

Scholars

Class of 2025



Excellence of Elkhart

ACADEMICS • ARTS • ATHLETICS

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EXCELLENCE OF ELKHART

Elkhart Community Schools serves over **10,500** students across **20** schools, offering a rich and diverse learning experience from Pre-K through 12th grade. We are proud to be a district where every student is **known by name**, **challenged** and **supported** by **highly effective staff**, and in **partnership with the community**, will graduate **career/college ready** and **life ready**.

835 Certified Staff	908 Classified Staff	64 School & District Leaders	247 Substitutes
13 Elementary Schools	3 Middle Schools	High School High School (10-12) Freshman Division (9)	EACC Elkhart Area Career Center
377 LETRS Trained (Science & Reading)	Award Winning Educators	Dedicated Support Staff	Championship-Level Coaches

Technology for Every Student

With a 1:1 device program, we support every student with a personal device, backed by a strong network and secure online protections. Our goal is to give every child the tools and resources they need to learn, create, and thrive.



Tim Adams
School Counselor of the Year

GOLD STAR
Middle School counseling program & RAMP-certified through the American School Counselor Program



Kathy Enfield
RISE Award from the IDOE

RISE AWARD
This award honors classified school staff who show excellence in leadership, as well as dedication to the students they serve



Travon Curry
NIC Coach of the Year

NIC CHAMPIONSHIP
Under the leadership of Coach Curry, the Lions had a standout season. His dedication and strategic vision earned him recognition as the NIC Coach of the Year.

Family Engagement

We welcome our families as vital partners in their child's learning journey.



2025 FAMILY FRIENDLY SCHOOLS
Indiana Department of Education

EACC additions • Health & Strength Center
WVPE • Middle Schools



Modern Facilities & Innovative Spaces

ECS continues to invest in spaces that foster learning, creativity, and innovation. From new STEM labs and state-of-the-art Health & Strength Centers to updated classrooms and collaborative spaces, we create environments that inspire students to learn, build, and grow.



LEADING

Career Center in the state of Indiana

1348

New high for
Overall enrollment

459

State Approved
Certification Exams
Passed by **341** students

**COLLEGE
CREDITS**

Ivy Tech
15 Programs

2473 Individual
Class Enrollments

123 Certificates
Earned

41 Technical
Certificate

Work Based Learning

482

Students in
Internship/Job Shadow

260 at 75 hours or more

Early Childhood
Apprenticeships

8

Registered with the DOL
apprenticeship program

National Technical
Honor Society

184

Students Inducted

**SkillsUSA State
Placements**

14 gold
19 silver
17 bronze

SERVES STUDENTS IN

10

public school districts,
as well as students who
attend private school,
online school, and those
who are homeschooled

Employability Skills
Panel

102

Individuals from
industry



Mock Interview Day

207

Individuals from
industry



Career Day

65

Companies

From Challenge to Champion



Logan Hearld, a 2025 Elkhart High School graduate, is living proof of the Elkhart Promise in action: every student known by name, challenged, and supported. For much of his educational journey, Logan had difficulty finding direction until he discovered the CNC Machining program at the Elkhart Area Career Center (EACC), where academics met real-world skills and opened the door to his future.

At the EACC, Logan didn't just find a program; he found purpose and confidence. The hands-on learning environment allowed him to thrive, and his talent quickly rose to the top. This spring, Logan was named Indiana's top student CNC machinist after earning first place at the state SkillsUSA competition. He will represent Indiana at the national championships in Atlanta this June.

Before graduating, Logan was already working part-time at MorRyde, one of EACC's valued business partners committed to providing real-world opportunities for students. Now, he is stepping into a full-time role at \$28 an hour, launching a career with a projected \$58,000 salary and room to grow.

Logan's journey is a clear example of how strong industry partnerships and career-focused academics prepare students not just for graduation, but for life.

Career & Technical Education

Agriculture & Natural Resources

- Drone Technology / Precision Ag
- Veterinary Careers

Arts, AV Tech & Communication

- Audio/Video
- Commercial Photography
- Graphic Design

Engineering, Technology, Construction & Innovation

- CNC Machining
- Computer Networking
- Construction Trades
- Mechatronics
- Robotics & Engineering Technology
- Software Development
- Welding Technology

Health Sciences

- Cardiology / EMT
- Dental Assisting
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Exercise Science
- Pre-Nursing
- Surgical Services

Hospitality & Human Services

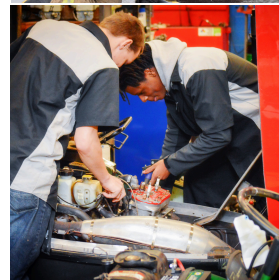
- Barbering
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Early Childhood Education
- Education Professions

Law, Public Safety & Security

- Criminal Justice
- Fire & Rescue
- Pre-Law

Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

- Automotive Collision Repair
- Automotive Service Technology
- Diesel Service Technology
- MotorSports



Academics

94.5% Graduation Rate



\$1.9 MILLION

For each of 5 years
(totaling nearly \$10 million)
for Full-Service Community
Schools Grant from US
Dept of Education

PSAT to SAT Growth

Increase of 20 points (3
points higher than the State
growth) from fall to
spring 2024-25.

