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## From the Executive Director to the Class of 2026

Dear Class of 2026,

Welcome to Shelton's 2026 Commencement Ceremony — a historic milestone as we celebrate 50 years of Learning Without Limits.

For five decades, Shelton has transformed the lives of intelligent students who learn differently. Today, you stand as a powerful reflection of that mission in action.

As you enter this ceremony, you are accompanied by our Shelton 50th Anniversary Legacy Processional — a distinguished group of Shelton leaders, teachers, current and former board members, early faculty, and alumni. Dressed in white gowns and commemorative 50th sashes, they walk before you, a powerful visual reminder that Shelton's past stands with you today.

In this moment, our history leads the way for our future. You stand on the shoulders of those who came before you — those who believed in Shelton's mission, built this community, and made your journey possible. Now, you carry that mission forward into the next 50 years.

We gather this morning to celebrate you and the work that brought you here. Throughout your time at Shelton, our faculty and staff have witnessed your academic growth, courage, and resilience. You have not only navigated learning differences — you have developed the strategies, skills, and confidence to thrive.

You have built lasting friendships, discovered your passions, and brought pride to your families and to the Shelton community. You are well prepared for what comes next. Your ability to think critically, solve problems, collaborate with others, and communicate effectively will serve you wherever your path leads.

The Class of 2026 is made up of 81 remarkable graduates whose accomplishments reflect hard work and determination. They are headed to 46 colleges in 16 states. To date, the class has been awarded more than \$12 million in merit scholarships. Acceptances include universities such as The University of Texas at Austin, Stanford University, Texas A&M University, Baylor University, Southern Methodist University, Tulane University, Texas Christian University, Pepperdine University,

the University of California-San Diego, and more. Nine students earned a composite ACT score of 30 or higher; 29 earned 30 or above in reading (including four perfect scores), nine earned 30 or above in science (including one perfect score), and one earned a perfect score in math.

We proudly celebrate the following seniors who have signed to play sports in college:

- **Heston Dios:** Buena Vista University, football
- **Annie Fulton:** Trinity University, volleyball
- **Drew Metrailer:** South Plains College, Track
- **Tripp Moss:** Murray State University, Shooting
- **Jonas Ritz-Meuret:** Flagler College, Track
- **Zac Schachter:** McPherson College, Football
- **Ja'ir Span:** Paul Smith's College, Basketball
- **Nathan Vitek:** King University, Volleyball

In the fine arts, congratulations to the following students who will pursue fine arts in college:

- **Cooper Harris:** Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fashion Design, Savannah College of Art and Design
- **Addie Monfried:** Theatrical Design and Technology, Elon University (following a gap year)
- **Kate Priest:** Bachelor of Fine Arts in Animation, Savannah College of Art and Design

We also recognize **Xavier Kunovich**, who has been accepted into the Hilltop Scholars Program at Southern Methodist University.

These accomplishments are significant — but even more important is who you have become. Shelton has equipped you not only with academic tools, but with self-awareness, confidence, and the ability to advocate for yourselves. These are the skills that will define your future.

As you move forward, remember that success is not a destination — it is a journey. Embrace challenges with courage. Use the tools and accommodations available to you. Speak up for yourselves. Let your passions guide you, and trust that your unique way of thinking is a strength.

I am immensely proud of each of you. Your perseverance, resilience, and heart inspire us all. As you take your next steps, know that you carry with you the support of your teachers, your families, and the entire Shelton community.

Today, we are honored to welcome Shelton alumnus and award-winning filmmaker **Travis Lee Ratcliff**, Class of 2009, as our graduation speaker.

Travis is a director, producer, and editor whose work has been recognized at leading film festivals, including Tribeca and the San Francisco International Film Festival. His film *Dynasty & Destiny* premiered in San Francisco, where it received the Golden Gate Award, and was later selected for the Tribeca Film Festival. He co-created the film with fellow Shelton alumnus **Brody Carmichael**, who served as cinematographer and producer. Their friendship reflects the lasting bonds formed at Shelton and how those connections continue well beyond graduation.

After graduating from Savannah College of Art and Design, Travis co-founded Movement House in Austin with Brody, producing documentaries and branded content for major companies, including Hershey's, Frito-Lay, Shiner, and Yuengling. His previous documentary, *In the Space Between Ages*, which profiles a dyslexic sculptor, screened at SXSW.

Travis credits Shelton with shaping both his confidence and his career path. At Shelton, he discovered his passion for storytelling through the theatre and film program — an experience that set him on his life's course.

In a Shelton alumni profile, Travis reflected on that impact: "Shelton was a place of profound healing for me," he said. "To learn that I was not defective — that I had learning differences, not disabilities — changed my perspective on myself. The life I have now is entirely because of the skills, healing, and relationships I developed while at Shelton."

He also shared a message that is especially meaningful for this graduating class: "Listen to your passions," he said. "Beneath every challenge is a unique way of seeing the world — and a unique contribution you can make to it."

Class of 2026, as you cross this stage, you become part of Shelton's legacy — one that spans 50 years of Learning Without Limits and continues to grow. You are the next chapter in that story.

