Worthy Student Scholarship

Since 1978, more than $1.1M in scholarships have been awarded to more than 2,000 students. Unique among scholarships, the Worthy Student Award focuses on rewarding the integrity, kindness, selflessness, authenticity, courage, and ability to inspire others that power our community. The scholarship was created in memory of Marjorie Keeton, an educator and school board member, who promoted these worthy ideals in the Bozeman community.

Worthy students are powered by an integrity of character that builds community. These students bring out the best in everyone. Worthy Student recipients have each selected a “Distinguished Educator” who supported their growth by mentoring and guiding them through the challenges of their youth. We are excited to recognize these individuals alongside our Worthy Students.

THANK YOU

State Farm

Dan Rust  Brad Daws  Jeff Weedin  Ty Elliot
Dusty Daws  Daniel Corbin  Bethany Lentz
**HOLLY ANGELL**  
**PARENTS**  
Phillip & Kelly Angell  

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**  
I enjoyed winning the Helena tennis invite with Bree, going to Nationals for DECA, and watching the Hawks win the state championship for football.  

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**  
Next fall I will attend Arizona State University and major in pharmacology and toxicology. I plan to obtain my doctorate of pharmacy.

**MS. DRAHOS**  
Mrs. Drahos and I both have a love for the human body and its functions. Mrs. Drahos makes class fun and is passionate about her students. She knows them on a personal level and makes opportunities outside of the classroom available. Working with Mrs. Drahos in HOSA: Future Health Professionals club this year. She coordinated activities with a number of local organizations and recruited student participants. In all, she was responsible for a significant portion of the 700+ hours of service that our club accumulated this year. This speaks volumes about the person that Holly is and the health care professional that she aspires to become.  

“Holly is an outstanding young adult with many honorable traits. She is kind-hearted, respectful, and has an exceptional work ethic. Holly organized community service opportunities for 50+ student members of our HOSA: Future Health Professionals club this year. She coordinated activities with a number of local organizations and recruited student participants. In all, she was responsible for a significant portion of the 700+ hours of service that our club accumulated this year. This speaks volumes about the person that Holly is and the health care professional that she aspires to become.” - Mrs. Drahos

**ELLI BERTRAM**  
**PARENTS**  
Casey & Lacey Bertram  

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**  
My favorite club was FCCLA because we always had the best time. I will always remember the end of my senior year because of coronavirus and how everyone came together to make our year special, despite everything that is happening. I will always remember school dances; I always had so much fun with my friends.  

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**  
I plan to attend Grand Canyon University to study psychology and Spanish. I hope to become a family/child therapist.

**BETHANY RINGER**  
She gave me a home away from home and helped me to grow my interest in early childhood education. She was always the first to congratulate me when I accomplished something and give a hug when I needed it. I would not be the same person today without Mrs. Ringer.  

“I have known Elli as a student and member of FCCLA. She is someone I would trust with my own children. She looks out for me as a teacher - whether it’s telling me that I have food in my teeth or giving me a smile during instruction to let me know that what I am saying makes sense and is engaging. She is pure sunshine. I think she was put on earth to make people happy. She is one of the most selfless people I know. She makes a difference in people’s lives just by them knowing her!” - Mrs. Ringer

**CARTER ASH**  
**PARENTS**  
Andrew & Stacie Ash  

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**  
The extracurricular activities will always stand out. My greatest memories come from being a part of 3 sports, as well as DECA. Being a part of championship teams and getting to spend time with my friends in these activities was special. The teachers, coaches, and friends I have encountered have all influenced many special moments for me.  

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**  
I will attend Montana State’s Honors College (pre-med), and continue my basketball career.

**LEVI WESCHE**  
I first met Mr. Wesche in 9th grade health enhancement, and he helped me to open up and be myself. He was a kind person to everyone, and he inspired me to be great. Along with this, he was also my football coach for the next 3 years. While he taught a bunch out on the field, I think more importantly, he taught me how to be a great person. I am so glad I have built such a good relationship with Coach Wesche.  

“Carter has the sort of quiet confidence that I wish everyone could have. Most importantly, he always treats people with kindness. With all he has accomplished, it would be easy to be arrogant; but, he is always willing to help anyone who needs it. His ability to commit to a goal and overcome obstacles is unparalleled. I am so lucky to have been a part of this young man’s life.” - Mr. Wesche

**SAM BYERLY**  
**PARENTS**  
Travis & Molly Byerly  

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**  
I will never forget playing soccer at BHS and winning the State Championship my junior year. I have made lifelong friends and have grown as a person over my four years. I’ll never forget this crazy last semester of my senior year. Overall I have made lasting memories and relationships at BHS that I’ll always remember.  

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**  
I will be attending Montana State University.

**LAUREN COVINGTON**  
Lauren has helped me make the hardest decisions that I have had to make in my life regarding college. She has always been there for me and pushed me to apply for scholarships. Without her, I don’t think that I would be in the position I am today regarding my secondary education.  

“Sam is a one of a kind kid. Friendly and outgoing, he has the desire and the ability to make everyone feel included. Sam has a huge heart and nowhere is it more evident than in his work as a Unified Partner with Special Olympics. As a coach, role model and friend to the athletes, Sam volunteers countless hours making a real difference in people’s lives. Sam is truly a Worthy Student!” - Mrs. Covington
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MAGGIE CALLOW
PARENTS
Todd & Sara Callow

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
I loved playing sports in high school and some of my favorite memories are bus rides to soccer and cheering for my friends at swim meets! I also liked hanging out in the CCC for my free period. Many of my teachers have also left me with lasting memories, like when Mrs. Sturman almost lit the ceiling on fire.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
I plan on attending Pomona College this fall and I’m hoping to study political science. I want to study abroad and become fluent in French.

“Maggie’s positive energy and inquisitiveness are what make teaching so fun. She came to class everyday ready to learn. I could always count on Maggie to share honest, informed opinions and to ask thoughtful questions. She is open-minded, motivated to grow personally, and confident enough to share her values with peers in an effort to help everyone grow. I can’t wait to see what she accomplishes!” - Mr. Hickey

JACOB HICKEY
Mr. Hickey’s classroom has always been such a warm and welcoming place. No matter how my day was going, I could always count on his class to put me in a better mood. He consistently fostered kindness and acceptance, and his class is where I made some of my best friends. The best days were Meditation Wednesdays, Game Day Thursdays, and the days he made chocolate truffles and crepes!