766

Elkhart High School and
Elkhart Area Career Center
students participating in
internship and work-based
learning opportunities

2,000 +

At the heart of the Excellence
of Elkhart is a team of
exceptional educators,
coaches, and support staff
who make our district truly
stand out.

IREAD DOUBLE DIGIT INCREASE

Spring of 2025

\$10 + MILLION

Earned
Scholarships

52% DISTRICT GROWTH IN WIDA

English Language
Proficiency
Assessment

High Ability Programing

ECS offers advanced,
enriching opportunities
across all grade levels.

Student Count 10,500

\$2 MILLION+

Annual Savings to ECS Families



EARLY LEARNING

Dedicated Early
Learning Center
Pre-K • PACE • Title I

79.9%

Middle School
students earn high
school credit.

Student Support

Bring Change to Mind
Largest Chapter in US
6 Regional Board Members

Family Engagement

Family Nights
Literacy Nights
Parent Groups



Top 40 IASP Indiana Academic All-Star

Technology

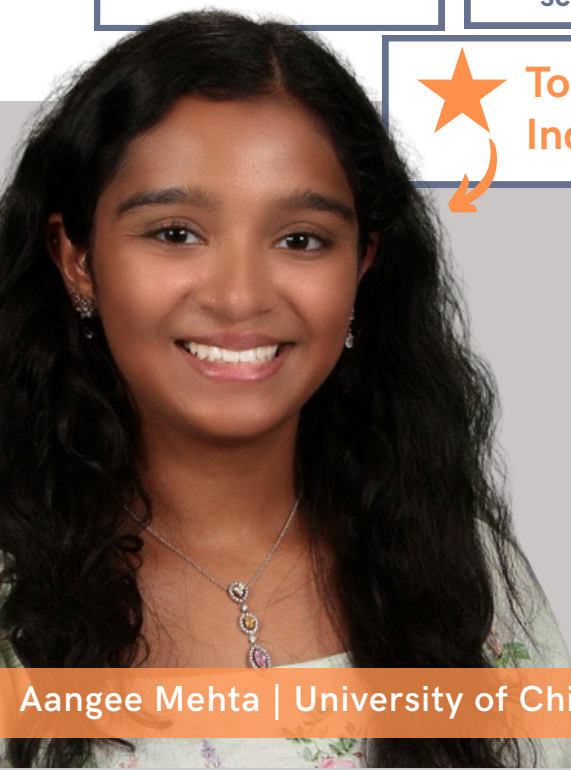
State-of-the-Art Infrastructure:
Managing over 13,638 Devices

- 1570 SAT, with perfect reading/writing score
- EHS 2025 Commencement Speaker
- University of Notre Dame Intern, Particle Physics Research
- Drum Major, EHS Pride of Elkhart Marching Band
- Indiana All-State Band
- IPA Percussion Ensemble State Champions 2024

“

The best thing about Elkhart Schools is it's a big district with so many opportunities. There is diversity in athletics, arts, and academics, and we achieve all with equal amounts of excellence.

”



Aangee Mehta | University of Chicago

Academics

53.2% Juniors & Seniors
Earning College Credit



2024-2025 DUAL CREDIT

982 Students Participating in
Dual Credit or ACP Programs

10,704 College Credits Earned

\$2,067,223.98 Saved in College Tuition



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Students in dual
credit courses
graduated with an
average
GPA of 3.47,
compared to 2.62
for those not
enrolled.

153

Earned the Indiana
College Core
Certificate

35

Earned an
Associate's Degree

5.5%

of dual credit
students receive
special education
services

Top Dual Credit Areas

- English
- Math
- Social Studies
- Science
- World Languages
- Career & Technical Education

42.2%

qualify for free or
reduced-price meals

9%

of dual credit
students are English
learners.

Early College

Fully Endorsed by
Center of Excellence in
Leadership of Learning
(CELL)

As the **top provider** of dual credit opportunities
in Elkhart County, we offer **47 college-level
courses** taught by **37 credentialed instructors**.
This program gives high school students the
chance to earn college credit for **free** while
helping students get ahead academically.

