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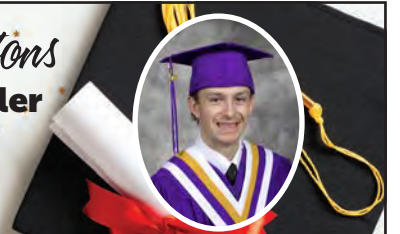


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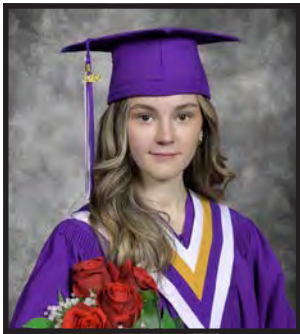
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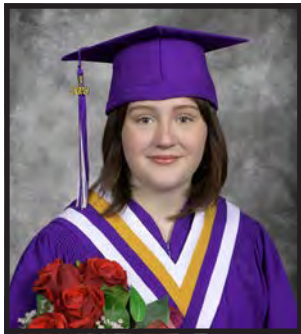
Scott Alexander

Scott plans to attend the University of Manitoba to continue his education while pursuing his dream of traveling the world.



Ryan Allard

After graduating high school, Ryan plans to travel and experience different cultures. She hopes to learn new skills, meet new people, and better understand her goals for the future. After this, she intends to pursue post-secondary education and work toward a career with the Canadian Red Cross in international operations.



Kristyn Andrew

Kristyn will serve at Circle Square Ranch Bible Camp for two months before attending the University of Winnipeg to study elementary education. She has faith that God will lead her where he wants her to go.



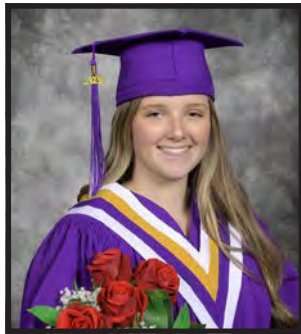
Abigail Archambault

Abigail plans to continue traveling and visit many new places. She also plans to attend Brandon University to further her education.



Claire Armandico

This fall, Claire plans to attend Brandon University to pursue a Bachelor of Nursing degree. She is looking forward to graduating, becoming a nurse, and embracing new experiences in her career and life.



Alexa Banga

Alexa will study exercise science pre-physical therapy at Vermont State University. She will also play on the university's softball team. After college, she hopes to work with children and travel the world.



Karter Bell-Benn

After graduating, Karter hopes to travel throughout Canada, attending powwows and participating in moccasin games. He is also considering pursuing a postsecondary education at Assiniboine College in law enforcement or education as an EA.



Karlee Bird

Karlee has been accepted into the advanced psychiatric nursing program at SaskPolytech in Saskatoon. She hopes to make a positive impact on people struggling with mental health issues.



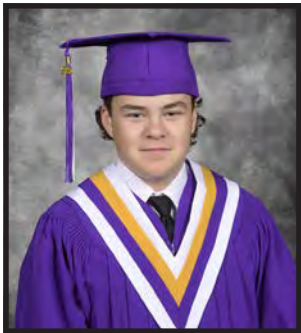
George Boynton

George plans to take a gap year to work on a farm while considering going to college for agriculture. During this year, he plans to visit his family in England and earn as much money as possible.



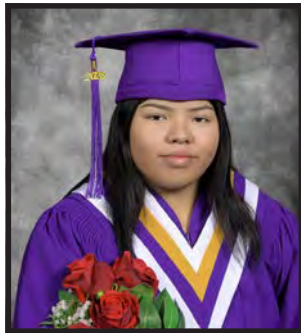
Damar Branker

After graduating, Damar plans to attend university and earn her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She also hopes to travel, make new memories, and continue her adventures in life with her cat, Instagram Reels.



Dawson Brown

Dawson will attend Howard College for two years to compete in rodeos for the Howard Hawks and to take the Ranch Management Program. Then, he will come home, buy a place to call his own, and purchase steers to host roping events and compete in rodeos.



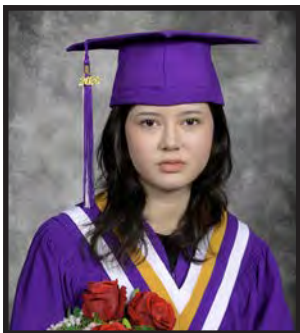
Keisha Brown

Keisha is excited to explore all the options that are available to her. She wants to get a job and she wants to stay close to home for the time being.



Saunders Brown

Saunders wants to continue competing in moccasin tournaments at powwows throughout Canada and the U.S. Eventually, he would like to pursue a career in law enforcement. He also plans to continue dominating the world of professional arm wrestling for as long as he can!



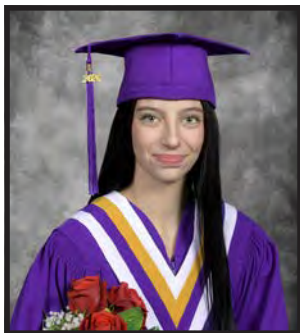
Soleille Brunette

Soleille will be attending Red River College for Digital Media Design. She hopes to explore her interests and find the career path she wants to pursue.



Kenna Bryant

Kenna's plans for the upcoming fall are to pursue her interior design degree in Calgary while also starting her real estate career. She's excited to build a future doing what she loves and making her dreams a reality!