LUCY CHILD
PARENTS
Lance Child & Noelle Child

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
I loved silent discos and parading around the halls with music blaring in my ears; being a part of the Peer Education team, where I made some of my closest friends; and volunteering as a Unified Partner for our Special Olympics teams. Once, the entire school cheered us on as we went to the bus. BHS is a special and unique place.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
I plan on attending Georgetown University in Washington DC to study political science and economics.

“Lucy made a profound impact on my life. She radiates joy and takes care of everyone. Lucy had to balance taking care of others and taking care of herself. To see her grow in that was an impactful moment in my career. Lucy sought help and advice in a moment of vulnerability, displaying outrageous integrity. She was honest with herself and honest with me. For that, I am so proud of her. She is deserving of this scholarship. Lucy, thank you for giving me moments of light and joy in my life.” - Ms. Birdwell

SHERI BLACKWOOD
Ms. Blackwood is very kind and attentive. Anyone can feel comfortable around her and she makes you believe in yourself and look forward to the future. Ms. Blackwood’s concern and care for her students’ well being is unmatched. I will forever be thankful to have had her in my life!

“I am blessed with a job that provides me with access to all kinds of students. Some leave quite an impression; Brit is one of those. As a 10th grader, she took on the toughest course load and didn’t run from the challenge. She doesn’t give in to the pressure for perfection. Brit gives me hope and reminds me why I love this job. She exudes genuine gratitude and works hard. She is humble and caring! She doesn’t seek out the spotlight, but her very nature draws the admiration of those that know her. Watching her confidence grow has been a treasure. I will miss having her at BHS and I feel cheated by not having these last few months with our seniors. But something tells me we will stay in touch.” - Ms. Blackwood

BRITTANIA CASTILLO
PARENTS
Ed Castillo & Angelica Meissner

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
I had such a fun time Peer Tutoring! That program had some of the most amazing people. The delicious cafeteria cookies after my morning classes are something I will always remember too!

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
I plan to go to MSU for pre-med.

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BRENT CLARK
PARENTS
Steve & Laurae Clark

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
My favorite memories at BHS were winning a state championship in basketball and football and the annual state DECA conference.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
I will play basketball at Rocky Mountain College and get a degree in business administration.

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BRAD MEHR
Mr. Mehr helped me in many ways and always had the most positive and fun personality to be around. He guided me freshman year to try out the DECA club. I was hesitant at first, but it was one of the best decisions I made and will benefit me for life. His help, support, and fun personality were truly impactful in my high school experience. He was a great role model for me.

“My relationship with Brett has always been positive. His work ethic is second to none. He helped grow the DECA from 13 members his freshman year to over 100 his senior year. He is one of the nicest students I have had the privilege of teaching and advising. He is selfless and puts others’ needs ahead of his own. He is respectful to everyone he comes in contact with and is a leader in the classroom and in all his extra curricular activities. Others know he is a person they can turn to for help. He will be greatly missed, but I am excited to see what lies ahead for him in his future.” - Mr. Mehr
ROBERT BOYLE
Mr. Boyle was someone who was always there for me in tough times and would always help me with math even when he wasn’t my teacher.

“I had the privilege of coaching/mentoring Jace during his time at BHS. Jace is an extraordinary young man. He carries a sense of maturity and integrity that sets him apart. I always appreciated his honesty and commitment. His determination and hard work continually inspire those around him. It was an honor to coach him. He will do great things.” - Mr. Boyle

DEREK STRAHN
Mr. Strahn was always there for me and being in his classes allowed me to elevate my discussion and writing skills. He also gave me the tools to form and defend my own opinions. His guidance helped me navigate some of the more difficult parts of high school. In addition, our shared love of folk music always made for very fun pickin’ sessions.

“Jack is gifted, friendly, open-minded and genuine. He will never be content to dabble superficially in a little of this and a little of that. Jack thrives at taking risks. He thinks outside the box, explores the unknown, and reaches beyond his perceived limitations. I’ve watched Jack transform classroom discussion with profound insights and enthral crowds with his love of music, humor, and live performance. I’ve experienced the utter joy of seeing him spontaneously write and perform highly entertaining raps about complex historical figures, like Thomas Jefferson. He always jumps at the chance to enrich the lives of others and broaden his own, evolving understanding of the world.” - Mr. Strahn

MS. WALLNER-DRAKE
Ms. Wallner-Drake taught my AP Human Geography class. She was both extremely knowledgeable in her subject area and passionate about passing that knowledge to her students. Through her class material, caring attitude, and attention to every student, the subject matter came alive. Every class felt like a trip to a new corner of the globe. I am grateful for Ms. Wallner-Drake’s kindness, passion, and dedication.

“I have great respect for Oliver. I appreciate his curiosity and drive to make our community a better place. Oliver is incredibly focused on academics and activities, but also takes time to look around and see who might need a helping hand. He is the type of person you want as a member of your community. I also appreciate Oliver’s optimistic outlook on life and his ability to ask big idea questions that make me think!” - Ms. Wallner-Drake

JOHN (JACK) DUNGAN
PARENTS
Jim & Erica Dungan

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
The orchestra Europe trip gave me a larger perspective of music as I became more acquainted with the great musical minds in history, giving me a much deeper personal connection with folks I play with.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
I will attend Belmont University in Nashville, and major in Commercial Music Performance.

MRS. KROGSTAD
Mrs. Krogstad is a supportive and kind teacher. She works the hardest trying to get her students more resources and knowledge on different career paths. She motivated me to pursue my interest and encouraged me to step outside of my comfort zone. She is capable of making everyone around her laugh even if they’re having a bad time. Mrs. Krogstad is just an amazing person. I’m very thankful for the time I get to spend with her.

“What an amazing young lady Sindy is! I love her positive attitude and amazing work ethic. When given a project, she would be working on it while thinking of how to improve it the next time. She is intelligent, kind, funny, and hardworking. I loved it when she would show up in my room unexpectedly for a chat! She is a ray of sunshine and I am grateful for the opportunity to have been a small part of her life. I look forward to what she will contribute to the world!!!” - Mrs. Krogstad

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OLIVER COLE
PARENTS
Daniel & Sarah Cole

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
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PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
I plan to attend Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee to study neuroscience.