EL Program

4,041 multilingual students enrolled,
2,681 students are English Learners (ELs),
actively acquiring English skills.

In the Classroom

- English Learners make up
25.5% of our student
population.
- In a typical classroom of **25
students**, about 6-7 students
are learning English.



WINNER

2024
National Merit
Scholarship



Declan Millslagle | Purdue University
Elkhart High School Class of 2024

Excellence of Elkhart: Top 30

The Elkhart High School Class of 2025 is a group of extraordinary students who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, leadership, and achievement both in and out of the classroom. academic and professional challenges. From participating in a wide range of Sports, clubs, and extracurricular activities to earning prestigious academic awards and scholarships, these students have truly made an impact on our school and community. Their accomplishments reflect not only their hard work and perseverance but also their commitment to shaping a bright future. This flyer highlights the impressive journeys and aspirations of these remarkable graduates as they move on to new academic and professional challenges.



Isabella Black | \$220,000

Isabella Black, a dedicated and well-rounded member of the Class of 2025, has made the most of her high school experience through her involvement in National Honor Society, Girls Tennis, Student Government, Move2Stand, Lions Student Athletic Council, Volleyball, and Orchestra, as well as managing the Boys Tennis Team. Her community involvement includes Rotary/Interact Club, volunteering at the Elkhart County Humane Society and Ronald McDonald House, and attending the IHSA Student Leadership Conference. A Sigma Cum Laude graduate and four-time Principal's Honor Roll recipient, Isabella also served as Captain of the Girls Tennis Team. With over **\$220,000** in scholarship offers and early admission to Saint Mary's Nursing Program, she will attend Saint Mary's College of Notre Dame this fall to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Isabella plans to earn her RN and later complete a master's degree to become a Nurse Anesthetist or Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.



Paige Collins | \$135,000

Paige Collins, a Class of 2025 graduate, actively participated in Orchestra, Track and Field, and National Honor Society at Elkhart High School. She is also involved in 4-H. Paige has earned honors including Student of the Month, Student of the Year, and graduated Summa Cum Laude. Academically, she passed AP Calculus BC with a 5 and AP Language and Composition with a 4, maintaining a weighted GPA of 4.3951. With approximately **\$135,000** in scholarship offers, Paige plans to attend Goshen College to study Biology, aspiring to become a veterinarian.



Valeria Cruz-Portillo | \$280,000

Valeria Cruz-Portillo, a member of the Class of 2025, has excelled in both academics and athletics during her time at Elkhart High School. She has participated in Track and Field, Cross Country, National Honor Society, Key Club, and Orchestra, while also volunteering with the Humane Society. Valeria has earned multiple Most Improved Awards and the Mental Attitude Award, as well as Summa Cum Laude and Principal's Honor Roll honors. With over **\$280,000** in scholarship offers—including awards from Ball State, Grace College, Butler University, Marian University, and Purdue—she will attend Purdue University this fall. There, she plans to study Veterinary Medicine, Psychology, and Spanish, with the goal of becoming a veterinarian.

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Alaina Dibley | \$100,000

Alaina Dibley, a standout student-leader from the Class of 2025, has made a meaningful impact at Elkhart High School through her participation in Cross Country, Track, Key Club, Student Government, Concert Band, and more. She also served as Wrestling Manager and co-led the Rise Up Bible Study. Deeply involved in her faith community, Alaina actively participates in youth and young adult Bible studies and volunteers regularly with both River Oaks and Elkhart Community Church. Her recognitions include Cross Country Rookie of the Year, the Lion Heart Award, multiple team captain roles, and the Elkhart PRIDE Award. She served as Vice President of National Honor Society and earned Summa Cum Laude honors, Honor Roll distinction, and the Social Studies Student of the Year award. With over **\$100,000** in scholarship offers, Alaina will attend Purdue University to major in Nutrition and Dietetics. Her long-term goal is to become a registered dietitian.



Marilyn Elliott | \$48,000

Marilyn Elliott, a vibrant leader in the Class of 2025, has left a lasting legacy at Elkhart High School through her involvement in Girls Soccer, National Honor Society, Student Government, Move2Stand, Key Club, Rotary Interact, Rise Up Bible Study, and SSAC. Outside of school, she has played with Elkhart County United Soccer, taught Sunday School, and served actively in her church youth group. Marilyn, a Summa Cum Laude graduate, was crowned Prom Princess in 2024 and Prom Queen in 2025, and also served as Student Body President. She earned the Kiwanis Athlete Award, was named 2nd Team All-Conference, and honored as Top Team Player. With **\$48,500** in scholarship offers, she will attend Grand Canyon University to major in Nursing and minor in Spanish. Marilyn hopes to begin her career with overseas mission work before working in a hospital, and potentially pursuing a Master's in Nurse Anesthesia.