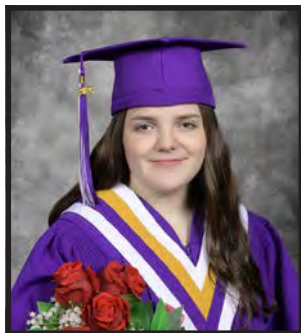
Alexis Bukarz

Alexis plans to attend Assiniboine Community College to study pre-health sciences. After graduation, she wants to become a lab and X-ray technician. She is also looking forward to traveling the world and exploring new places in the future.



Brodie Cameron

Brodie will begin his Level 1 Carpentry Apprenticeship at Assiniboine College. He will continue to fish, golf, play hockey, and enjoy lake life.



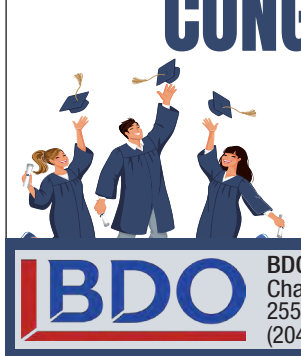
Misha Careme

Misha plans to work for a while before exploring her postsecondary study options in early childhood education.



The A.P.P.L.E. Literacy Centre would like to congratulate their adult learners and the VCI graduates of 2026 for all the hard work they did this year!
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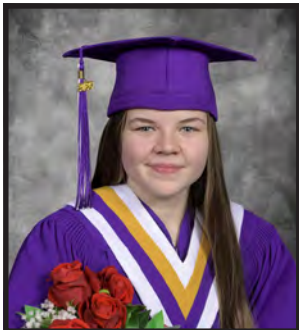
Owen Charles

Owen plans to attend the University of Regina to study sports and recreation management. He hopes to intern in the United States and believes that his degree will allow him to travel and meet new people by working in sports. He hopes to work for either the Boston Red Sox or the Pittsburgh Penguins.



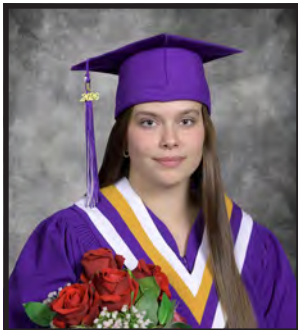
Beckham Clarke

Beckham plans to attend Assiniboine Community College in the fall to study carpentry and woodworking. He hopes to complete his training and perhaps own his own business one day.



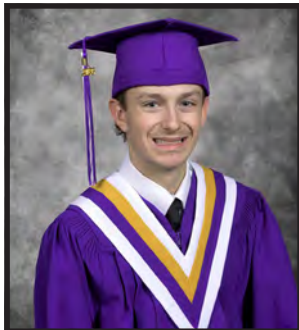
Rebecca Collier

Becca is attending Brandon University to study education. While attending BU, she will play for the women's soccer and futsal teams. She plans to continue coaching soccer.



Amelia Crawford

Amelia is going to the University of Saskatchewan in the Agriculture & Bioresources - Bachelor of Science in Agriculture program in the fall of 2026. She hopes to become a large animal vet, live in Alberta and get rich!



Stetson Cutler

Stetson plans to attend Howard College in Big Spring, Texas, to study agribusiness and continue competing in rodeos at the college level. Keep living your dreams!



Leigh Day

Leigh's future will revolve around her love of horses. She currently trains colts locally, and hopes to receive more training in equine reproduction and therapy in the future.



Julia Dik

Julia plans to move to Russia in a few years. She hopes to pursue an artistic career.



Mitchell Draper

Mitchell plans to work in the oilfield and further his education in accounting and finance at Assiniboine Community College and the University of Regina. He hopes to save money and find a job he enjoys.



Megan Dryden

Megan plans to pursue a postsecondary education at Brandon University. She hopes to earn a law degree and is looking forward to living in a new city.



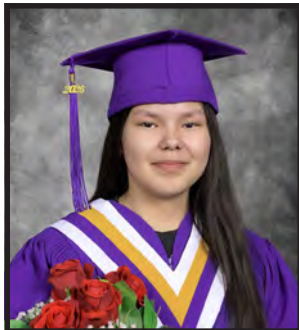
Charley Dunning

In September, Charley will attend the University of Regina to pursue a journalism degree. She plans to become a conflict journalist while continuing her passion for music.



Krysian Dupra

Krysian wants to have a career in paramedicine. He has been accepted to train for this at Red River Polytech in the fall. He wants a career where he can help those in need.



Katy Eastman

Katy hopes to have a career in education. She is passionate about her Dakota culture and language and wants to share that passion with her community. She also hopes to travel the world and learn more about other cultures.



Wambidi Elk

Wambidi plans to continue working at the new Canupawakpa Gas Station for a while. While he is saving money, he plans to take some time researching and exploring other career options.



Clayton Fourre

Clayton dreams of traveling the world someday. He hopes to visit Norway, Sweden, Japan, and many other inspiring places. In the meantime, he plans to find a job and explore his postsecondary study options because he also dreams of attending university.



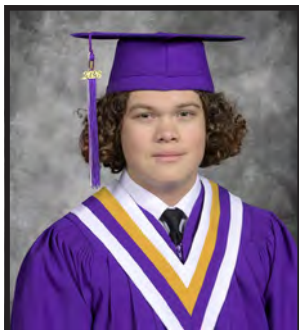
Jacob Graves

Jacob plans to work for a while before attending Red River Polytech in Winnipeg. He plans to study business with an emphasis in accounting at Assiniboine College.