LIXIN DENG
PARENTS
Sing Zheng

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
One year in the MSU homecoming parade, the entire band and guard have to march and perform in absolute blizzard. It was so bad but so unforgettable. Sophomore year, we made this disgusting looking cake for the “Cakespeare” competition, but it didn’t taste too bad.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
I plan to attend MSU studying Environmental Design.

JACE FASTING
PARENTS
Heidi & Mark Fasting

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
Winning the state championship vs Hellgate in basketball last year was my most memorable experience.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
I plan to attend Montana State University.

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PARENTS
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PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
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JENNIE TRANEL
On my first day as a new student at BHS, Mrs. Tranel welcomed me. She and Mr. Strahn actively made efforts to get to know us. I have handwritten notes from them both and am especially drawn to the kind words of Mrs. Tranel. She noticed me and encouraged me through everything. She is someone I look to for guidance as a character role model. They have left a mark on my life forever.

“Mackenzie is one of the kindest, most selfless and genuinely loving people I know. She makes others feel included and valued. She looks for the good in others and is incapable of uttering a bad word about anyone. She works quietly and diligently behind the scenes to accomplish the most critical but least glamorous tasks. She embraces challenges as opportunities to grow. She meets adversity with inner strength and hope. Teaching Kenzie has been my good fortune. She teaches me as much about empathy and kindness as I teach her about reading and writing. She has been a tremendous gift in my life.” - Mrs. Tranel

SIOBHAN GILMARTIN
Ms. Gilmartin has made a major difference in my life. She is supportive, positive, and inspiring. She has always encouraged me to do my best and stay positive even in the toughest of times.

“I have had the honor of coaching Michael on the Hawk Swim Team for 4 years. Michael was voted to be one of our boy’s team captains for the last two years - last year he was the only junior elected. I am so thankful that he chose to swim knowing he balances work, swimming, and school. In addition, Michael worked this year toward earning his Eagle Scout. He never complains. Michael is somebody people naturally want to follow. He was on his feet - every single meet, every single event - cheering on his teammates, building them up even when he had a race coming up. Acceptance, Integrity, Respect. I can think of no other person that deserves this award more than Michael.” - Ms. Gilmartin

MACKENZIE HEBNER
PARENTS
Greg & Angela Hebner
MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
Mr. Strahn and Mrs. Tranel’s class made learning fun! BHS students, teachers and staff are the people who make BHS the way it is! You have changed my life!

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
I plan to attend the University of Portland, studying English and Spanish, with a minor in philosophy.

BETHANY RINGER
Mrs. Ringer has made a great difference in my life. She hasn’t done anything crazy or outlandish to make me feel gratitude towards her, she has simply shown compassion and kindness on a daily basis. I knew every time I went to class I would be greeted with a smile and just the right amount of sass. Ringer was an amazing educator because she knew how to have fun and be snarky with me, while still managing to teach me the most memorable information from my high school career. She leads by example not only in the classroom, but also in everyday life as a mother. I hope to influence others in similar ways as Ringer does with her students and children. I’m thankful to have meet this wonderful mom/teacher/friend;

“I have had Josey in my Child Development and Culinary Arts classes. I would say that our relationship is characterized by Sass and respect! Josey gives the Sass and I give it right back! Josey was always interested in me as a person too, asking me about my family and wanting to hear stories about my kids - it is fun when a student sees you as their teacher but can also recognize that you have this whole other life outside school! Shakespeare has a line, “And though she be but little, she is fierce.” I think that sums up Josey.” - Mrs. Ringer

ALEXANDRA (SASHA) HATHAWAY
PARENTS
Eric Hathaway
MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
My most memorable experiences were bus rides for volleyball, basketball, and tennis; the state championship volleyball match and getting a concussion in the final set; summer tournaments and camps; football games and late night drives with friends to Taco Montes; everything about Mr. Bradshaw’s freshman science class; and inside jokes.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
I plan to go to the University of Washington. After undergrad I plan to go to medical school!

MIKE COLE
Mr. Cole was one of the most supportive teachers I have ever had. He not only supported me and cheered me on academically but also made a big difference in my athletic career! Mr. Cole was always there for me in any given situation, and made my years in high school unforgettable!

“I have nothing but respect and admiration for Sasha. Sasha is an amazing person. Sasha is smart, mature, motivated, empathetic, and the list goes on and on. To top it off, she has a great sense of humor and is someone you could trust with anything. She is a leader. Sasha is the epitome of a role model and one of those people who will make a positive difference in the world. A lot of kids have many doors open to them as they graduate from high school. Sasha has one big door that can go anywhere.” - Mr. Cole

Michael Handelin
PARENTS
Kevin & Kathy Handelin
MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
My most memorable moment was winning state this year for Hawks’ Swimming. I enjoyed cross country skiing with the swim team and trying to hit jumps. Also, we swam with some goldfish someone put in the pool.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
I will attend Universal Technical Institute in Arizona to get a certificate in automotive service excellence. I then plan to work and earn a Master Technician certificate.

Mark & Jen Houser
PARENTS
PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
I will always cherish getting to represent my school through volleyball; its an honor to get to be a Hawk. I have so much gratitude for the BHS community.

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Josephine (Josey) Housner
PARENTS
Mark & Jen Housner
MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
I will always cherish getting to represent my school through volleyball; its an honor to get to be a Hawk. I have so much gratitude for the BHS community.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
I plan on attending Montana State this fall. I also will be supporting The Gallatin High School by helping in various positions for the Gallatin High Volleyball team.

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
I will always cherish getting to represent my school through volleyball; its an honor to get to be a Hawk. I have so much gratitude for the BHS community.

Eric Hathaway
PARENTS
PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
I plan on attending Montana State this fall. I also will be supporting The Gallatin High School by helping in various positions for the Gallatin High Volleyball team.
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**GABRIELLE JAHNER**

**PARENTS**
Spence & Valerie Jahner

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**
Memorable moments include the hours spent in the library and in the CCC. I am grateful for the time I spent at Bozeman High.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**
I will be attending Boise State University.