Olivia Eversole | \$35,000

Olivia Eversole, a high-achieving and well-rounded graduate in the Class of 2025, has distinguished herself at Elkhart High School through her participation in Advanced Jazz Band, Rocketry Club, Wind Ensemble, and Marching Band. Beyond school, she's been active in 4-H and her youth group at McCoy Memorial Baptist Church. Olivia's accolades include an Academic Letter, Lion of the Year, Student of the Month, and Summa Cum Laude honors. She was also a Reserve Champion in a 4-H jewelry project. Olivia has qualified for both an Academic Honors Diploma and a General Studies Associate Degree. With **\$35,000** in scholarships, she will attend Butler University this fall to study Physics. Her goal is to earn a doctorate in her field and work in a research lab, beginning with the pursuit of her bachelor's degree.



Keelin Fred | \$22,000

Keelin Fred, a dedicated student-athlete from the Class of 2025, has shown exceptional commitment to both his academics and sports. He participated in Football and Basketball while also being involved in National Honor Society. Keelin graduated Summa Cum Laude and earned consistent recognition on the Principal's Honor Roll. With a GPA of 3.9, he has received **\$22,000** in college scholarships. Keelin will attend Indiana University this fall to study Nursing. His future goal is to work in the medical field while maintaining a happy and healthy family life.

ATHLETICS

46+ Individual Team & State Athletic Championships



D1 on Scholarship

FOOTBALL:

Mariyon Dye: Tennessee
CD McFee: Cincinnati
Carmin Orozco: Miami of Ohio

XC /TRACK:

Max Malloy: Belmont
Aaron Richter: Belmont

NIC Champs

Football Golf

NIC all Academic Athletes

Fall: **39**
Winter: **27**
Spring: **43**

2025

Tim Bringle
Award recipient
Max Malloy

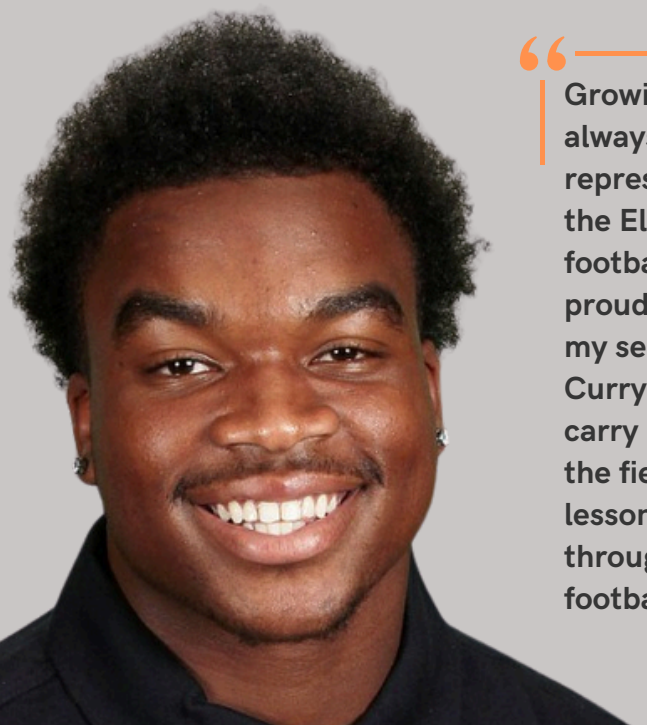
Catherine Wolf
Award recipient
Elizabeth Higgins

Unified Track

**Back to Back
STATE
CHAMPS**

**Sectional &
Regional
Champions**

A standout on and off the field, Mariyon is recognized as one of the nation's **top 2025 defensive prospects**, ranked among the top 150 players overall and one of the top 25 edge rushers in the country (Sports Illustrated).



