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A Word from our Sterling Scholars

Instrumental Performance - Danielle Larson

Performing music has always been one of my favorite things to do, so it's amazing I received Sterling Scholar for my favorite category. I've been an instrumentalist since 7th grade, and ever since I picked up the clarinet I have loved it. Making music takes me to my happy place, and performing it for people is even better. There's also no greater feeling than knowing you had an outstanding performance, and that is one of the reasons I perform. Music is amazing, and I'm so glad I'm the Sterling Scholar for Instrumental Performance.



Geography Major, and they have instilled in me a love for both. I have traveled across the country and have been to the 48 contiguous states all by car. I love history, and some of my favorite places I've visited are the World War I museum in Kansas City, the World War II museum in New Orleans, Fort Sumter in Charleston, and the One World Trade Center in New York City. I am very civically-minded and always follow current events. I was selected to attend Girls State this past summer, but it was cancelled due to Covid-19. I love Psychology and plan to go into clinical Psychology when I go to college. I want to help children with autism and learning disabilities like dyslexia. My personal interests are cheer, dance, Chick-fil-A, French, and piano. They all connect back to social sciences because everything, good or bad, relates back to the broad study of people and places.

Vocal Performance - Aidan Chiles

Hi, I'm Aidan Chiles, and I'm VHS's Vocal Performance Sterling Scholar. Ever since I was a kid, I always loved to sing and perform for family, school events, and the imaginary audience in my shower. I love how you can express almost any emotion through singing and how it can bring so many people together. I am so grateful for this wonderful opportunity, and I hope to make it as a finalist in the spring.



Business and Marketing - Makena Swensen

There are many reasons I love business and marketing. One of the many is that my interest in the area led me to DECA. DECA has given me some of the best memories I have from high school. It has also helped me expand my knowledge in the area, and the competitions are always fun. Another reason I love business and marketing is because it is so applicable in everyday life. There have been many instances where I have used business and marketing principles and not even realized it. I also love business and marketing because it has opened my eyes to different job possibilities, and I am almost certain I am going to make marketing my major in college. One of the beautiful things about business and marketing that I love, is that it



Social Sciences - Ellery Miller

I have been involved with social sciences my whole life and am excited to be the Social Sciences Sterling Scholar! My mom was a History Major and my dad was a



can be used to make a difference. Marketing is basically communication, which is an especially valuable tool to have in life. Finally, I love business and marketing because it has introduced me to amazing people that have become my friends over a shared appreciation of the area.



Mathematics - Karson Rees

For as long as I can remember, math has been something that has interested me. The satisfaction that comes when I solve a difficult problem is hard to come by. I also love helping people. It is a blessing to help others figure out math and understand complex topics. Though math has never been easy, it has always been worth it. I love the challenge it offers, and the deeper understanding offered to me. I am thrilled to be the Mathematics Sterling Scholar and am excited to see what the future holds.

Family and Consumer Science - Taylor Thomas

I love family and consumer sciences because it provides skills that allow success in whatever career one may choose. For me personally, it has provided me with an understanding in concepts like nutrition which will help me in the years to come. It interests me that while family and consumer sciences is one area, there are many topics that a person can develop new interests in.



Skilled and Technical Sciences - Kylee Seaman

My experience in technical sciences is pretty broad, but could be broader. I have taken two college design and engineering classes, I have been the president of TSA (technology student association) for two years, and I'm fairly familiar with drafting and graphic technology. Skilled and technical sciences have a lot of disciplines included. I have always been interested in engineering and hands on things. This is why I chose to be a sterling scholar for this category.

Theater - Paige Linford

Hi! My name is Paige Linford. I have been doing theater for a little over four years, and I plan on going into a theater-based career. I don't have much experience in the performance aspect of theater, but technical theater is where I thrive. I have stage managed several plays and musicals including Matilda the Musical and Peter Pan. I absolutely love theater and all of the opportunities that it presents!



