota
"My favorite memory is from my junior year when I went to prom."

Sarah Sedio

•Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
"Work hard but have fun at the same time."

Sonny Senesayno

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion
"My advice is to do your work."

Kyle Seneth

Alan Sengphet

Justin Seten

•College
"My advice is simple: be yourself."

Andrew Severson

•University of Nebraska

Kyle Sexe

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion
"Do things today, don't put them off for tomorrow."

Morgan Sharpe

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion
"My favorite memory is meeting all of my friends, and being able to realize that it doesn't matter what other people think about you."

Vadim Shevchuk

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion
"I liked homecoming, I would say that is my favorite memory."

Mariya Shkinder

Chelsey Shupick

•Bethany Lutheran College, Minnesota
"My advice to underclassmen is not to try to make everyone happy, because in the end, you will be left unhappy."

Rachel Sivertson

•University of North Dakota
"One question: What will one man have if he gains the world but loses his soul?"

Aaron Skinner

Matthew Skinner

•South Dakota State University,

“My advice is to never give up and keep trying, everything will work out.”

—Matt Skinner

Brookings

Leah Riedel

•University of South Dakota, Vermillion

Amy Ritter

•South Dakota State University, Brookings
"Enjoy your time here and make the most of every opportunity."

Nicole Rober

Sioux Falls

"The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary."

Lynsey Schmidt

•Savannah College of Art and Design, Georgia
"My advice is have fun and live for the day."

Jessica Schmit

•South Dakota State University, Brookings

Brookings
 "My advice is to never give up and keep trying, everything will work out."

Arthur Skots

Sergey Skubenich
 •Work at Citibank

Matthew Smallcomb
 •University of California, San Diego
 "Remember that fear of failure leads to a lack of success."

Michelle Smalley

Megan Smedsrud
 •University of South Dakota, Vermillion
 "I will remember the sporting events and participating in sports. I absolutely loved going to the football games."

Danielle Smith

Brian Smook
 •Undecided
 "Do all your work and turn it in on time, persevere and finish when you should. Never give up, because if it doesn't kill you it'll only make you stronger."

Sona Sobonova
 •Returning to Slovakia
 "Always be prepared to take a chance to do something different because making a difference is the most important thing to change the world."

Samuel Soholt
 •North Dakota State University
 "Life moves pretty fast, if you don't stop to look around once in a while, you might miss it."

Russell Sorensen
 •Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls

“Remember to challenge yourself—not only academically but in every aspect of your life. It makes life that much more rewarding and interesting.”

—*Emily Wodsinski*

Sadie Stasca

Jordan Steinborn
 •South Dakota State University, Brookings

Fawn Steinfurth

Amanda Stormo

Alyssa Strand
 •University of Minnesota
 "My favorite high school memories are of all the drumline and colorguard get-togethers for marching band."

Staci Stupka
 •University of Nebraska
 "My favorite memories of high school are times spent with friends and football games."

Oksana Sushchik
 •University of Sioux Falls
 "Remember to live each day like your last, you don't know when it will all end."

Samantha Swier
 •Black Hills Beauty School
 "Don't skip school, it will come back to haunt you in the end!"

Tizita Tadesse
 •University of South Dakota, Vermillion
 "My favorite memory has been getting to know some very awesome people."

Samantha Terry
 •Augustana College, Sioux Falls
 "My favorite memory of WHS has been attending the basketball games."

Carissa Thesenvitz
 •South Dakota State University, Brookings
 "Take your time, pace yourself and work hard, but also have fun at the same time."



"My favorite memories have been just seeing my friends at school everyday and being a Warrior."

Jennifer Thiry
 •South Dakota State University, Brookings
 "Don't fight with your friends, you only have four years with them, so live it up!"

Kelsey Thompson

Rachel Thorne

“Don't fight with your friends, you only have four years with them, so live it up!”

—*Jennie Thiry*

Kyle Thorstenson
 •Army Reserve and Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls
 "My favorite memory of WHS is all of the time spent with my friends."

Danielle Tjaden
 •South Dakota State University, Brookings
 "I enjoyed working on the plays that went on here at WHS."

Keith Tordoff

Cassandra Tornow
 •University of Nebraska
 "Don't compromise yourself. You are all you've got."
 —Janis Joplin

Andrew Trites
 •North Dakota State University
 "Don't get senioritis, you will regret it."

Alissa Tunender
 •Work
 "Study hard and never give up on your dreams."

Brady Underberg

Monica Valencia

Justin VanDerWerff
 •Air Force
 "My favorite memories are spending time with all my friends."

Megan VanWyhe
 •South Dakota State University, Brookings
 "You don't stop laughing because you grow old, you grow old because you stop laughing, so laugh on!"

Daniel VandenHeuvel

Brooke Varns
 •Colorado Technical University, Sioux Falls
 "My favorite memories would have to be great times at the football games."

Sabrina Vasa
 •Creighton University, Nebraska
 "Speak and be heard"

Oksana Vasilevska



Phillip Vassar

Yolanda Vega

Haley Vellinga
 •Baylor University, Texas
 "My favorite memory of high school is my sophomore lunch table with the guys who taught me about life, love and other mysteries."