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**JAMES MAXWELL**

Mr. Maxwell showed me the power of an education. He is a phenomenal teacher with a heart of gold. He cares about us as people and has made a tremendous difference in my life. I cannot thank him enough for opening my eyes to literature and teaching me a thing or two about life. He has given me power that goes beyond any weapon, he has given me the power of words.

"From a little spark, may burst a flame." - Dante Alighieri

"It takes courage to grow up and become who you truly are." - ee cummings

I am often asked about what the ideal student brings to the table. I could simply point to Gabby, for watching her in action reveals the characteristics of a courageous, engaged and abundantly curious intellectual who cares deeply for others. Regardless of the subject under discussion, Gabby was willing to offer an insight or example that moved the class into productive and inspiring territory despite the social peril involved in doing so. Gabby always got us going with a compelling comment, and all of us lucky enough to be in her orbit should be thankful for it." - Mr. Maxwell

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**CLAIRE KAVENEY**

**PARENTS**
Dan & Marcia Kaveney

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**
Freshman year when I formed a “snack group” in Mr. Asserson’s world geo class with Sky, Lucy, and Will was memorable. They are still some of my closest friends. Also great was hanging out in the CCC almost every day. Thank you to Lauren and Sally who put up with us.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**
I’m planning on taking a gap year and then attending Western Washington University in their Honors program.

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**KATY PAYNICH**

Ms. Paynich pushed me to develop my writing skills and offered unwavering support in and outside of class. Ms. Paynich’s character is the most influential thing about her. She is true to herself and promotes respect and kindness, making everyone around her feel safe and happy. She inspires me to have high standards, consider others, stay positive, and trust in myself. I wouldn’t be the same without her influence.

"Claire has a nimble mind and raised the level of class discussions with her keen insights. Claire also has a heart for social justice. Through her involvement in Project X2, Peer Education, and Rotary Club, Claire has made significant contributions to our school and community. I admire her grace, strength, and concern for others. She embodies the change we wish to see in the world." - Mrs. Paynich

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**ERIKA (RICKY) JOHNSON**

**PARENTS**
Penny & Broose Johnson

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**
Highlights included the orchestra Europe trip, APUSH with Strahn and Tranel, and junior year Speech and Debate national qualifiers when we made nationals. The most emotional moment was receiving a standing ovation at the end of Legally Blond. The cast and I just started crying and hugging.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**
My plan is to pursue a BFA in theater and MFA in education from Southern Oregon University.

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**STACIE MCKIERNAN**

From freshman year, Mck has been a friend to me. She made me feel seen and heard. By senior year I had directed shows for her, TA’d for her, and had spent every free second in the old library right next to her classroom. The amount of joy that she has in watching kids pursue the arts is astounding and I couldn’t be more excited to get my theater and education degrees and follow in her footsteps as a teacher.

"Rikky’s generous spirit, strong work ethic, and natural leadership make producing theatre enjoyable. She is the first student from Bozeman High to be the president of the state board for Montana’s State Thespian Society. When Rikki says she’ll do it, you can trust it will be done to the best of her ability. She cares deeply about the work and her passion is contagious to all who work with her. Her fingerprints will never be erased from BHS Theatre." - Mrs. McKiernan

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**JOSEPH KEHOE**

**PARENTS**
Noelle Johnson & Jim Kehoe

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**
One of my favorite experiences at BHS was the 60’s museum. We did it outside and it was freezing. We handed out dime bags full of smarties as a sort of fake acid and I heard that a concerned parent turned one into the main office, which is pretty awesome.

I also have very fond memories of the BHS art department. I discovered printmaking and graphic arts, which have both become passions of mine.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**
I am planning on a gap year and then most likely will go to MSU for graphic design.

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**DEREK STRAHN**

Strahn’s class was extremely engaging and interesting in ways that I had never experienced in school. He and Ms. Tranel made the very difficult APUSH experience fun and interesting! Strahn’s course also encouraged critical thinking and arguments about history, which is the way history ought to be taught.

“Never one to boast or brag, Joey is someone who, at first glance, seems rather quiet and reserved. But looks can be deceiving, and in Joey’s case, there is much more lurking beneath the surface. He is creative, sensitive, and wicked smart. Joey possesses the wisdom and humility to listen carefully before he speaks. While true to himself and his values, he is also respectful of the rights and viewpoints of others. He actively seeks to incorporate new perspectives into his gentle, ever-maturing worldview.” - Mr. Strahn
**SOFIE KRUSE**

**PARENTS**
Carter & Lora Kruse

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**
It was exciting checking for sunspots to see if we were going into a solar minimum in Astronomy with Mr. Gutzman. Also Ms. Tanel and Mr. Strahn’s acting during US History. They were hilarious and always made learning more exciting.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**
I plan to study nursing at Montana State University.

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"Sofie is a kind and gentle soul who elevates the community with her very presence. She has devoted countless volunteer hours to BHS and the greater Bozeman community, work that is all the more impressive because she also works multiple paid jobs. In the classroom she inspires her peers to put their best foot forward, in a quiet, unassuming way with no desire for attention or expectation of personal gain. I have seen Sofie grow into someone who is generous, empathetic, and more confident in the gifts she will offer the world." - Mrs. Tanel

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**JENNIE TANEL**

I had Ms. Tanel during my freshman and junior years at BHS. First of all, she is a fantastic teacher and I have learned so much during her classes. I always loved the books she chose for us and I looked forward to being in her class everyday. Ms. Tanel is also an amazing person. She has helped me at times that I have been struggling and given me great advice. I will never forget her and all that she has done for me!

**ELIZABETH LEE**

**PARENTS**
Denny & Ilse-Mari Lee

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**
My favorite memories of BHS would be orchestra in general. From the tours to the solace of two orchestra periods per day, Mr. Certalic and the program has changed my life in innumerable ways.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**
I plan to attend Dartmouth and am interested in Philosophy and Environmental Studies.