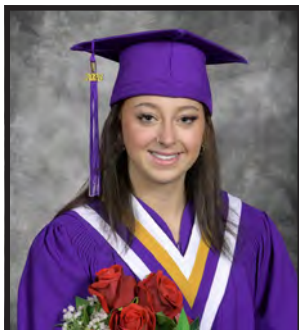
Connor Hancharyk

After graduation, Connor plans to take a year off to gain real-world experience while continuing to work before pursuing post-secondary education. He is considering a career in science and is looking forward to exploring his options as he prepares for the next step in his academic journey.



Jacoby Heaman

After graduation, Jacoby plans to take a trip away from home. He then plans to spend the next couple years working and building savings while deciding if he would like to continue to post secondary school.



Presley Hodson

Presley plans to study agricultural business at the University of Jamestown while playing ACHA Division I hockey with the Jimmies. She is excited to meet new people, see new places, and experience it all!

A Proud Moment.
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As you celebrate this milestone achievement, we wish you continued success and happiness.

Congratulations to Leigh Day and the entire class of 2026!



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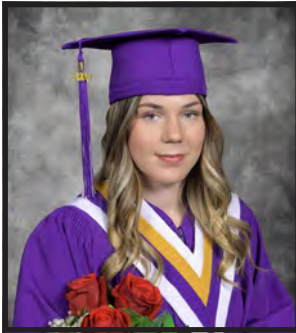
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Sienna Hotain-Sandy
Sienna plans to attend Brandon University, where she will build her future while staying connected to her passions. She enjoys dancing powwow, attending cultural events, and spending time with friends. She hopes to travel the powwow trail in the years ahead.



Brenden Houston
Brenden will continue working for Shaw Earthmoving as a heavy equipment operator. In his free time, he will continue to build up his truck, ride his dirt bike, and hang out with his friends.



Hailey Iverson
Hailey would like to work for the town of Virden until she is able to start her own business.



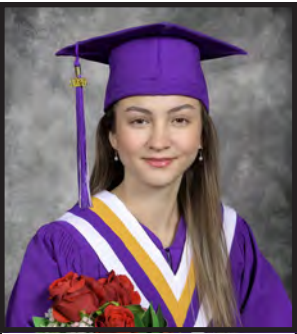
Ariannah Kerr
Ariannah will pursue psychology at the University of Winnipeg in the fall. She plans to become a child psychologist and earn a good income. She will try her best to continue performing in musicals and to maintain her love of music while studying. After finishing at the University of Winnipeg, Ariannah would like to travel and see more of the world.



Harji Khosa
Harji Khosa plans to begin a carpentry apprenticeship with Roger Branum Construction in the fall. He plans to take carpentry courses at Assiniboine Community College. While studying and building a successful career, he hopes to travel. Harji hopes to someday retire with financial stability and a loving family.



Diego Klassen
Diego plans to become a plumber.



Avrin Krieser
Avrin plans to attend the University of Winnipeg to earn a bachelor's degree in child development so she can become a pediatric occupational therapist. In her free time, she hopes to be back on stage, where she feels at home.



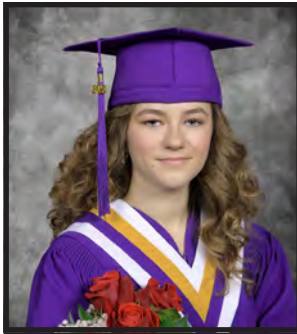
Kylie Kufflick
Kylie plans to attend post-secondary school and take courses in addictions counseling at the university level. She plans to travel during her gap year and continue traveling once her career takes off.



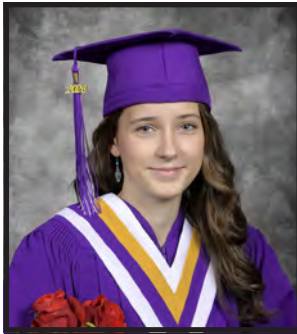
Joshua Lancaster
Joshua plans to continue working on the family farm in Kola. His trucking will give him a chance to see some new countryside and uncover all the possibilities waiting for him.



Kennedy Langevin
Kennedy plans to "keep on keeping on." She plans to spend her days living her best life. She also plans to claim the title of "World's Best Aunt" by the end of 2026.



Emily Levandosky
Emily plans to work for a year or two to earn money before traveling the world.



Sarah Lindsay
Sarah plans to head to Saskatoon to pursue an Advanced Diploma and become a Combined Laboratory and X-Ray Technician. She wants to travel to places like Italy, Greece, and Ireland. She is always up for the adventure.



Angelo Lopez
Angelo plans to work in construction, earn his Red Seal certification in carpentry. He is currently working on building his own truck.



Luka Mahmutovic
Luka is pursuing a career in baseball in Victoria, BC, and hopes to become an MLB scout.



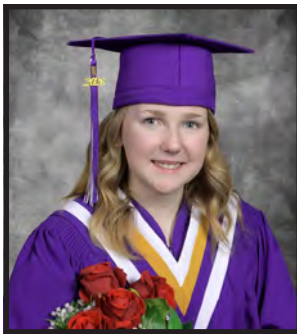
Keyan Massina
Keyan plans to get a job at a restaurant after graduation. He plans to work in Virden for a few years and then see where life takes him.