Congratulations to each of you. I commend you for your excellence, your persistence, and your courage. I cannot wait to see where your journey leads.

And remember — Shelton will always be your home.

Congratulations, Class of 2026!



## Valedictorian 2026

### Trilby Schmidt



Trilby Schmidt joined Shelton in the second grade after being diagnosed with dyslexia and ADHD. During her time at Shelton, she has been involved in Theatre, Band and Drumline, Student Council, National Honor Society, and the Outdoor Education Club, and she organized the recent Shelton Walk-a-Thon.

In Theatre, Trilby has held the roles of props co-head, assistant stage manager, actor, and orchestra member. During her many years in Shelton's band and drumline program, Trilby has played alto saxophone, baritone saxophone, and tenor drums.

The Urban Homesteading Class and Outdoor Education Club have welcomed the Shelton chicken coop, beehive, and garden to campus; Trilby played an important role in establishing both.

Outside of Shelton, Trilby has gone on numerous hiking adventures, including summiting Mount Kilimanjaro and completing the 273-mile-long Vermont Long Trail, running multiple marathons, and guiding her family up countless

mountains in Rocky Mountain National Park. To train for all these adventures, Trilby frequently spends her mornings and weekends on long runs and hiking up and down staircases in the CityPlace DART station and Dallas' tallest buildings.

During the spring of her junior year, Trilby attended the High Mountain Institute in Leadville, Colorado. This experience inspired her to fundraise for the organization A Thousand Summers while hiking the Long Trail during the summer before her senior year.

Next year, Trilby will attend Stanford University, where she plans to major in Political Science and Philosophy. She hopes to continue her quest for knowledge and her endurance training in Palo Alto, where, thankfully, there are some decent hills to climb.

*"Shelton has shown me what an authentic community looks like. Very few high schools provide an environment where students are accepted at face value and have open opportunities to discover who they are. Shelton's classes encourage exploration. I was always comfortable asking questions without teachers making me feel like I was derailing conversations. Such a learning environment has led me to develop a genuine love for learning. Without Shelton, I would not be the critical thinker or community organizer that I am today."*

## Salutatorian 2026

### Liam Schaeffer

Liam Schaeffer has attended Shelton since before Pre-K. During his time at Shelton, he has earned many honors, including the Spirit of Shelton, Heart of a Giant, Award of Excellence, Peer Tribute, and the Harvard Book Award. Known for his kind demeanor and witty sense of humor, Liam has earned the respect and admiration of his peers and teachers. Shelton has helped him develop a strong character and an inquisitive mind.

Liam is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and Hope Squad. He has been involved in Debate Club, Investment Club, and History Club. At the end of his junior year, Liam took the AP U.S. History exam and earned a score of five — the highest possible score. His aptitude and passion for history led him to pursue an independent study in post-World War II history with Mr. Sam Crabtree, making him one of only two students to take on this opportunity.

Outside of Shelton, Liam has developed leadership and negotiation skills by working in his family's electrical service business, Electricman. He assists his family with

asset management and estate planning and serves as a technical assistant for his church.

While Liam enjoys many subjects, his passion lies in computing. Liam will attend The University of Texas at Austin, where he has been admitted to one of the nation's top-ranked computer science programs. He was one of approximately 700 students selected from more than 13,000 applicants.



*"My experience at Shelton has been defined by the many truly exceptional teachers I have had. Many had a profound impact on my life and the development of my character. They have taught me how to cope with the difficulties that result from my learning differences while utilizing the strengths that they entail."*



# ORDER OF COMMENCEMENT

**Welcome** **Sydney Davis**  
Student Council President, 2026-2027

**Musical Selections** **Shelton Upper School Band**

**Processional** **Shelton 50th Anniversary Legacy Processional  
Seniors and Upper School Faculty**

**National Anthem** **Vocal Charge**  
**Claire Beumer, Isabella Detz, Jane Hirschenberger, Presley Merchant,  
Addison Monfried, Jack Mullins, Reese Olsen, Ella Roberts,  
Madeline Sherman, Bennett Stroh, Sahil Sundaram, Berkley Swindle**

**Invocation** **Liam Schaeffer**  
Salutatorian, Class of 2026

**Remarks** **Suzanne Stell**  
Executive Director

**Remarks** **Jenny Cheatham**  
Head of Upper School

**Remarks on Behalf of Students** **Trilby Schmidt**  
Valedictorian, Class of 2026

**Commencement Address** **Travis Lee Ratcliff**  
Shelton Class of 2009, award-winning filmmaker

**Awarding of Diplomas** **Jenny Cheatham**, Head of Upper School  
**Zac Ladd**, Assistant Head of Upper School  
**Suzanne Stell**, Executive Director  
**John Newby**, Shelton Board Chair  
**Bill Corrigan**, Board Member  
**Chase Evans**, Board Member  
**Heather Hunt Graham**, Board Member  
**Dr. Rachel Rucker-Schmidt**, Board Member  
**Cory Whitaker**, Board Member

