

York High School

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

The official newsletter of York High School Alumni



Congratulations, Class of 2021!

On May 23, 2021, the York High School held its graduation ceremony outside on the football field. Students and families gathered to watch graduates cross the stage in the first in-person graduation event since 2019, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

You can watch a replay of the commencement ceremony, [here!](#)



2021 Distinguished Alumni Program

Do you know a York graduate of 5+ years who have distinguished themselves through significant and/or extraordinary accomplishments, service, and/or an outstanding contribution to society? Nominate them today! [Click here for more information!](#)

The nomination deadline has been extended! Nominations must be received by June 11, 2021, to be considered for Fall 2021. Those received after June 11, 2021, will be considered for the following year.

Alumni News



Christine Millins, Class of 2017

Christine was recently featured in an Amazon Prime series called "The College Tour". Christine is a recent University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign grad and is one of 11 students featured in the episode that tells the story of what life is really like on a college campus!

She is featured in Season 1 Episode 5: <http://bit.ly/ChristineMillins>

Duke Spotlight

Ava Hollis, Class of 2021

Congratulations to York senior, Ava Hollis, who was designated as a Jefferson Scholar by the Jefferson Foundation and has officially enrolled in the University of Virginia Class of 2025. Ava is the first-ever York High School student to be named a Jefferson Scholar, and the only student in Illinois in 2021 to receive the honor.

The mission of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation is to benefit the University of Virginia by identifying, attracting, and nurturing individuals of extraordinary intellectual range and depth who possess the highest concomitant qualities of leadership, scholarship, and citizenship. Each year the Foundation receives over 2,000 nominations for the Jefferson Scholarship, and approximately 35 recipients will enroll in the University this fall.

The Scholarship provides undergraduate students with the financial support to pursue their passions and develop their talents for the good of the University and beyond. The award is intended to cover the entire cost of attendance for four years at the University of Virginia and supplemental enrichment experiences, including tuition, fees, books, supplies, room, board, personal expenses, foreign travel studies, and other development opportunities. The value of

the Scholarship exceeds \$305,000 for non-Virginian students.

This year 36 students from Illinois were nominated for the Scholarship, and the Chicago regional selection committee designated Ava Hollis as our Finalist. She joined 119 other Finalists from the United States and four countries for the Selection Weekend, and Ava was offered a Jefferson Scholarship after the process.

Ava impressed the Committee with her knowledge of neuroscience and its applicability to education, and enjoyed her series of webcasts that answer the provocative questions of young scientists like, "Why do roads develop potholes?" Ava's ability to connect her peers to leaders in her community demonstrates her leadership ability and commitment to citizenship. The Jefferson Scholars Foundation and Selection Committee members enthusiastically welcome Ava to the University of Virginia community and look forward to her contributions to the University and larger society.



York Community High School Alumni Association (YCHSAA) will have a booth at The Elmhurst Farmers Market on Wednesday, July 28, 2021! The Farmers Market is located at the intersection of York & Vallette and is open from 7:00am-1:00pm. YCHSAA will be selling the Elmhurst, IL Woven Throw! The throw is available in Black & Cream or Green & Cream and makes a great gift or keepsake and can also be ordered online. [Order your throw today!](#)

Update your information!

Have you moved or changed your phone number, [visit us online](#) and update your information!

Reunions

During these uncertain times, we will be maintaining updated information on the [Reunion page](#), located on the District 205 website.

If your reunion has been postponed or canceled due to COVID-19, please email your updates to alumni@elmhurst205.org.