Reed McGrath
Reed is attending Brandon University to earn a three-year degree in physical education. While studying, he will continue to play hockey, baseball, and golf. In the distant future, he is excited to settle down and start a family.



Justus McKelvey
Justus plans to pursue a career in writing and the arts. Until then, he plans to make enough money to earn a diploma.



Jaelyn McMaster
Jaelyn plans to earn her Bachelor of Arts at Brandon University before pursuing a law degree at the University of Manitoba. Afterwards, she plans to travel with friends.



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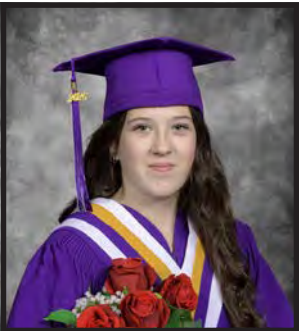
CONGRATS TO EMILY, JOSH, KRISTYN
AND ALL THE GRADS!

May you find yourself
filled with purpose and
surrounded by love,
support and friendship.



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Emily Mead

Emily plans to stay at Prairie Mountain Health in the recreational department. She hopes to take some classes to advance her career in healthcare.



Nathaniel Merkel

Nathaniel plans to work in construction again this summer as an apprentice to earn his Red Seal.



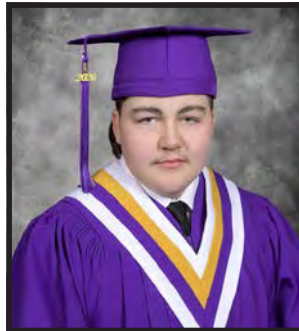
Grace Morray

Grace will be attending the University of Calgary to study psychology in the fall. Afterward, she hopes to travel more and see new places.



Owen Mytopher

Owen will attend the University of Regina to study business administration this fall. In the future, he plans to travel extensively around the world.



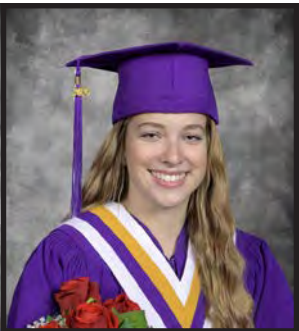
Ethan Nixon

Ethan plans to attend Assiniboine Community College's carpentry program while continuing to work for his family's construction company.



Shae Paton

Shae plans to study biomedical sciences at the University of Saskatchewan in the fall, hoping to have a career in occupational therapy or human genetics research. She plans to travel and experience the world. She is looking forward to learning and seeing where life takes her.



Abby Pearn

Abby plans to attend the University of Manitoba, where she will pursue a four-year bachelor's degree in agronomy. After that, she plans to stay close to home, where the farm is and where she fell in love with agriculture. She hopes to find a local company that will hire her as an agronomist so that she can go to work every day doing what she loves.



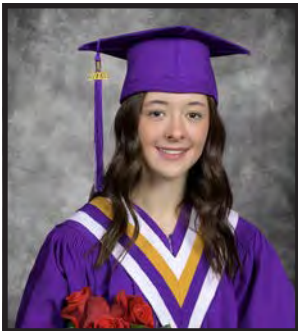
Rebeka Penner

Rebeka plans to attend Ethnos360 Bible Institute in Wisconsin in the fall to pursue her degree in biblical and theological studies. She hopes to continue playing the piano and violin and to keep enjoying life.



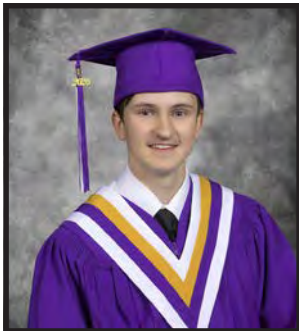
Winston Perrin

Winston plans to continue on his path toward a career in carpentry and construction until he inevitably passes away.



Nova Pirie

Nova will attend the University of Saskatchewan's College of Arts and Science, focusing on psychology. She hopes to travel and to make the most of every opportunity life has to offer.



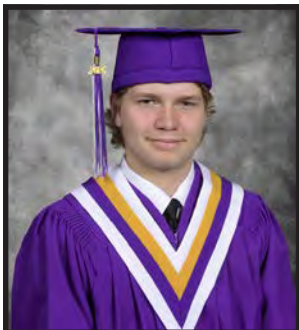
Tristan Plaisier

Tristan plans to start his career as a pilot by getting all of his licenses, and then he will start private flying. He hopes to continue including music and theater into his life through the Konektis Choir and local musicals.



Madeleine Potter Lukye

Madeleine plans to earn a Bachelor of Arts, then attend law school. She aims to become a Crown attorney prosecutor.



Shane Ritchie

Shane will be joining the work force next year, and possibly going to school in the fall of 2027.



Paige Roche

Paige plans to work at the Oak Lake Day Care following graduation. In her free time, she wants to pursue her favorite activities: drawing, dancing, and spending time with her dog, Radar, who is her best friend.



Raya Rolston

Raya hopes to travel across Canada and explore her post-secondary study options after graduation. Her goal is to work hard so that she can go and explore the world.