**Changing of the Tassel** **Trilby Schmidt**  
Valedictorian, Class of 2026

**Shelton Alma Mater** **Vocal Charge Seniors**  
**Jane Hirschenberger, Addison Monfried**

**Pomp and Circumstance** **Shelton Band**

## 2026 SHELTON GRADUATES

Oliver Adams-Davis	Piper Grzych	Grafton Robinson
Alexander Anderson*	Cooper Harris	Brock Rogers
Lauren Battaglia*	Hannah Hedgepeth	Evan Rose*
Cade Bergus*	Stevie Hickman	Payton Siena Rudisill
Ethan Blum	Jane Hirschenberger*	Zachary Schachter
Olivia “Rhett” Breedlove*	Eliot Holland	Liam Schaeffer*
Alice Cochran	Ford Jouvenal*	Trilby Schmidt*
Betsy Cochran*	Katherine Rose Keesy*	Helena Sentell*
Anthony Coppolino*	Sophie Kollinger	Madeleine Simmons
Caroline “Kiwi” Corrigan*	Isaac Kornbluth*	Ja’ir Span*
Elinor David*	Xavier Kunovich	Reagan Sterling
Christopher Del Core	Brady Kuntz*	Dylan Tompkins*
Ayden Derrick*	Jackson LeLash	Austin Tran*
Heston Dios*	Effie Maguire*	Zoya Ukani
Jazmin Dunn	Sarah Menendez*	Luke Vannuccini
Brooke Early	Drew Metrailer	Catherine Visconsi
Caroline Elvebak*	Tyler Miller	Nathan Vitek*
Isaac Emmett*	Addison Monfried*	Tucker Weegar*
Caden Evans	Raymond “Tripp” Moss	Chloe Weiner*
Brady Foster*	Owen Myers	Carter Weisberg*
Annie Fulton*	Robert Aidan Myles*	Alexander Whitaker*
Joshua Ryan Gilger*	Lillian O’Rourk*	Kathryn Williams
Maddie Givens	Jack Plankinton	Jordan Williamson*
Ellie Goodno	Kate Priest	Charlotte Wolf*
Richard Goree	Hudson Ramsey*	Paige Wood*
Cooper Graham*	Nicholas Raymond*	Cason Woodruff
Charles Grovenstein*	Jonas Ritz-Meuret	Ivan Young*

\* National Honor Society Member

*“Your time is limited, so don’t  
waste it living someone else’s life.”*

— Steve Jobs

# GRADUATION CORDS AND STOLES

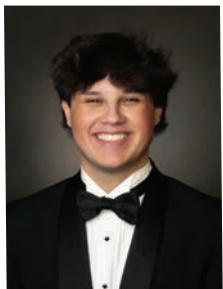
Many Shelton graduates will wear colored cords representing a school organization or recognition for an academic honor. Shelton organizations present cords to students who meet specific requirements and have been positive representatives for the club or group.

ORGANIZATION	REGALIA	QUALIFICATIONS
<b>AP Scholar</b>	Purple cord	Score of 3 or higher on an AP exam
<b>Ambassadors</b>	Royal, silver, and white cord	Two years of active participation as a Shelton Ambassador
<b>Athletics</b>	Royal and black cord	Lettered three years, including at least one letter senior year, with consistent leadership, exemplary sportsmanship, and consistent eligibility and participation
<b>Presidential Community Service Award</b>	Bronze, silver, or gold cord	Presidential Service Awards: 50 hours (bronze), 100 hours (silver), 100+ hours (gold)
<b>Shelton Service Award</b>	Blue and red cord	Seniors with 50+ hours of community service
<b>Dual Credit</b>	Blue and green cord	Completion of ENG 1301 and 1302 with 90 or above (earning 6 college credit hours)
<b>Fine Arts</b>	Purple and gold cord	Lettered in Fine Arts at Shelton or completed three years as an active member in Fine Arts at Shelton
<b>Girl Talk</b>	Pink cord	Senior leader
<b>ASL</b>	Blue and light blue cord	Completion of ASL III with a grade average of 90 or above
<b>Spanish</b>	Red, yellow, and white cord	Completion of Spanish III with a grade average of 90 or above
<b>Investment Club</b>	Green cord	Club officer, two years participation
<b>National Merit</b>	Royal and gold cord	Recognized by the National Merit Board as Commended, Semifinalist, or Finalist for PSAT score
<b>Student Council</b>	Blue, gold, and white cord	At least two years of participation and an officer position, or exceptional participation during senior year
<b>Hope Squad</b>	Red and white cord	Active member in good standing
<b>National Honor Society</b>	White stole	Senior member in good standing
<b>Top 10 Graduate</b>	Blue and white cord	Ten highest GPAs in the graduating class
<b>Salutatorian</b>	Gold Sash	Number two graduate, second highest GPA
<b>Valedictorian</b>	Gold Sash	Top graduate, highest GPA