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"Elizabeth inspires me in her willingness to exceed expectations to experience genuine growth. She constantly sought opportunities to push the boundaries of her world. She draws others in to investigate the most challenging aspects of human experience so even if few spoke up, everyone thought more deeply. Elizabeth contributed to successful navigation of challenging material for the entire class; she also challenged me to re-evaluate my perspective on the world and to confront my own limitations more thoughtfully. I, like any who are lucky enough to work with her, am simply better for having known her." - Mr. Maxwell

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**AURELIA LENCIONI**

**PARENTS**
Cynthia Lencioni

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**
My favorite high school memories include swimming for the synchronized swimming team, founding environmental awareness club, and of course, cafeteria cookies!

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**
I will be heading to college in the fall, though I don’t know which university yet. I am planning on majoring in Pre-med.

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"Aurelia is one of the most intelligent, gentle, kind, and tough students that I know. I have tremendous respect and admiration for Aurelia. Her ability to take on challenges is inspiring and I don’t think that the word ‘quit’ is in her DNA. If anyone needs to start feeling good about the future of our society, they need to hang around and get to know Aurelia. Aurelia was a very bright light in my day and she will certainly cast an extremely wide beam as she pursues her destiny. The world needs more Aurelias.” - Mr. Cole

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**MIKE COLE**

Mr. Cole never failed to make me feel accepted in his classroom by working with me one-on-one and helping me when necessary. His class was one of the most challenging and rewarding classes I’ve taken thus far in my academic career.

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**JAMES MAXWELL**

In terms of “life changing events,” Mr. Maxwell takes the cake. Through AP English I learned more about myself than at any other point in my life, a self-realization which was fostered by an outstanding teacher and mentor. I have never been more passionate about a class or subject. You fueled a spark I had no idea even existed, and for that I cannot be more grateful. You changed the course of my year, and probably even the path of my life.

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"Elizabeth inspires me in her willingness to exceed expectations to experience genuine growth. She constantly sought opportunities to push the boundaries of her world. She draws others in to investigate the most challenging aspects of human experience so even if few spoke up, everyone thought more deeply. Elizabeth contributed to successful navigation of challenging material for the entire class; she also challenged me to re-evaluate my perspective on the world and to confront my own limitations more thoughtfully. I, like any who are lucky enough to work with her, am simply better for having known her.” - Mr. Maxwell

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**MAKAYLA LENNICK**

**PARENTS**
Timothy Lennick & Rebecca Reichert

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**
I hope all of my teachers know how much they are appreciated, but Wilcox and Swinford are on a pedestal. Miss Wilcox has made gym something I actually enjoy. She took care of her kids and made sure we got along and had fun. I’ve met a lot of great people through the class, some of them I know will be with me beyond high school.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**
I plan on attending The University of Montana, studying Pre-Law.

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"Makayla has grown up fast due to family illnesses and losses. This made her more determined to be the first in her family to graduate from high school and go on to college. She has held her head high, laughed, cried, befriended others, and worked hard. She plans to devote her life to help others and is a shining example for all. As Makayla’s teacher, mentor, and school mom, I am so proud of her and wish her much happiness and the best of luck!” - Mrs. Swingford
**IRENE LIANG**

**PARENTS**
Bo Liang & Lingling Mu

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**
My most memorable high school experiences were during speech and debate, particularly the talking to others on the team on the bus after tournaments. Something else I will always remember about BHS was how supportive the teachers were when we had personal or school related issues.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**
I’m planning to major in Health and Societies at the University of Pennsylvania.

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**ADAM THANE**

As a Debate coach, Mr. Thane has helped me develop my ability to articulate myself. This is true not just for arguing my case in debate, but in presentations, class discussions, and even daily conversations. As a result, he has also helped me become more confident. The supportive and encouraging environment he’s fostered in our speech and debate team has created a community where I knew I would be welcomed and coming into high school as a shy and timid student, this was invaluable to me. Mr. Thane is someone who has truly made a difference in my life.

“Irene has an incredible ability to get things done in the right way. When she first joined the debate team, she was quiet and shy. I had no clue what amazing intellectual ability she had, nor the great sense of humor she possessed, but I am thankful to have witnessed both. She is committed, resourceful, and clever. Irene is just a great person to be around.” - Mr. Thane

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**ERIN MCKINNEY**

**PARENTS**
Jono & Laurie McKinney

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**
I will never forget being part of the BHS swim team. I felt so supported, so much community. I remember Laina and I dancing around singing “you put the lime in the coconut” and making up a sock dance, delirious after morning practice. All the times my friends and teammates made me laugh are memories that got me through four long years.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**
I plan to attend Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA and study pre-health track, while incorporating the humanities, then continue with PT school.

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**KATY PAYNICH**

Ms. Paynich is probably the most supportive teacher I’ve ever had. I’ve never seen her without a gigantic smile, and her positivity and clear enjoyment in teaching really inspires me to be more positive in my own life and to search for something that I’m truly passionate about.

“Not only is Erin academically and athletically gifted, she has a winning smile and warm personality. I have never seen Erin without a smile. Even on her busiest days, even on exam days, even when assignments are due, Erin remains positive and optimistic. She keeps life in perspective and maintains her composure. With a good sense of humor, and a twinkle in her eye, Erin embraces and works through challenges without getting ruffled. Erin is friendly and gracious, hardworking and focused, kind and down-to-earth. I am grateful to have her in my life.” - Mrs. Paynich

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**BOYD MALCOLM**

**PARENTS**
Jessi Malcolm

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**
I enjoyed robotics, winning the Vex Robotics state competition, and being a part of the NASA HUNCH team.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**
Mechanical engineering at MSU.

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**BRYNNE MILLER**

**PARENTS**
Alexis Pike

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**
Being scolded for drinking SunnyD out of wine glasses during world geo, crazy fun times during Academic Olympics, winning medals at state HOSA, fetal pig dissections, funny lectures in APUSH, volunteer work through NHS, lobbying a solar panel bill.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**
Studying at Brown University, then medical school for cardiothoracic surgery.

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**AMY WASHTAK**

Mrs. Washtak has been an amazing force of support throughout my high school career. She was the first teacher I met freshman year. Every day we'd have conversations ranging from how to care for cats, to what it's like to own a bunny. Even when I didn’t have a class with her, she would seek me out to check on me. During highs and lows, she has been there celebrating my achievements and mourning my losses. Mrs. Washtak introduced me to the biome family, and this family has never let me down.