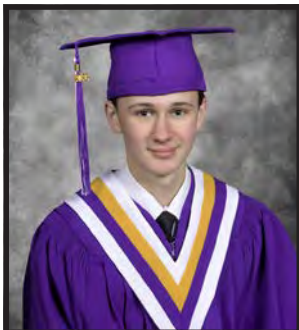
Johannes Rossouw

Joa Rossouw plans to take a gap year to save money before attending Red River College to study animation. He hopes to move to Europe one day to work in the animation industry and to have a side job as a bartender, game developer, or tattoo artist. He sends his best wishes to the VCI teachers and thanks them for all they have taught him.



Dexen Routledge

Dexen plan to take a year off, work at GoHard, and then return to school to learn a trade.



Owen Routledge

Owen plans to continue farming. He would also like to travel and explore other agricultural ventures.



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Rylan Rudneski

Rylan plans to work while practicing taxidermy.



Ethan Schellenberg

Ethan plans to continue his career in collision repair at Lonestar Automotive. He intends to finish his other project vehicles sooner rather than later.



Kayden Shiner

Kayden plans to continue working in the farming industry for a year or two while he explores post-secondary his study options.



Travis Simard

Travis plans to continue farming near McAuley. He is also looking forward to being the world's best dad to his daughter, Abigail.



Easton Slimmon

Easton plans to start working for his family's trucking company while continuing to farm and further his education.



Georgie Smith

Georgie is excited to begin her next chapter at the University of Saskatchewan, where she will study history while working toward law school and a future career as a defense attorney. Afterward, she plans to focus on her career and later start a family.



Brenna Stewart-Barre

Brenna plans to get a job after grad and make some money. In her freetime she looks forward to spending time with her family and her boyfriend. She also wants to find activities and hobbies where she can sing and dance!



Keaton Studer

Keaton plans to work for a year before attending Assiniboine Community College for a welding apprenticeship.



Preston Studer

Before beginning his carpentry apprenticeship, Preston plans to take a trip to Alberta with some of his fellow graduates. He will be working for Roger Branum Construction.



Isaac Tinant

Isaac is the favorite student in the class of 2026, and he's working toward becoming VCI's all-time favorite graduate! He plans to attend school in Winnipeg, and then drive off into the sunset.



Kevin Valiente

Kevin plans to follow his passion for cars and have a career in the automotive industry.



Daniël Venter

Daniël is moving to Regina to become a paramedic. He hopes to one day have the opportunity to work with STARS.



Suzy Vrublevsky

Suzy is excited to attend Assiniboine College to study early childhood education and begin a career working with children. She is also looking forward to traveling, making new memories, and exploring new opportunities after graduation.



Maddie Warkentin

Maddie will attend the University of Saskatchewan to earn a Bachelor of Animal Science, hoping to one day work in the veterinary field. She plans to continue riding horses and competing in rodeos. During the winter, she plans to play curling on a university team. Maddie is looking forward to the new challenges and experiences that life will offer her in the future.



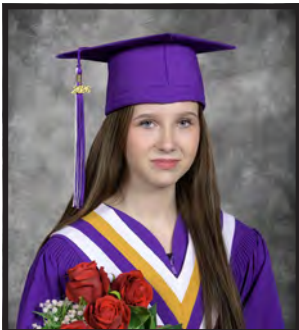
Joshua Whittle

Josh wants to travel the world. (He has never left Canada, nor even Manitoba.)



Tyra Wilkinson

Tyra will attend Assiniboine College, where she will continue playing volleyball and complete the two-year social services program. She then hopes to transfer to a university to study psychology, as she dreams of becoming a children's psychologist. She also hopes to travel the world in her twenties and learn about as many cultures as possible.



Haiden Wilson

Haiden plans to study at the University of Saskatchewan to earn her Bachelor of Commerce degree. She hopes to become a forensic accountant later in her career. She plans to travel across Europe and earn a lot of money.



Joseph Yaskow

Joey is going to spend his first two years melting metal, hoping to attend a postsecondary institution to study environmental sciences and continue exploring his passion for plants.



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ABIGAIL ARCHAMBAULT Dryden Applied Commerce Education Award Goulter Scholarship Kola School ACSL Scholarship

CLAIRE ARMANDICO Craig A. McIntosh Bursary

ALEXA BANGA VCI Staff Scholarship

KARTER BELL-BENN Golden Bears Indigenous Recognition Scholarship

KARLEE BIRD Dr. John William Bradley Memorial Scholarship Golden Bears Hockey Continuing Education Scholarship Linda Hayward Memorial Scholarship VCI Parent Council Student Leadership (ACSL) Scholarship

GEORGEBOYNTON Woodworth Grazing Club Scholarship

DAWSONBROWN Manitoba High School Rodeo Scholarship

SAUNDERS BROWN Golden Bears Indigenous Recognition Scholarship

KENNA BRYANT VCI Staff Scholarship

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ANGELO LOPEZ Pat’s Photography Award

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NOVA PIRIE VCI Staff Scholarship

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Raindrops, teardrops, and smiles were all part of Virden Collegiate Institute (VCI) graduation ceremonies



Virden Class of 2026.

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EMPIRE-ADVANCE

Planned presentations started at VCI and transferred to the Tundra Oil & Gas Place as the promised precipitation arrived. During the day each graduate received their diploma and awards in scheduled presentations. Graduation evening following a day of rain had the grads come through with all the colours of the rainbow. Their entrance into the Tundra Oil & Gas Place illuminated the diverse backgrounds of each. Sparkly gowns, ribbon skirts to caps, western hats, heels, boots and the brightest white sneakers imaginable entered the arena floor to claim their place on this special day.