“ Growing up in Elkhart, I always dreamed of representing my city on the Elkhart High School football team. I was so proud to win conference my senior year. Coach Curry taught me how to carry myself on and off the field, and those are lessons I'll carry with me through my college football career. ”



Mariyon Dye | University of Tennessee
Elkhart High School Class of 2025

ATHLETICS

2,300 Student Athletes
Grades 5-12



Boys Tennis
Sectional
Champions



Golf
NIC & Sectional
Champions



Softball
Sectional
Champions



Bowling
State
Champions

NIC MVP

Mariyon Dye
Football

Max Malloy
Boys Cross Country

Alonzo Newbern Boys
Track

Ben Divido
Boys Golf

Middle School



Boys Soccer
Big 11 Conference
Champions

20+
Sports &
Activity
Programs

Wrestling
John Young Invite
Champions
2 Conference Champs
8 Total Placers

Track
7 & 8 Grade
Boys
2nd Place
Fort Wayne
Invitational



9
Elementary
Sports Offered
Over 1,000
Elementary Athletes

Elementary

Led by our athletic coaches, elementary sport programs are where future Lions begin their journey.



1/3 Middle School Students
Participate in Sports

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Brynne Fritz | \$5,000

Brynne Fritz, a dedicated member of the Class of 2025, has participated in Volleyball, Unified Track, National Honor Society, Move2Stand, and completed a Hospital Internship during her time at Elkhart High School. Outside of school, she has been involved with NIVA Volleyball. Brynne graduated Summa Cum Laude and excelled in AP and Dual Credit classes, maintaining a high GPA and class rank. She has earned **\$5,000** in scholarship offers and plans to attend the University of Cincinnati to study Nursing, with the goal of earning her Bachelor's degree in nursing.



Aubrie Fruth | Full tuition coverage

Aubrie Fruth, a standout scholar-athlete in the Class of 2025, has demonstrated excellence both in and out of the classroom at Elkhart High School. She participated in Track and Field, Cross Country, Gymnastics, National Honor Society, LSAC, Student Government, and Key Club. Aubrie has been recognized with several school honors, including Lion of the Year, the Math Student of the Year Award, and the Mental Attitude Award, while consistently earning High Honor Roll. With a strong academic record and a high GPA, she has earned **full tuition coverage** and will attend the University of Indianapolis this fall to major in Exercise Science. Aubrie plans to pursue a career in physical therapy.



Olivia Gutierrez | \$58,500

Olivia Gutierrez, a standout member of the Class of 2025, has embraced every opportunity during her time at Elkhart High School. Involved in a wide range of extracurriculars—including Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Band, Jazz Band, Mariachi Band, Orchestra, Choir, Student Government, and National Honor Society—Olivia has also been active with the Northern Indiana Volleyball Association. She has received numerous accolades, including Lion of the Year, Student of the Year honors across multiple academic and music subjects, and Summa Cum Laude distinction. With over **\$58,500** in scholarship offers, Olivia will attend Indiana University Bloomington this fall to study Music Composition. Her goal is to write music for film and television—and to follow her dream of becoming a famous singer.



Brady Kelly | \$320,000

Brady Kelly, a dedicated scholar and athlete from the Class of 2025, has made the most of his time at Elkhart High School through involvement in Tennis, Baseball, National Honor Society, and an internship with Pro Fleet Transport. He has also volunteered through his church, reflecting his commitment to both academic and community engagement. Brady received the EHS Pride Award and has maintained a 4.0 unweighted GPA and a 4.45 weighted GPA. With **\$320,000** in college scholarship offers, he will attend Indiana University Bloomington to study Finance or Economics. Brady hopes to pursue a fulfilling career in the business field that he enjoys.

400+
Business &
Non-Profit Partners

51
High School after-school clubs,
ranging from Academic Super
Bowl to the Yearbook club

 **Robotics**
FIRST Robotics Champions,
Maryland Tournament

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Dakota Krieg | \$164,800

Dakota Krieg is a committed student-athlete involved in Varsity Tennis, National Honor Society, and Student Government. She has been an active member of 4-H and maintained Principal's Honor Roll status all four years of high school. Dakota was recognized as Eastwood Elementary's 2019 Student of the Year. She has earned her Indiana College Core (ICC) with a 4.32 GPA, completing multiple AP and dual credit classes totaling 70 credits. Dakota has received **\$164,800** in scholarships and plans to attend Indiana University South Bend to study Nursing. Her goal is to graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing and work as a labor and delivery nurse, with aspirations to transition to travel nursing after two years.



Taylor Kuehne | \$5,000

Taylor Kuehne, an active and accomplished member of the Class of 2025, has contributed to Elkhart High School through participation in Student Government, National Honor Society, Rotary Interact, Lions Student Athletic Council, Future Business Leaders of America, and multiple sports including Girls Varsity Tennis, Boys Tennis Manager, Girls Soccer, and Club Soccer. Taylor earned Principal's Honor Roll, Math Student of the Month, Magna Cum Laude, and Summa Cum Laude distinctions, while also serving as Girls Tennis Captain and Varsity Most Improved. With **\$5,000** per year in scholarship support, Taylor plans to attend Indiana University Bloomington to study Marketing and Sales at the Kelley School of Business. Following a summer of work, Taylor looks forward to starting college and pursuing a career in marketing and sales.