“Brynne might be the most grounded young lady I have ever worked with. She is realistic and an old soul. Brynne feels deeply but doesn’t resort to drama, she channels that emotion into being a good human. I tear up thinking about how hard this girl has worked and how much quiet heart she puts into her endeavors. She is brave and genuine, absolutely no pomp. Brynne prides herself on being reliable and trustworthy no matter the situation” - Mrs. Washtak
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MARIAS OELKERS
PARENTS
Darin & Kari Oelkers

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
My favorite athletic memory is winning the state championship with the girl's track team in 2019. The energy and camaraderie of our team was amazing. Other great memories include watching the Academic Olympics and being a part of Hawk Tawk.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
I will be attending Long Island University’s Global program on a full scholarship, majoring in Global Studies with minors in Spanish, Arts and Communications, and International Relations.

EMILY DONAHOE
In Ms. Donahoe’s room, as a direct result of her kindness, investment in her students, and overall teaching style and personality, I have grown up. Ms. Donahoe’s class has been a place where I have had to open myself up to criticism and real-world truths that come along with being a writer, but I always knew that her tough love and critiques came from a place of true support and desire to help me succeed.

“Mo has become much more than a student to me. She is somebody I trust, admire, and have a great time with. She’s been an integral part of Hawk Tawk and my daily life for several years now, and I’m really going to miss her. Mo has done some incredible work for the newspaper, but she has also experienced some real disappointments. I have watched Mo weather these storms with grace and integrity, always coming out the other side having learned something meaningful.” - Ms. Donahoe

KOBEE ROHLF
PARENTS
Marcie Hamling

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
I always loved the homecoming assemblies and performing at them with the dance team. I will always remember the amazing teachers that have helped me get through all four years.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
I’m planning on going to Utah State next year and I’ll be majoring in accounting.

JACOB MALCZYK

Mr. Malczyk has always been there for me and every student he’s ever had. I know he’s someone I can always go to and trust. He taught more than just choirs but good morals and how to accept everyone.

“Kobee is positive, kind and a team player. She always does the things that she says she will do and does so when no one is watching. She has great integrity and commitment to the things that she knows and believes to be true. Kobee is always fun to be around and is grounded in who she is - not being swayed by popular opinion. I will miss working with Kobee everyday.” - Mr. Malczyk

LEIF SCHROEDER
PARENTS
Brian & Tracy Schroeder and Kyle & Jen McGovern

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
Winning the team title for state wrestling during the 2018-19 season.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
Going to attend the University of Iowa and wrestle for them.

NATE LASLOVICH
Whether it was seeing coach Las at 7am on New Years Day for wrestling practice or talking to him in the hallways, Mr. Laslovich has always been there for me through the ups and downs, encouraging me, congratulating me and most importantly supporting me through it all.

“Tayt has had a significant impact on me, I have a deep level of respect for him. I’m lucky to have had the opportunity to coach Tayt and more importantly to get to spend time with him outside of sports. Tayt is wise beyond his years. He is of the highest character and he is altruistic in nature. Tayt leads by example and is one of the most positive people I know. He has a contagious smile that he constantly shares with those around him. He is the perfect combination of being tough, hard working, compassionate, resilient and kind. He is humble and grateful.” - Mr. Laslovich

TAYT ROGERS
PARENTS
Tyd & Trang Rogers

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
My most memorable high school experience is winning dual state for wrestling for the third year in a row. The opportunity I had to participate on one of the greatest wrestling teams Bozeman has ever had was amazing.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
I plan to attend Grand Canyon University and participate in the ROTC (Reserve Officer’s Training Corps). I also plan to major in mechanical engineering.

MARIAS OELKERS
PARENTS
Darin & Kari Oelkers

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
My favorite athletic memory is winning the state championship with the girl’s track team in 2019. The energy and camaraderie of our team was amazing. Other great memories include watching the Academic Olympics and being a part of Hawk Tawk.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
I will be attending Long Island University’s Global program on a full scholarship, majoring in Global Studies with minors in Spanish, Arts and Communications, and International Relations.

NATE LASLOVICH
Mr. Laslovich helped me grow into the person that I wanted to be in all aspects of life. He taught me how to treat everyone with kindness.

“I’m extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to be a part of Leif’s life. I have a tremendous amount of respect for Leif and I truly value our relationship. Leif is a vocal leader as well as a student/athlete that leads by example. He has a work ethic that is second to none. He cares deeply for others and will sacrifice himself to help those in need. Leif is one of the best wrestlers in Montana history and he has had to deal with hostile crowds of students and jealous parents since he was a Freshman. It was amazing to me the way he handled really tough situations as a high school student with such grace and humility. Leif Schroeder is truly one of a kind.” - Mr. Laslovich

LEIF SCHROEDER
PARENTS
Brian & Tracy Schroeder and Kyle & Jen McGovern

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE
Winning the team title for state wrestling during the 2018-19 season.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE
Going to attend the University of Iowa and wrestle for them.
**SCOT SHANK**

**PARENTS**
Scot Shank & Mac Shank

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**
BHS has been a phenomenal experience. I looked forward to coming back and saying hello to my previous teachers and to reminisce about some of the best times of my life, especially time spent in the Biomed Department.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**
I have already received my EMT certification and plan to work as an EMT throughout college. I plan to attend MSU’s new Pre-med degree program and go on to medical school to become a trauma surgeon.

"No day in Biomed is complete without hearing Scot Shank’s laughter filling the room! I tell you, the proverbial mold was broken after Scot. He is affable and loved by his peers and teachers, curious about every facet of medicine and healthcare and above all, kind to everyone he meets. Scot is a rare combination of fun, dedication and grace. His smile and love for Biomed inspires his peers to rise to challenges before them. He will be an amazing addition to the medical community. I hope our paths cross in the future." - Mrs. Washtak

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**AMY WASHTAK**
Biomed has been a large part of my life since I’ve been in high school. I have made countless friends through Biomed and I consider Mrs. Washak a mentor, teacher, and friend. She has taught me so much throughout my biomed years and in my senior year I can confidently say that Biomed was my second family. I walked into class knowing it was safe and looked at everyone there as part of a tight-knit family in which we all shared a passion for healthcare.