The Masters of Ceremonies Carrie Tapp and Nathan Holovach introduced each grad, their graduating credits, awards, and future plans as the graduates and their escorts (sometimes also a graduate) entered and remained in the spotlight for that memorable moment of time. It was amazing to hear the number of honour students that VCI produced this year and not only that a grad had earned 41.5 credits but also heartwarming to be introduced to the Mature students graduating who had taken a longer road to this special achievement in their life. Once all gradu-

ates were seated, speeches began. Sarah Lindsay, Student Council President spoke on her role in school and asked the students to take a moment and look around as after this day your life is changed. The Grad – Parent Tribute was given by Rebecca and Beth Collier, they reminded the grads of some important moments and stated to “be brave, dream big and remember that the journey is not a straight line but has many destinations”. Valedictorian Owen Mytopher said surprisingly he didn’t feel nervous and his speech reflected the confidence that this young man sets forth from Virden Collegiate Institute (VCI) with into the future. Closing remarks by VCI Principal Mark Keown touched on some of the humour found through the years with these students. He also told the graduates to remember that “your future is not written by chance but by choices you make”.

The Grand March around the arena allowed everyone present to see all the hard-working students being honoured as they strolled first as couples, then as sets of four and then individually and back as couples. Both the smiles and trepidation on their faces struck a chord with the crowd that as they step into a future not fully aware



Valedictorian Owen Mytopher delivers an inspiring speech.

of what changes will greet them. The video board located behind the grads seating area reminded the crowd that ‘success is built one step at a time’, something we all need to remember in our lives.

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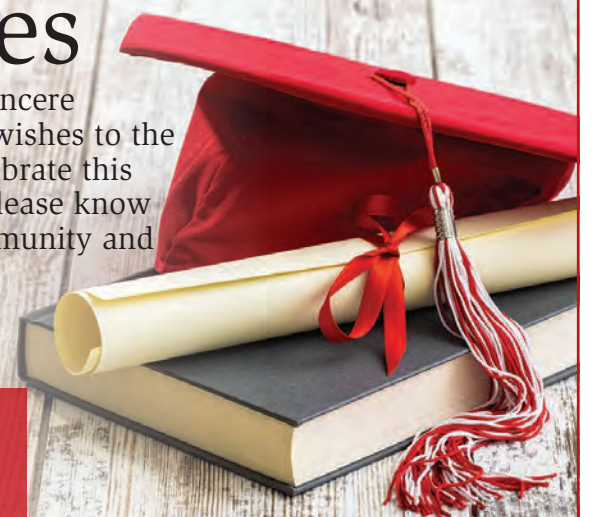
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Future Plans: Shelby plans to attend Brandon University to pursue a Business Administration Certificate.



Riley Bohemier

Parents or guardian's names:
Joey & Coralee Bohemier
Future Plans: Riley will be studying technology at Assiniboine Community College in the fall.



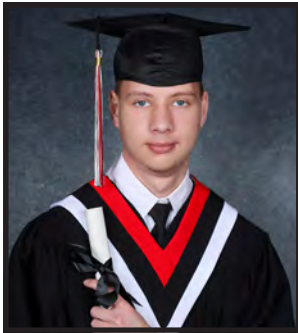
Emmalee Flannery

Parents or guardian's names:
Lee & Kimberly Flannery
Future Plans: Emmalee plans to attend Brandon University to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.



Avery Frattinger

Parents or guardian's names:
Terri & Trevor Frattinger
Future Plans: Avery is attending Dakota College at Bottineau to take an Associate of Arts (major in Psychology) as well as play hockey and volleyball.



Colin Judd

Parents or guardian's names:
James Judd & Nikki Wilson and Christine Judd.
Future Plans: Colin plans to work for a year and then enter into a heavy duty mechanic apprenticeship.



Evan Kennedy

Parents or guardian's names:
Samantha & Blake Kennedy
Future Plans: Evan plans to continue his apprenticeship to become a Red Seal Carpenter.



Ryder Kyle

Parents or guardian's names:
Mike & Kaileigh Kyle
Future Plans: Ryder plans to join the workforce.



Mya McAuley

Parents or guardian's names:
Lacy Langley & Wade McAuley
Future Plans: Mya plans to attend the University of Saskatchewan to get her Bachelor of Science in nursing in hopes of becoming a NICU nurse or pediatric nurse.



Cooper McColl

Parents or guardian's names:
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Award Governor General

RILEY BOHEMIER Twin Valley Co-op Graduation
Awards

EMMALEE FLANNERY Elkhorn & Area Founda-
tion Scholarships Elkhorn Leisure Centre Bursary
Elkwood Manor Health Auxiliary Award Fort La
Bosse Honour Roll

AVERY FRATTINGER Elkhorn & Area Founda-
tion Scholarships Elkhorn School Student Council
Member of the Year ESPC Honour Roll Fort La
Bosse Honour Roll Judge John Thompson RM
of Wallace-Woodworth Ward 2 Scholarship Royal
Canadian Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Award Scott
ELA Scholarship