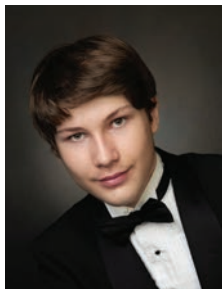


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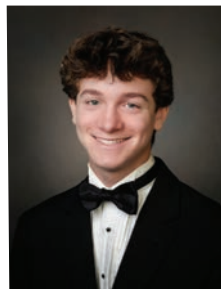
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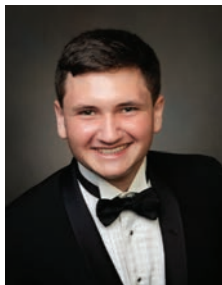
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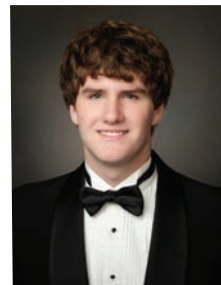
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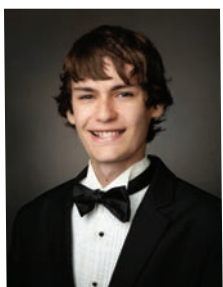
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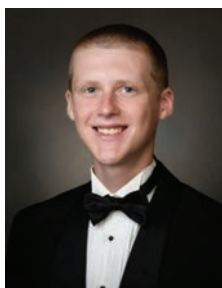
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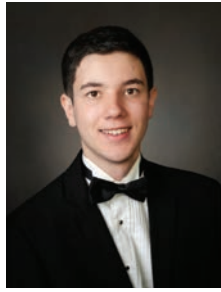
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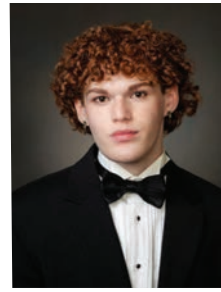
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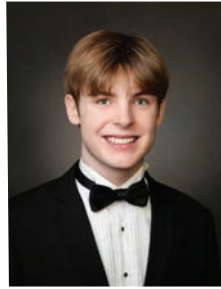
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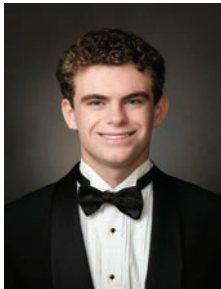
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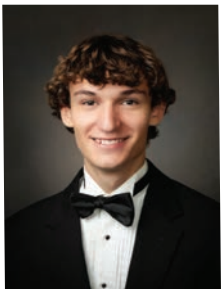
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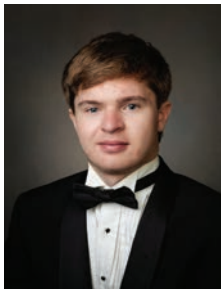
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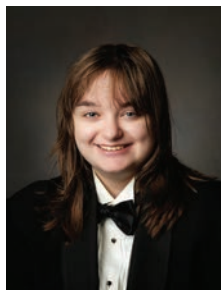
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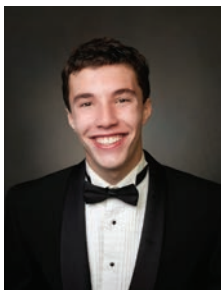
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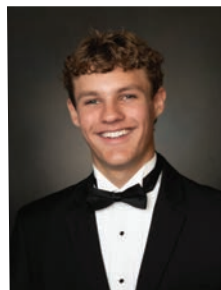
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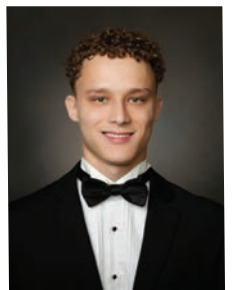
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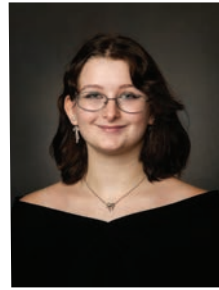
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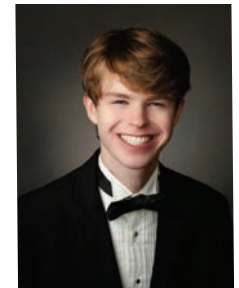
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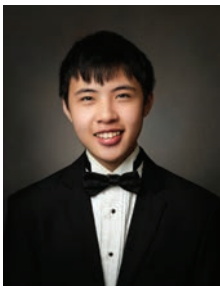
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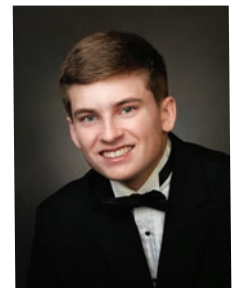
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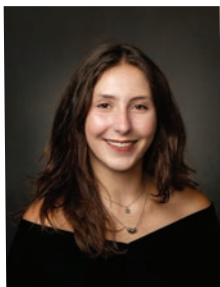
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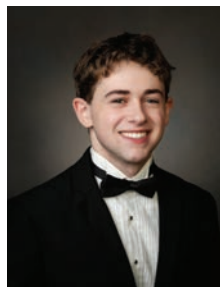
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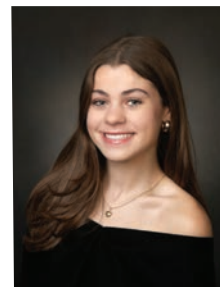
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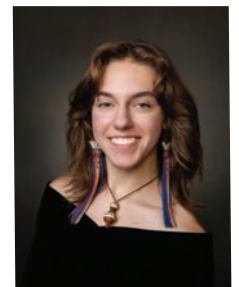
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## SHELTON CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF LEARNING WITHOUT LIMITS

During the 2025–26 school year, Shelton celebrated its 50th anniversary with events that honored its history, community, and mission.