"I can’t think of a more deserving recipient for the Worthy Student Scholarship than J.R. Small. J.R.’s capacity to inspire is derived from his unceasing devotion to show up and work hard every day, whether on the golf course or in the classroom, J.R. consistently meets new challenges, and he somehow always manages to do this with a smile. We are so fortunate to have had J.R. Small in the halls of Bozeman High School. He will be missed.” - Mr. Shupp

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**DENALI STAHLY**

**PARENTS**
Tisha & Dan Stahly

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**
The funniest thing I remember is when I was in a wheelchair after surgery and a friend pushed me while running down Long Hall. Everyone was watching and laughing. Also, being a part of FCCLA and growing close with the family we created there.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**
I plan to I will either be going on a Mission trip, or attending Harding University. Eventually, I hope to become a Interior Designer with a minor in Spanish.

"So many things come to mind when thinking of this amazing young lady! Denali has been such a significant part of our FCS department for the last several years that it’s difficult to imagine her not being there. From the start I was impressed with her maturity, compassion, strong faith, moral compass and ability to pull all those things together and be a true leader amongst her peers. Denali is thoughtful, funny, loving, and smart. Although she will leave a hole in my heart, I am excited to see what her future holds.” - Mrs. Krogstad

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**JOANNA KROGSTAD**
Mrs. Krogstad has impacted many more students than just me. She always has the brightest smile on her face and she is so welcoming. She is not afraid of mistakes, and she helps each student work past their mistakes when they happen. She is loving and inviting, and constantly reminded me of who I am. She encouraged me to be strong and stand tall. Her love and selflessness will be a lifelong example to me and something I will never forget.

“As Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing I have had the great pleasure of working with Milo since 5th grade. I am so blessed to know that Milo also looks back on our years together with fondness and that he would choose me for this honor out of so many teachers he has valued. Milo exemplifies a “can do” attitude in everything he does and makes the best out of challenging situations rather than complaining. He is friendly, has shown himself to be trustworthy, and has earned the respect of teachers, coaches, fellow students and teammates.” - Mrs. Hoover

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**JOHN “J.R.” SMALL**

**PARENTS**
Jennifer Small

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**
I’ll always remember the atmosphere of my Combo Class junior year With Mr. Shupp and Mr. Hausauer. Having many of my friends in the class, I was stoked to enjoy the laughter and learning together.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**
I will be attending Montana Tech studying business management and playing golf! Roll Digs!

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**MILO STEINER**

**PARENTS**
Nancy & Robert Steiner

**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**
Track season, my friends, and a great teacher helping and teaching me very well.

**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**
Gap year, then I plan to go to a four year college.

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**RYAN SHUPP**
Mr. Shupp changed the way I thought about school, reading and writing. He made me want to come to Combo class every single day because I knew I would learn something while thoroughly enjoying it. His sense of humor combined with his way of explaining information was truly special. After the first semester, I actually really enjoyed finding and reading books. Mr. Hausauer was my U.S. History teacher in the same class, and was the cherry on top. Mr. Shupp, Mr. Hausauer, Thank you.

"I can’t think of a more deserving recipient for the Worthy Student Scholarship than J.R. Small. J.R.’s capacity to inspire is derived from his unceasing devotion to show up and work hard every day, whether on the golf course or in the classroom, J.R. consistently meets new challenges, and he somehow always manages to do this with a smile. We are so fortunate to have had J.R. Small in the halls of Bozeman High School. He will be missed.” - Mr. Shupp

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**MELODY HOOVER**

Mrs. Hoover has been with me since 5th grade. She really understood what I was facing, and she always tried to find ways to help me to understand. Sometimes when things seemed like a good idea in school but weren’t working that well, I could be honest about it and she would be willing to change them and make it better. She is sweet, kind, caring and she understands my life.

"As Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing I have had the great pleasure of working with Milo since 5th grade. I am so blessed to know that Milo also looks back on our years together with fondness and that he would choose me for this honor out of so many teachers he has valued. Milo exemplifies a “can do” attitude in everything he does and makes the best out of challenging situations rather than complaining. He is friendly, has shown himself to be trustworthy, and has earned the respect of teachers, coaches, fellow students and teammates.” - Mrs. Hoover
**ZACHARY STODDART**  
**PARENTS**  
Amy & Jack Stoddart  
**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**  
Being a member of Hawks Soccer and attending USA Hockey National Championships. I will always remember the varsity soccer field at BHS and the amazing senior year the sport brought me.
**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**  
I am planning to attend Montana State University Honors College to study Biology and Psychology on a pre-med track.

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**JACK STODDART**  
My dad has been an advocate for me my entire life, but seeing him in action in AP Psychology made me truly understand what a dedicated and committed teacher he is. Mr. Stoddart has been a role model to me all my life and everyday I enjoyed walking into his classroom. His humor and relatability endeared him to all of his students. I can’t thank him enough for everything he’s done for me.

“*As my son, I am so proud of the man he has become. As a student of mine, he was a joy to have in class. He endured my corny stories about his childhood, he chuckled at some of my bad jokes, and more importantly his presence in our class, enriched our collective journey into psychology.*” - Mr. Stoddart

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**HUDSON WILLETT**  
**PARENTS**  
Albee & Andrew Willett  
**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**  
My most profound memories I have of high school have come through sports, AP classes and sharing incredible moments with my peers. I will never forget the 2 state championship teams I have been part of in football and basketball.
**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**  
I will be attending the University of Oregon in the fall pursuing a degree in journalism and minoring in history.

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**JUSTIN MOBLEY**  
I had to deal with many difficulties throughout high school and football and Coach Mobley was always in my corner. He has always seen me for who I am. The confidence he instilled in me and his honesty has helped me in every part of my life. I know he will always be there for me. That’s why he’s been so much more than a football coach to me.

“*Hudson’s ability to handle adversity helped him grow into a strong young man and athlete. His leadership in the three years I have coached him improved every year helping lead us to a state championship. Hudson is someone that is going to be successful in whatever he chooses to do and I am truly grateful for the relationship that we have built.*” - Mr. Mobley

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**CETAN THUNDER HAWK**  
**PARENTS**  
Sha Brady & Cetan Thunder Hawk  
**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**  
I will always remember at a pep rally, the rope broke during the tug-of-war against the football team and the teachers. I will also always remember winning the state swim in Great Falls.
**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**  
I’m planning to attend Montana State University and major in Biology to pursue a career in Physical Therapy/ Sports Medicine.