COLIN JUDD Twin Valley Co-op Graduation
Awards

EVAN KENNEDY Scott Most Improved Student
Award Scott Trades Award

RYDER KYLE Village of Elkhorn Award

MYAMCAULEY Elkhorn TinyTots ESPCHonour
Roll Fort La Bosse Honour Roll Gavin Krieser Me-
morial Scholarship RM of Ellice-Archie Scholarship
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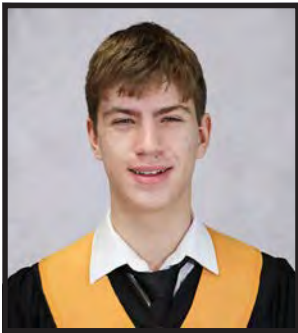
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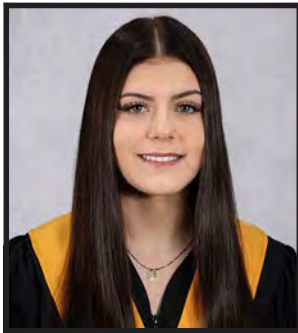
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Future Plans: Work in the Veterinary Field



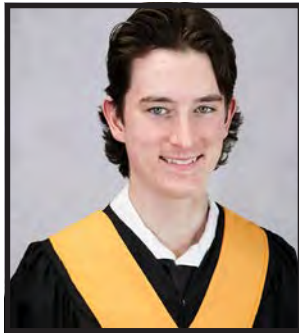
George William Anderson
Son of Jennifer & Scott Anderson
Future Plans: Attend U of S for Anthropology Degree



Kallum Robert Keith Atchison
Son of Kathleen Atchison & Keith Rolf
Future Plans: Enter the workforce



Savannah Lee Bartel
Daughter of Keri & Mike Bartel
Future Plans: Enter the workforce & attend school at a later date.



Mason Gene Cooper
Son of Lindsay & Kyle Cooper
Future Plans: Attend ACC for Automotive Mechanic



Chase Douglas Flannery
Son of Kim & Wade Flannery
Future Plans: Attend U of M for Diploma of Agriculture



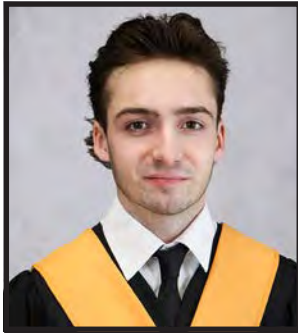
Shaylee Isabella Flannery
Daughter of Jacqui & Kelly Flannery
Future Plans: Attend Saskatchewan Polytechnic for Combined Lab & X-Ray Tech



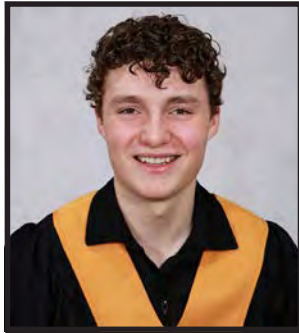
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Son of Doug Fridd
Future Plans: Attend ACC for Plumbing



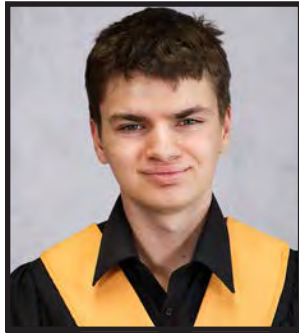
Mya Winnie Gray
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Future Plans: Attend University of Saskatchewan for Education



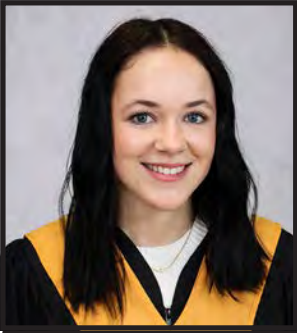
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Son of Michelle & Chris Hamel
Future Plans: Attend Brandon University Business Finance Major



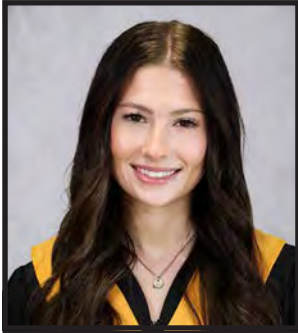
William Roland Ludlam
Son of Marianne & Glen Ludlam
Future Plans: Attend University of Edmonton for Engineering



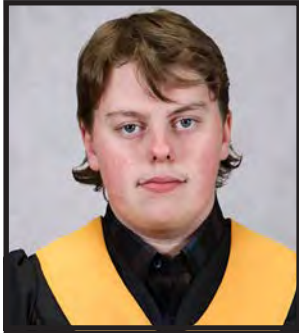
Jack Truitt Marsh
Son of Sherry & Larry Marsh
Future Plans: Attend ACC for Ag Equipment Technician



Maycee Devryn Ray
Daughter of Jenn & Josh Ray
Future Plans: Attend Saskatchewan Polytechnic for Oil Field Safety Officer



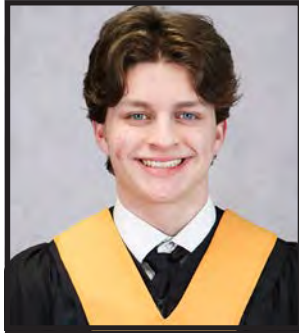
Bree Christa-Lynne Russell
Daughter of Kayla Bertholet & Adam Russell
Future Plans: ACC for Agribusiness



Carter Jason Sobry
Son of Aimee & Todd Sobry
Future Plans: Heavy Duty Mechanic



Krystine Taylor
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Sinclair Lions Club Bursary