The year kicked off on May 5, 2025, when 742 students in grades 5–11 gathered on the football field to form a giant “50,” capturing a lasting image of a school that continues to turn learning differences into strengths.

The celebration continued with a kickoff reunion on August 28, bringing together former teachers, coaches, and staff, and launching the filming of a legacy video. In September, more than 5,000 volunteers — including Shelton students, teachers, parents, alumni, and community members — packed more than 641,000 meals during the Feed My Starving Children MobilePack, extending Shelton’s impact beyond campus. Homecoming featured a 50th-anniversary drone show announcing that the Stampede auction entertainment would be Little Big Town.

The community gathered for special events, including a literacy-focused screening of the documentary *Hopeville*, a luncheon honoring former Shelton Parents’ Association leaders, and a varsity football game at The Star in Frisco. Students also helped create a time capsule — sealed within the school’s illuminated “S” installation — preserving Shelton memories for future generations.

The celebration continued into the spring with Founders Day on April 2, 2026, when Shelton’s youngest students led a joyful tribute, singing “Happy Birthday” to Shelton. The year culminated with the annual Stampede auction at the Fairmont, featuring Little Big Town.

Shelton Executive Director Suzanne Stell said Shelton’s impact over the past 50 years is best seen in its students. “When you see a child who struggles with learning come into our school and then be transformed — loving learning and feeling good about who they are — that’s what we’ve strived to do for five decades,” she said. “We’re very proud of the lives we’ve transformed over the last 50 years, and we’re looking forward to the next 50 years.”



# CLASS OF 2026 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

The following is a list of colleges and universities where the Class of 2026 Shelton graduates have been accepted. We salute our graduates as they embark upon their future educational endeavors.

Abilene Christian University	Loyola Marymount University	The University of Texas at Dallas
American University	Loyola University New Orleans	The University of Texas at Tyler
Appalachian State University	Lynn University	Thomas More University
Arizona State University	Mary Baldwin University	Towson University
Auburn University	Marymount University	Trinity University
Austin College	McMurry University	Trinity Washington University
Austin Community College District	McPherson College	Tulane University of Louisiana
Baldwin Wallace University	Merrimack College	Universal Technical Institute
Ball State University	Mississippi State University	University of Arizona
Baylor University	Murray State College	University of Arkansas
Beacon College	Northeastern University	University of California-Davis
Belmont University	Northern Arizona University	University of California-Irvine
Berry College	Ohio University	University of California-Los Angeles
Bethel College	Oklahoma Baptist University	University of California-San Diego
Boston University	Oklahoma State University	University of California-Santa Cruz
Bryant University	Old Dominion University	University of Central Florida
Buena Vista University	Oral Roberts University	University of Central Oklahoma
Butler University	Oregon State University	University of Colorado Boulder
California Polytechnic State University	Ouachita Baptist University	University of Dallas
California State University	Pace University	University of Denver
Carnegie Mellon University	Paul Smith's College	University of Houston
Central Connecticut State University	Penn State University	University of Idaho
Chapman University	Pepperdine University	University of Kansas
Clarke University	Point Loma Nazarene University	University of Kentucky
Clemson University	Providence College	University of Louisville
Coastal Carolina University	Purdue University	University of Lynchburg
College of Charleston	Radford University	University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
Collin College	Randolph-Macon College	University of Mary Washington
Colorado School of Mines	Roger Williams University	University of Maryland
Colorado State University	Rollins College	University of Minnesota
Columbia College	SUNY College at Cortland	University of Mississippi
Concordia University	Saint Mary's College	University of Missouri
Cornell College	Saint Mary's College of California	University of New Hampshire
Dallas Baptist University	Sam Houston State University	University of New Haven
Dallas College	Samford University	University of New Mexico
DePaul University	San Diego State University	University of North Carolina-Charlotte
Dominican University of California	Santa Clara University	University of North Texas
Drexel University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Oklahoma
East Carolina University	Sewanee: The University of the South	University of Pittsburgh
East Texas A&M University	Shenandoah University	University of Puget Sound
Elon University	Southern Methodist University	University of Redlands
Flagler College	Southern Nazarene University	University of San Diego
Florida Atlantic University	Southern New Hampshire University	University of San Francisco
Florida Southern College	Southwestern University	University of South Carolina
Fordham University	St. Edward's University	University of South Florida
Furman University	St. John's University	University of Southern California
George Mason University	Stanford University	University of Southern Maine
Georgia Southern University	Stephen F. Austin State University	University of Tulsa
Hampden-Sydney College	Syracuse University	University of Utah
Hardin-Simmons University	Tarleton State University	University of Washington
Harding University	Texas A&M University	University of Wisconsin
Hendrix College	Texas Christian University	University of Wyoming
High Point University	Texas State Technical College	University of the District of Columbia
Hofstra University	Texas State University	Utah State University
Houston Christian University	Texas Tech University	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Indiana University	Texas Woman's University	Washington & Jefferson College
Iowa State University	The New School	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Kansas State University	The University of Alabama	West Texas A&M University
King University	The University of Tampa	Western Colorado University
Longwood University	The University of Tennessee	Westminster University
Louisiana State University	The University of Texas at Austin	

## MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

2004-2005	<b>\$344,000</b>	2012-2013	<b>\$4,686,100</b>	2020-2021	<b>\$5,345,876</b>
2005-2006	<b>\$244,000</b>	2013-2014	<b>\$2,098,100</b>	2021-2022	<b>\$5,684,176</b>
2006-2007	<b>\$333,000</b>	2014-2015	<b>\$2,072,400</b>	2022-2023	<b>\$8,969,235</b>
2007-2008	<b>\$272,000</b>	2015-2016	<b>\$4,298,070</b>	2023-2024	<b>\$7,230,196</b>
2008-2009	<b>\$622,550</b>	2016-2017	<b>\$4,521,869</b>	2024-2025	<b>\$12,509,817</b>
2009-2010	<b>\$283,000</b>	2017-2018	<b>\$6,464,066</b>	2025-2026	<b>\$ 12,086,900</b>
2010-2011	<b>\$415,000</b>	2018-2019	<b>\$5,856,028</b>		
2011-2012	<b>\$936,000</b>	2019-2020	<b>\$4,483,064</b>		

## SHELTON NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



**First row, left to right:** Evan Rose, Tucker Weegar, Austin Tran, Cooper Graham, Brady Kuntz, Effie Maguire, Kiwi Corrigan, Rhett Breedlove, Charlie Wolf, Helena Sentell, Lauren Battaglia; **second row:** Carter Weisberg, Anthony Coppolino, Heston Dios, Annie Fulton, Jordan Williamson, Trilby Schmidt, Betsy Cochran, Sarah Menendez, Chloe Weiner, Paige Wood, Nicholas Raymond; **third row:** Hudson Ramsey, Ryan Gilger, Ford Jouvenal, Katy Rose Keesy, Caroline Elvebak, Lillian O'Rourke, Elinor David, Jane Hirschenberger, Tripp Moss, Addie Monfried, Isaac Emmett, Dylan Tompkins; **back row:** Ayden Derrick, Alex Anderson, Aidan Myles, Ivan Young, Liam Schaeffer, Alex Whitaker, Ja'ir Span, Brady Foster, Cade Bergus; **not pictured:** Isaac Kornbluth, Charlie Grovenstein, and Nathan Vitek.

### SENIOR MEMBERS

Alex Anderson	Heston Dios	Ford Jouvenal	Hudson Ramsey	Nathan Vitek
Lauren Battaglia	Caroline Elvebak	Katy Rose Keesy	Nicholas Raymond	Tucker Weegar
Cade Bergus	Isaac Emmett	Isaac Kornbluth	Evan Rose	Chloe Weiner
Rhett Breedlove	Brady Foster	Brady Kuntz	Liam Schaeffer	Carter Weisberg
Betsy Cochran	Annie Fulton	Effie Maguire	Trilby Schmidt	Alex Whitaker
Anthony Coppolino	Ryan Gilger	Sarah Menendez	Helena Sentell	Jordan Williamson
Kiwi Corrigan	Cooper Graham	Addie Monfried	Ja'ir Span	Charlie Wolf
Elinor David	Charlie Grovenstein	Aidan Myles	Dylan Tompkins	Paige Wood
Ayden Derrick	Jane Hirschenberger	Lillian O'Rourke	Austin Tran	Ivan Young



*The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character, and who have achieved a grade point average of 93 or higher. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921.*

# LOYALTY AWARD RECIPIENTS



**First row, left to right:** Austin Tran, Cooper Graham, Brady Kuntz, Cooper Harris, Effie Maguire, Sarah Menendez; **second row:** Carter Weisberg, Xavier Kunovich, Drew Metrailler, Tyler Miller, Kate Priest, Tripp Moss; **third row:** Oliver Adams-Davis, Alex Anderson, Ryan Gilger, Heston Dios, Brock Rogers, Katy Rose Keesy, Lillian O'Rourk; **fourth row:** Ford Jouvenal, Caroline Elvebak, Zoya Ukani, Trilby Schmidt; **fifth row:** Nathan Vitek, Aidan Myles, Piper Grzych, Liam Schaeffer, Alex Whitaker.

The Loyalty Award is given to seniors who have attended Shelton for 10 years or more.