Mallory Kuehne | \$40,000

Mallory Kuehne, a dedicated and well-rounded graduate of the Class of 2025, has contributed to Elkhart High School through participation in Girls Tennis, Move 2 Stand/Bring Change to Mind, NHS, Student Government, FBLA, Key Club, and the Student Athletic Council. She is also involved in Rotary/Interact outside of school. Mallory earned Summa Cum Laude, Principal's Honor Roll, and the Pride Award. Maintaining a 3.995 unweighted GPA and 4.4 weighted GPA while excelling in honors and AP classes, she has received **\$40,000** in scholarship offers. Mallory will attend Indiana University Bloomington to study Finance at the Kelley School of Business, with plans to become a financial planner.



Spiro Lambrou | \$200,000

Spiro Lambrou, a committed and high-achieving member of the Class of 2025, has actively participated in Boys Soccer, LSAC, National Honor Society, and internships throughout his high school career. Outside of school, Spiro has been involved with soccer, the humane society, and work. His awards include the Pride Award, Summa Cum Laude distinction, and Outstanding History Student. With over **\$200,000** in scholarship offers, Spiro plans to attend Indiana University Bloomington to study Economics and International Business. His post-graduation goals include earning a master's degree, working in an economic role at a firm, and eventually becoming a business and economics teacher.

ARTS

82

Elkhart **High School** Music Students earned Gold Rating at State Solo and Ensemble Festival

ISSMA

Elkhart **High School** 2025 state finalist in Vocal Jazz, Jazz Band

13

All 13 **middle school** music ensembles earned gold, including 3 with distinction.

198

Elementary Students Showcased in the District Art Show

Winter Color Guard
2025 State Finalist

ISSMA & Solo Ensemble
MIDDLE SCHOOL

BAND

- 3 All Region
- 17 Gold

CHOIR

- 54 Gold

ORCHESTRA

- 7 All Region
- 20 Gold All Region

All-Star Marching Band

6 Student Participated

“Elkhart’s music program isn’t just about creating excellent student musicians, it’s about teaching life and career lessons. I’m studying music education, and I know that the leadership skills I learned from my ECS instructors have set me up for success in supporting the next generation of student musicians.”

Isaiah Fortoso
Class of 2021

Award-winning Art programs!



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6 years in a row!

Proud BCME District



Elkhart High School
United Sound Orchestra
performed with the US Coast Guard Band

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Duncan Lefever | \$600,000

Duncan Lefever, a distinguished member of the Class of 2025, has excelled in academics and leadership during his time at Elkhart High School. He has been active in E-Sports, Unified Track, SFABE, National Honor Society, and Rocketry, while also participating in community initiatives through the Elkhart Education Foundation and the QuarkNet Center at the University of Notre Dame. Duncan, who earned the Lion of the Year Award, is a Summa Cum Laude graduate, Principal's Honor Roll recipient, and an AP Scholar. With an impressive SAT score of 1410 and a GPA of 4.48, he has received over **\$600,000** in scholarship offers. This fall, he will attend the University of Notre Dame to study Mechanical or Civil Engineering. After passing the FE Exam, Duncan plans to pursue a career as a professional engineer.



Nevaeh Link | \$102,000

Nevaeh Link, a talented member of the Class of 2025, participated in Cheerleading, Theater, Choir, National Honor Society, and the Choral Leadership Team at Elkhart High School. Nevaeh was awarded the 2025 Hursh Family Music Scholarship, a full-ride scholarship from Goshen College, and an additional \$10,000 per year from the Goshen College Music Department. She graduated Magna Cum Laude as a junior with straight A's throughout high school, and completed a senior year internship at North Side Middle School. With over **\$102,000** in annual scholarship offers, Nevaeh will attend Goshen College to study Music Education. Her goal is to become a high school choir director, direct musical theater productions, perform in productions, and begin writing her own music.



Maxwell Malloy | \$50,000

Maxwell Malloy, a top academic performer in the Class of 2025, has thrived at Elkhart High School through his commitment to both academics and athletics. He competed in Cross Country, Swimming, and Track while also participating in the Rotary Interact Club. Maxwell has consistently earned Summa Cum Laude distinction and is a four-time Honor Roll recipient. With an impressive 4.45 GPA, he ranks third in his class. He has received **\$50,000** in scholarship offers and will attend Belmont University this fall to study Finance and Accounting. After college, Maxwell plans to pursue a career in the finance industry.