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Kippen & Elizabeth Cates Memorial Scholarship UofM
Pipestone Legion Scholarship
Souris River Watershed District
Valleyview Co-op Scholarship
Pipestone Lions Club Award

SHAYLEE FLANNERY Cecil & Helen Brownlee Scholarship
Reston Drugs Scholarship
Reston Hospital Auxiliary Award
Reston Minor Ball & Fastball Award
Rural Municipality of Pipestone Bursary Health Care
Pipestone Lions Club Award
Patmore Family Award

GREYSON FRIDD Morley Curtis Award

MYA GRAY Cecil & Helen Brownlee Scholarship
Cromer Seed Plant & Area Scholarship
Reston-Pipestone Pastoral Charge Scholarship

TYE HAMEL Reston and Area Foundation Scholarship/Bursary Fund

WILL LUDLAM Cromer Seed Plant & Area Scholarship
Fort La Bosse School Division Scholarship
Governor General's Medal
John G. Pearson Scholarship
Reston Legion Scholarship

JACKMARSH Pipestone Lions Club Award
Rural Municipality of Pipestone Bursary Apprenticeship

BREE RUSSELL Assiniboine Community College
One to Watch Entrance Award
Valedictorian Award

JAMIE WILLIAMSON Coraleigh Henuset Memorial Sports Bursary
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Reston Minor Ball & Fastball Award

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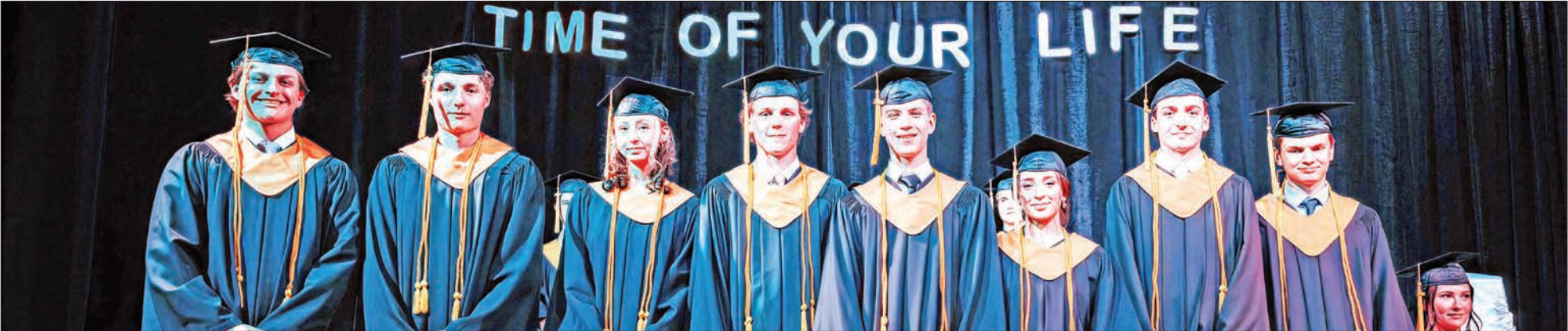
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Reston Valedictorian Bree Russell.



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The symbols of graduation

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After many years of time spent toiling classrooms and study halls, many students welcome graduation. Graduating high school or college is a major milestone. It is associated with many symbols that have endured for some time. As graduates prepare to receive their diplomas or degrees, they might be curious to know what's behind some notable symbols of graduation ceremonies.

Gown: The gown is a customary garment worn on graduation day. The Georgia Institute of Technology says gowns historically were heavy robes worn by medieval scholars for warmth in the largely unheated universities. Today, graduates don gowns not for warmth (as most graduation ceremonies take place in the spring and summer), but to symbolize the level of degree being conferred.

Cap: A cap, also known as a mortarboard, often goes hand-in-hand with a

graduation gown. Historians surmise the flat, square shape represents either a mason's mortarboard to symbolize hard work. Others say it may be the shape of a book to signify academic achievement.

Tassel: The turning of the tassel is a relatively modern tradition. The tassel, which is attached to the mortarboard, initially was an ornament but has since evolved into a traditional element. The Honor Society says the practice of moving the tassel from one side of the cap to the other symbolizes completion of this important academic milestone. Typically, graduates move the tassel from the right to the left. The right side represents the student being a candidate, while the left means he or she is now a graduate. While some sources date the tradition to the early 1900s, the current tradition has been traced to the 1960s and 1970s.

Cords and stoles: Graduates may adorn their graduation garb with other elements. Cords are twisted

ropes that often represent high grade point averages or participation in honor societies. Stoles are satin scarves that often denote participation in specific organizations or a student's cultural heritage, according to the University of Colorado Boulder.

Diploma: A diploma is a legal document. Historically, diplomas were written on thin sheepskin and rolled into tubes. Students may receive a prop diploma on graduation day or empty diploma folio. Later on the actual document will be mailed or made available for pickup.

Rings: Some graduates have opted to purchase class rings. Students will often wear the ring with the school name facing them while still a student. Upon graduation, the ring will be turned so the name faces outward, presenting the completed coursework to the world.

Commencement speech: The word "commencement" means "beginning," which is fitting for a graduation ceremony.



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Instead of marking the end of something, commencement is for students who are about to start a new chapter.

Graduation rituals and symbols have endured through the ages and are likely something stu-

dents and their families will encounter as they prepare for the ceremony to come.

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a shout out to Northrok's graduate Tristan Plaisier





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