## 10 Years

Kate Priest  
Zoya Ukani

## 11 Years

Oliver Adams-Davis  
Ryan Gilger  
Katy Rose Keesy  
Effie Maguire  
Drew Metrailler  
Tyler Miller  
Tripp Moss  
Trilby Schmidt  
Austin Tran  
Carter Weisberg

## 12 Years

Alex Anderson  
Ford Jouvenal  
Xavier Kunovich  
Brady Kuntz  
Sarah Menendez  
Aidan Myles

## 13 Years

Heston Dios  
Cooper Graham  
Nathan Vitek  
Alex Whitaker

## 14 Years

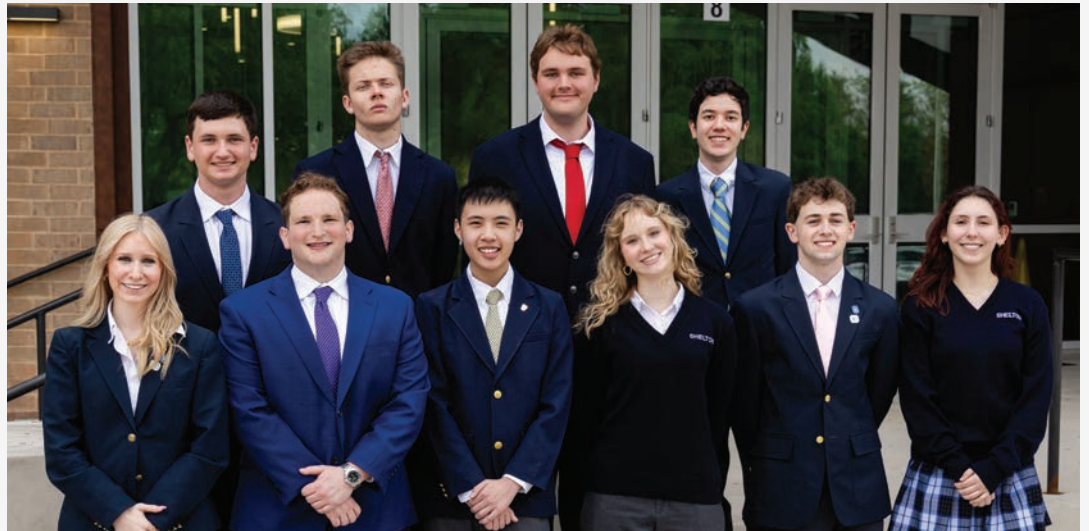
Caroline Elvebak  
Brock Rogers

## 15 Years

Piper Grzych  
Cooper Harris  
Lillian O'Rourk  
Liam Schaeffer

# SHELTON TOP TEN GRADUATES

Congratulations to our Top Ten seniors! We are proud of their dedication and academic success. Our Top Ten graduates will wear a blue and white cord with their cap and gown.



**First row, left to right:** Lauren Battaglia, Brady Kuntz, Austin Tran, Trilby Schmidt, Carter Weisberg, Chloe Weiner; **second row, from left:** Anthony Coppolino, Cade Bergus, Liam Schaeffer and Charlie Grovenstein.



**Trilby Schmidt**  
*Valedictorian*

College plans: Stanford University, majoring in Political Science and Philosophy



**Liam Schaeffer**  
*Salutatorian*

College plans: The University of Texas-Austin, majoring in Computer Science



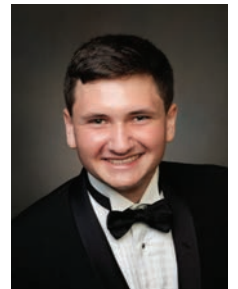
**Lauren Battaglia**

College plans: Texas Christian University, majoring in Psychology



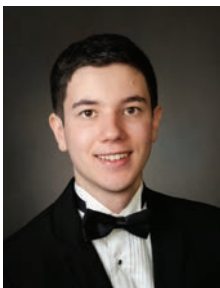
**Cade Bergus**

College plans: Texas Christian University Honors College, majoring in Biochemistry



**Anthony Coppolino**

College plans: University of Arkansas, majoring in Mechanical Engineering



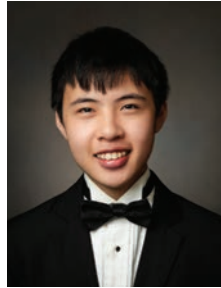
**Charlie Grovenstein**

College plans: Purdue University, majoring in Nuclear Engineering



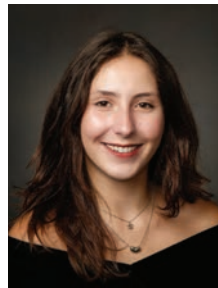
**Brady Kuntz**

College plans: Indiana University, majoring in Music Business



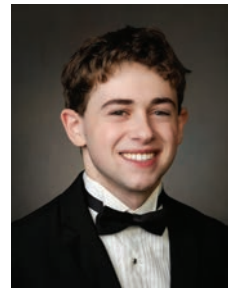
**Austin Tran**

College plans: Carnegie Mellon University, majoring in Math



**Chloe Weiner**

College plans: Northeastern University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering



**Carter Weisberg**

College plans: University of California, Los Angeles, majoring in Business Economics

# AWARD OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS

The Award of Excellence recognizes students who have shown a generosity of spirit and have consistently helped fellow students and teachers. These recipients exhibit excellence in their schoolwork, attitudes, choices and support of others. They have also fulfilled their academic responsibilities and have not received any behavior detentions during the nine-week period.