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**SIOBHAN GILMARTIN**  
What can I say Siobhan? You have been the greatest person that I have ever met. Since the first day I entered the Swim Center, you made me feel welcome and part of the team. This was important because I was brand new and barely knew anybody on the team. By you greeting me when we first met, I knew I was in the right place. Siobhan, even though I didn’t have a class with you, you were still a great teacher, mentor, and coach. Thanks for everything you have done!

“I have never met someone that is more universally respected and liked than Cetan. Cetan’s appeal to so many of his peers, teachers, and coaches comes from his integrity. Everything Cetan does, he is mindful of how his actions impact others. I have never heard Cetan complain, question, or speak ill of anyone. I cannot think of someone more worthy of this scholarship than Cetan Thunder Hawk. He is honest, reliable, and the most respectful young man I have ever worked with in my 9 years of coaching swimming at Bozeman High School.” - Mrs. Gilmartin

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**YUFU YOSHIMURA**  
**PARENTS**  
Keiji Yoshimura & Aki Takeda  
**MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE**  
Going to music events such as All State, District Festival Solo/Ensemble, AA festivals, New York Choir Trip, Jazz festival, and all the smaller trips and events.
**PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**  
I plan on attending Montana State University to study the field of Biology.

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**JACOB MALCZYK**  
Mr. Malczyk always creates a welcoming environment in his room. People from different choirs sit, talk, eat and sing together. I ventured into his room most mornings throughout the year, as well as after school. He is almost always at school, working or just hanging out with students. He works hard to make everyone feel welcome, and he makes your day that much better. I might not have made it through some years without choir with Mr. Malczyk.

“Yufu is so talented. He sings, plays the Oboe and is in the Marching Band. He was a section leader in Concert Choir and Jazz Choir and was a strong force for positivity and consistent work ethic. Yufu would ALWAYS do his best in class. He was a natural leader with his section and helped others to reach their potential. Yufu is a legend among his student peers in the music department. They ALL know who he is and love him. My own children think that Yufu is the best.” - Mr. Malczyk
As I sat down to write this, I could not figure out how to begin… how to articulate what we, at the Bozeman Schools Foundation, are collectively feeling.

Worthy Student Scholarship season is what we look forward to all year: the surprise announcements, photo and video day, and the celebration. This year, we did not have any of those events; we were disappointed. We love tricking the students and then surprising them with scholarships; we love picture day when many of us meet the recipients and get to know them. We love the celebration - an awesome night honoring the students and their distinguished educators.

Even though we were missed out on some fun, we also realize that the Worthy Student Scholarship Program is about much more than these events. Our committee read 130 nominations, describing many wonderful BHS seniors. They whittled that list down to the 40 students who are receiving the Worthy Student Scholarship based on their character. We did a virtual celebration that was magical - because anytime we get to discuss these community-funded scholarships and amazing students is special.

2020 Worthy Students – please don’t ever forget that this community believes in you. Most importantly, be proud and hold on to the person you are and the traits that made you stand out!

JUDY SLATE
Executive Director
Bozeman Schools Foundation

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Katie Easton and Sean Miles Memorial
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Named Scholarships
The Bozeman Schools Foundation works together with families and individuals to establish named and endowed scholarships for graduating high school seniors. Below are the 2020 recipients.

TRAVIS ATKINS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Quin VanDeWalle

LEIF BABCOCK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Sara Daniels

KAY BROWN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
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Erika Johnson
Tayt Rogers

JOE KNARR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
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Jonathan Wheeler

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Daniel Waterman
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WELSON RASH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Dominic Pfeifle

SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP
Taylor Stenhouse
Keyley Rangitisch

BHS INTERACT ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP
Ivan Gadberry

Programs and Events
Bozeman Schools Foundation powers educational opportunities across the district through a variety of events all year long.

2019-2020 STEM CURRICULUM PROGRAM
Bozeman Schools Foundation has partnered with BSD7 to establish a STEM curriculum in K-8 classrooms. To do this, we raised $350,000 with support from our community, friends, business partners, and philanthropic organizations. These funds are being used for teacher training and supplies.

SEPTEMBER LINKS TO LITERACY
Each year, every BSD7 first grader receives a new hardcover book from the Bozeman Schools Foundation. This book acts as a seed to help promote literacy and the importance of reading at home. The Foundation then partners with the Public Library to host a “Celebration of the Book” with activities and education for children and parents.

NOVEMBER SPARK CLASSROOM GRANTS
This grant program provides opportunities for learning in new environments and with creative teaching methods and is open to all teachers and staff within BSD7.

DECEMBER SANTA RUN
The Santa Run for Education is a 5K run in December, benefiting local public schools foundations. With a goal of linking fitness, fun and education, this event is an anchor for the Downtown Bozeman Christmas Stroll Festivities.

MARCH SPELLING BEE
A test of wit, creativity and spelling prowess, the Adult Team Spelling Bee, is Bozeman Schools Foundation’s largest fundraiser of the year. Teams of three gather in creative costumes with fun team names to spell, spell, spell. This semi-serious event is fun for logophiles and spelling neophytes alike.

APRIL WORTHY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS
This unique scholarship recognizes graduating seniors for their integrity, selflessness, kindness, authenticity, inspiration and courage, not financial need, academic merit, athletics, or other criteria. Recipients are personally selected by Bozeman educators, staff, and peers as deserving representatives of their graduating class.

MAY NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS
The Bozeman Schools Foundation works together with families and individuals to establish named and endowed scholarships for graduating high school seniors.

JUNE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE
We offer well-priced products provided by a local company from the official school supply list in a reusable tote bag that can be picked up directly at your school! And for those who can’t afford supplies, the Foundation has engaged community members to fund their kits so that everyone can start their year off right with what they need to succeed.

READ 100!
A new partnership with BSD7 to encourage more K-2 students to read 100 books during the summer month to curb summer learning loss.

If you’d like to get involved or make a donation, please email us at: info@bozemanschoolsfoundation.org
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