Aangee Mehta | \$70,000

Aangee Mehta, the Class of 2025 Valedictorian, has been extensively involved at Elkhart High School in Marching Band, Winter Percussion, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Symphony Orchestra, Track, Student Government, SSAC, NHS, and the Academic Honor Diploma Taskforce. Outside of school, Aangee participates in Healing Through Harmony, ECHO, South Bend Youth Symphony Orchestra, Maple City Community Orchestra, ISSMA, and QuarkNet. She has earned numerous GPA and Student of the Year awards, been recognized as an Academic All-Star and Indiana All-State Band member, and received the AP Scholar with Distinction honor. With around **\$70,000** in scholarship offers, Aangee plans to attend the University of Chicago to study Anthropology and Biology, with aspirations of attending medical school to become a surgeon.

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Natalie Middleton | \$41,000

Natalie Middleton, a multi-talented and accomplished member of the Class of 2025, has made her mark at Elkhart High School through her involvement in Art Reach, DND Club, Rocketry Club, and Speech Club. Beyond the classroom, she's a 10-year member of 4-H and has participated in the Scholastics Art and Writing program, Youth Art Month, and a prestigious two-week art apprenticeship at Notre Dame's Raclin Murphy Museum. Natalie has earned a long list of accolades, including multiple Student of the Month awards, the Human Services Lion of the Year Award, FACS Student of the Year, Ceramics Student of the Year, and the Academic Letter of Excellence. She holds a 4.0 unweighted GPA, a 4.37 weighted GPA, and ranks 19th in a class of nearly 700 students. With **\$41,000** in scholarship offers, she will attend Goshen College to major in Business Management and minor in Spanish. Natalie hopes to gain real-world experience through internships and study abroad programs, while also pursuing freelance art. Her long-term goal is to manage and eventually own a local business centered on the arts and community.



Ben Miller | \$40,000

Ben Miller, a driven member of the Class of 2025, has excelled in both academics and extracurricular activities at Elkhart High School. He participated in Tennis, Golf, National Honor Society, Key Club, and Student Government, while also being active in Rotary Interact, Swimming, and Soccer. A Summa Cum Laude graduate with a 4.4 GPA, Ben has earned **\$40,000** in scholarship offers. This fall, he will attend Purdue University to study Data Science. Ben plans to pursue a high-level role in the corporate world, where he can make a significant impact.



Quinn Rost | \$130,000

Quinn Rost, a standout athlete and scholar from the Class of 2025, has made significant contributions both on and off the field at Elkhart High School. He participated in Football, Baseball, and National Honor Society, while also playing travel baseball. Quinn earned multiple accolades, including Pride Awards in both football and baseball, Captain roles in both sports, All-Conference honors in baseball, and Academic All-State recognition. With a 4.3 GPA, he has received **\$130,000** in scholarship offers. This fall, he will attend Olivet Nazarene University to study Business Management. Quinn plans to pursue a career in athletic administration.



Brady Sherwood | \$40,000

Brady Sherwood, a well-rounded scholar-athlete from the Class of 2025, has made a strong impact at Elkhart High School through his involvement in Basketball and Baseball. He also played community baseball and earned numerous honors, including ASL, Business, and AP Language Student of the Year, as well as 2nd Team All-Conference in Baseball. A Summa Cum Laude graduate with a 4.4 GPA, Brady ranks 11th in his class and has received approximately **\$40,000** per year in scholarships from Olivet Nazarene University. He will attend Olivet this fall to study Business. Brady's goals include securing a high-paying job he loves, providing for his family, and continuing to put God first in all he does.

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Cade Tyrakowski

Cade Tyrakowski is a highly accomplished graduate of the Class of 2025. He participated in Football, Track, Wrestling, Chess, Spell Bowl, Academic Super Bowl, Student Government, National Honor Society, Rocketry, Concert Band, and Jazz Band. In the community, Cade was active in Flag Football, EYFL, 4H, Habitat for Humanity, Stuff a Bus, flood and tornado cleanup efforts, and Humane Society fostering. His honors include 7 varsity sport letters, Academic Letter, \$500 Receiver Scholarship, Summa Cum Laude, 2-time sport captain, 2-time Student of the Month, and 3-time Principal Honor Roll. Cade also received numerous scholarships including the Schnell, Kiwanis, Dean, Elks, and Cserpes Memorial scholarships, as well as multiple awards in 4H, and earned an Associate Degree from Ivy Tech while joining the PTK Honor Society. Maintaining a 4.0+ GPA and perfect attendance, Cade plans to attend Trine University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Aerospace Engineering. His post-graduation goal is to play football at Trine, earn his degree, and work for NASA, SpaceX, Blue Origin, or Rocket Lab.