Amanda Vinson
 •University of Hawaii
 "My favorite memories are going to Boston for concert choir and going to Washington, D.C., with Close Up."

Matthew Vis
 •Work
 "My favorite memory was the homecoming week during the year."

Vyacheslav Volkotrub

Vitaliy Voznyuk
 •Undecided
 "Don't put everything off until tomorrow. If you want to succeed, work diligently and turn everything in on time."

TaSunke WalkingElk

Ashley Warkenthien

Abby Warner

Calvin Watts
Chantelle Webb
 •Moorpark College, California
 "When you think you have gone as far as you can, go twice as far as where you started and keep going. Never stop moving forward."

William Webb

Benjamin Wehrkamp
 •Iowa State University
 "The race is long, but in the end it is only with yourself."

Katarina Wells
 •Jamestown College, North Dakota
 "My favorite memories are Beach Bash and Homecoming because they are always the best."

Daniel West

Kyle Wheeler
 •U.S. Air Force
 "The football games are my favorite memories here at WHS."

Kayla Whitaker

Amanda Wichmann
 •Augustana College, Sioux Falls
 "I will never forget the friends I have made at WHS."

Anne Wiederrich
 •Concordia University, Minnesota
 "My favorite memories are of the dance competitions that the Highsteppers won, especially when we won Nationals my junior year."

Ryan Wilde

Jazmine Wilkins
 •Northern Illinois University
 "My advice is go to class everyday and turn in all of your work."

Justin Wipperling
 •Work at Holiday Inn City Centre
 "Do the best you can, get good grades and have a fun time with the rest of your years at WHS."

Emily Wodzinski
 •Augustana College, Sioux Falls
 "Remember to challenge yourself—not only academically but in every aspect of your life. It makes life that much more rewarding and interesting."

Briana Wood
 •South Dakota State University, Brookings
 "My favorite memories of WHS are just meeting the people I've met and making new friends."

Sidney Wright
 •Construction

Lacey Zakrzewski
 •Work

Jesse Stafford

Catherine Stai
 •USDSU, Sioux Falls
 "Do not procrastinate, it only causes stress."

Derek Stalheim
 •South Dakota State University, Brookings

Sara Thies
 •Undecided
 "My favorite memory has been the show choir competitions because they were so much fun and all of our hard work paid off in the end."

Marc Thill
 •Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls

Principal Bill Hoff, three teachers part of 'class of 2006' as each retires this year

By Sydney Schuknecht, Anne Wiederrich and Andy Cunningham

Not only will over 400 seniors leave WHS as a part of the class of 2006, but four important parts of the staff will walk out the door as official members of the family for the last time, as well.

Principal Bill Hoff and teachers Bev Machacek, Darrold Morey and Larry Lundeen will retire at the end of the year and each has planned an active retirement.

All four were honored with an open house in the WHS library sponsored by the student council, as well as at HonorFest and the school district retirement

banquet. Hoff was also honored at a special open house sponsored by the PTSA on Sunday in the commons.

Bill Hoff

Hoff has served as the principal at WHS for the past three years. Prior to that, he was an assistant principal. For 11 years he was the assistant principal at Lincoln High School and has also taught government, history and personal finance. Hoff says he will miss the halls of WHS very much. "The staff and students make the school, and I will miss them very much," he said. After retirement, Hoff plans to spend time with his grandchildren and do some mission work.

Darrold Morey

Morey has been teaching for 35 years. He has taught at Brandon Valley High School, West Central High School and at the State Penitentiary. Classes he has taught include drafting, industrial arts and computers. When he retires Morey plans to rest, travel, spend time with family and convert his VHS home movies to DVD's.

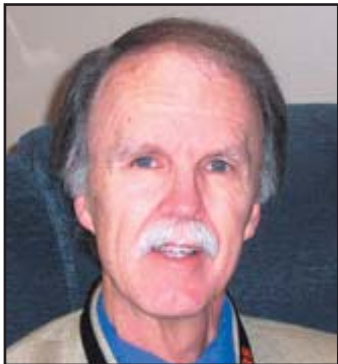
Larry Lundeen

Lundeen has taught for 44 years in the Pierre and Sioux Falls School Districts. He has taught for 15 years in the math department. Lundeen has volunteered for 25 years and has been keeping busy helping out at the

Washington Pavilion and at hospitals. Lundeen said what he will miss the most about WHS are the faculty and students.

Bev Machacek

Machacek, who teaches general foods, circles and house and home, has taught for a total of 32 years, both at WHS and in Harrisburg. She plans to spend more time with her grandchildren after retirement. "I want to pursue other interests, like managing a coffee shop and helping my son-in-law with his restaurant business," Machacek said. Machacek will be moving to Flathead Lake, Mont. "I will miss the respect that everyone has for each other at WHS."



Principal Bill Hoff



Computer teacher Darrold Morey



Math Teacher Larry Lundeen



FACS Teacher Bev Machacek

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