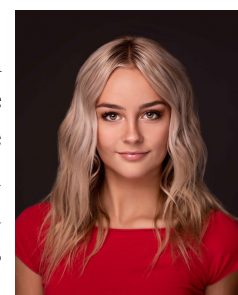
Visual Arts - Ayumi Durrant

The category I will be representing is Visual Arts. Creating art has always been a hobby of mine since I was young. I believe the reason why I enjoy creating these pieces of art is because it involves allowing me to have freedom to let my imagination loose and create anything and everything. For me personally, visually creating characters and alternate worlds is what I enjoy the most. I love being able to create these worlds and characters for others and myself to immerse ourselves in and escape. My head is quite full of these "imagination" and "stories" and I use visual arts as an outlet. I love the power art holds as well. You can have one singular art work and every individual that takes a look at the piece will all have a different interpretation, and what is amazing is that all of those interpretations can be true. Humans are able to connect with art personally, emotionally, and sometimes even physically.

This is why I love Visual Arts.

Dance - Hailee Andrew

I was selected for Viewmont High Sterling Scholar in the dance category. I have been dancing for the past 12 years and have trained in all styles of dance. Dance has offered me some amazing opportunities including: dance video projects, travel, company member, soloist, hip hop company, commercial projects, competing with my drill team and competition teams. Dance has been a huge part of my life.



Viking Legends 2020-2021

Sterling Scholars aren't the only ones who get recognized for their outstanding achievements at Viewmont! Each year dozens of students have their names forever etched into legend when their art or writing is published in full color in Viking Legends, Viewmont High School's yearly literary journal! This is a bound book printed in high quality and distributed throughout the community. Last year's issue had to be published digitally, but the editors are planning on releasing the 2021 issue in a physical format!

Submit your art or writing to

ViewmontVikingLegends@gmail.com

for a chance to become a legend!

Logo Design



We're also looking for a new logo for the 2021 school year. Your artwork could become the new cover of Viking Legends! Here is last year's logo, designed by our very own Daniela Arroyo.

Gratitude Word Cloud and Drawing Winners!

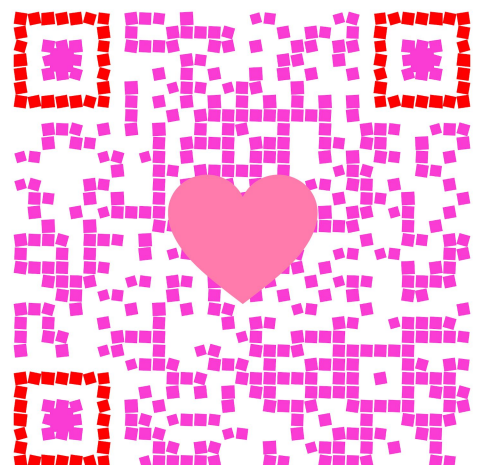
In November we asked everyone to share what they were grateful for. We've compiled those responses and placed them into a word cloud on the last page of this issue. The bigger the word, the more often it was mentioned.

Remember that **there are always rewards for participating in Viking Runes activities**, and we've picked 5 students who participated in the word cloud to receive **\$5 Fiiz gift cards!**

Congrats to Lexie Clayton, Benjamin Mair, Peyton Newman, Andrew Kenison, and Amma Libii. Come to Mr. B's room (220) to claim your gift card!

Commissioned Love Poem

Eager to express your love for someone (or something) but not quite sure how to do it? Never fear! The Literature Club has your back. All we need to know is the subject of your love poem and the first line or two. We'll take care of the rest. Scan the QR code (or click) below to commission your very own love poem for free! We'll pick our favorite ones and publish them in the next issue (don't worry, you can remain anonymous if you'd like). Make sure to fill out your email address in the Google Form if you want us to send you your finished poem! Our poems are guaranteed to make you exhale sharply through your nose!*



*Commissioned poems are not guaranteed to help your love life.