Neva Wenzel | \$62,000

Neva Wenzel, a member of the Class of 2025 and a Summa Cum Laude graduate, has embraced both academic and personal growth during her years at Elkhart High School. Neva participated in Orchestra and Unified Track, while also staying active in her community through McCoy Memorial Baptist Church and Word of Life Bible Clubs. Known for her love of learning, Neva took Calculus for enjoyment and earned a 4 on the AP exam. With a GPA of 3.9 and a heart for service, she has received over **\$62,000** in scholarship offers. This fall, Neva will attend Word of Life Bible Institute to study Biblical Studies and Ministry. She looks forward to serving Jesus wherever He calls her to go.



Brennon Whickcar | \$500,000

Brennon Whickcar, a dynamic leader and athlete in the Class of 2025, has balanced a demanding schedule while excelling at Elkhart High School. He was a member of the Football, Baseball, and Wrestling teams, as well as National Honor Society and Student Government. Brennon also played community baseball and has been recognized with multiple honors, including Student of the Month and the prestigious Lion of the Year Award. With strong academic and extracurricular achievements, he has earned over **\$500,000** in scholarship offers. This fall, Brennon will attend Harvard College to study Engineering. His long-term goal is to start his own business.



Jacob Whitlow | \$36,000

Jacob Whitlow is a dedicated graduate involved in Chess Club, soccer, and Student Government. He is a member of the B.U.M. Chess Club and has earned Summa Cum Laude honors. Jacob received the Guy David Gundlach Memorial Scholarship and holds a 4.0 unweighted GPA while earning the Indiana College Core. He was awarded **\$36,000** in scholarships. Jacob plans to attend Indiana University Bloomington to study Accounting. His post-graduation goal is to start his own business and build a family.

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Aniyah Young | \$133,000

Aniyah Young, a dynamic and multi-talented graduate of the Class of 2025, has been deeply involved at Elkhart High School in Girls Soccer, Cheerleading, Girls Track, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Symphony Orchestra, and National Honor Society. Aniyah has earned numerous honors including Student of the Month, Lion of the Year for Japanese, Academic Letter, Social Studies Student of the Year, Japanese 3 Student of the Year, Magna Cum Laude, and recognition on multiple all-academic teams for cheerleading and soccer. She also received the Indiana Black Expo Celebration of Education Trailblazer award and 2023 Scholastic Art honors. With **\$133,000** in scholarship offers, Aniyah will attend Indiana University Bloomington to study Biology, with aspirations to attend medical school and become a pediatrician.

Onward to Excellence

Our graduating students will be attending a wide range of colleges and universities across the country, reflecting their diverse interests and aspirations. From nationally recognized research institutions to specialized arts and technical colleges to D1 athletic programs, their choices speak to both their academic strengths, athletic skills, and their individual passions. Whether pursuing careers in engineering, the arts, business, healthcare, or skilled trades, these students have identified pathways that align with their goals and dreams. This impressive list of post-secondary destinations highlights not only the hard work of our students but also the support they've received from families, teachers, and counselors throughout their educational journey.

Air Force, Army, AVT, Ball State University, Belmont University, Bethel University, BlueRidge Community College, Butler University, College for Creative Studies, DePaul University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Ferris State, Glen Oaks Community College, Goshen College, Grand Canyon University, Grand Valley State University, Harvard University, Holy Cross College, Huntington University, Indiana State University, Indiana Tech, Indiana University Bloomington, Indiana University Kelley School of Business, Indiana University Indianapolis, Indiana University South Bend, Ivy Tech, Lake Michigan College, Lincoln Tech, Loyola University, Louisiana State University, Manchester, Marian University, Marines, Miami University of Ohio, Michigan State University, Modern College of Design, Morgan State University, National Guard, New York University (NYU), University of Notre Dame, Olivet Nazarene University, Penn Foster, Purdue Fort Wayne, Purdue Northwest, Purdue University, Saint Xavier University, Saint Mary's College, Southwestern Michigan College, St. Francis College, Suffolk University, SUNY Cobleskill, The Modern College of Design, The Ohio State University, Trine University, University of Alabama, University of Chicago, University of Cincinnati, University of Chicago, University of Indianapolis, University of Louisville, University of Northwestern Ohio, University of St. Francis, University of Tennessee, Valparaiso University, Vincennes University, Western Michigan University, Word of Life Bible Institute.