## 2025-2026 Award of Excellence Recipients

Caroline Elvebak	Helena Sentell
Isaac Emmett	Austin Tran
Caden Evans	Luke Vannuccini
Piper Grzych	Nathan Vitek
Xavier Kunovich	Catherine Visconsi
Effie Maguire	Alexander Whitaker
Jack Plankinton	Kat Williams
Nicholas Raymond	Paige Wood

# SHELTON PRIDE RECIPIENTS

The Shelton PRIDE awards are given each quarter to students who exemplify qualities that make us Shelton proud. These qualities include Perseverance, Respect, Inspiration, Dedication and Enthusiasm.

## Perseverance

Caroline Elvebak  
Cooper Graham  
Jackson LeLash  
Zachary Schachter

## Respect

Chris Del Core  
Richard Goree  
Eliot Holland  
Aidan Myles

## Inspiration

Elinor David  
Drew Metrailler  
Arwen Peña  
Payton Siena Rudisill

## Dedication

Ayden Derrick  
Brady Foster  
Ryan Gilger  
Alex Whitaker

## Enthusiasm

Ethan Blum  
Isabella Kruger  
Grafton Robinson  
Jordan Williamson

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2025-2026



**Seated, from left to right:** William Rapier, Stephane Dean, Bharat Sundaram, Diane Byrd, Bill Corrigan and Rachel Rucker-Schmidt; **standing:** Jennifer Cox, Leon Kaplan, Renee Jansen, Tim Harrigan, Celeste Zuch, Paul Neubach, Jim Mitchell, Sandy Crosland, Win Bell, Suzanne Stell, Chase Evans, John Newby, Holly Vitullo, Jennifer Dix, Boots Reeder, Christine Danuser, Cory Whitaker, Heather Hunt Graham, Gary Webb, David Helffrich, Kelly Van Den Handel, Janice Ryan, Ira Matsil, Clifford Hahne.

### Executive Committee

- John Newby . . . . . Chairman of the Board
- Teresa L. West. . . . . Vice Chair
- Gary Webb . . . . . Chairman Emeritus
- Suzanne Stell . . . . . Executive Director/CEO
- Holly Vitullo . . . . . Secretary
- Kelly Van Den Handel\* . . . . . Treasurer

- Greg Delagi
- Leon Kaplan
- Paul Neubach, M.D.
- James (Boots) Reeder
- Jennifer Dix, Ph.D.
- Chase Evans

*\*Ex-officio member*

### Members

- Edwin S. Bell
- Diane Byrd
- Keith Conlon
- Bill Corrigan
- Jennifer Cox
- Sandy Crosland
- Charles G. Dannis
- Christine Danuser
- Stephanie Dean
- Greg Delagi
- Jennifer Dix, Ph.D.
- Chase Evans
- Holt Foster
- Heather Hunt Graham
- Clifford Hahne
- Tim Harrigan
- David T. Helffrich, Jr.
- Taylor Hunt
- Renee Jansen
- Leon Kaplan
- Shanon J. Leonard
- Ira Matsil
- David F. Martineau
- Chase Miller
- Jim Mitchell
- Paul Neubach, M.D.
- John Newby
- Sam Paulos
- William F. Rapier
- James (Boots) Reeder
- Chuck Rubin
- Rachel Rucker-Schmidt, M.D.
- Janice C. Ryan
- Suzanne Stell
- Bharat Sundaram
- Holly Vitullo
- Gary L. Webb
- Teresa L. West
- Cory Whitaker
- Celeste Zuch



## SHELTON SCHOOL ALMA MATER

Shelton School, we sing to you  
And lift our voices high.  
We'll take to heart the things you've taught  
And use them throughout life.

Our faith and hope will see us through  
As we go our separate ways.  
And there'll always be fond memories  
Of our Shelton days.

*~ James Larry Thompson*

### The Charger Stampede

Cheer, cheer for the Shelton Chargers,  
Here to play with all our might!  
Chargers, we will fight and strive,  
And win for the Blue and White!  
Fight, fight, fight!  
We are on our way to triumph,  
Let the victory bell ring!  
Let us now unite,  
Set victory in our sight,  
And with our voices sing!  
Go Blue! Go White!  
Let's go, Chargers—  
Fight, fight, fight!

## SHELTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Shelton Alumni Association welcomes the graduates of 2026 as its newest class of members. The purpose of the Alumni Association is to encourage the interest and loyalty of alumni of Shelton School and foster connections between alumni and the school. The Association's goals are to support and help further Shelton's mission and vision statements.

We hope that you will stay connected, renew old friendships, begin new ones and get involved. For more alumni information, visit [www.shelton.org/alumni](http://www.shelton.org/alumni) or the Shelton School of Dallas Alumni group on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. Be sure to tell us about your accomplishments by emailing [sheltonalumni@shelton.org](mailto:sheltonalumni@shelton.org).

## *Mission Statement*

Shelton  
on a mission  
a school and resource center dedicated to  
~ making a difference ~  
by serving and empowering the lives of  
~ students who learn differently ~  
Because Not All Great Minds Think Alike

## *Vision Statement*

THE VISION  
~ a world model in education ~  
of  
~ individuals who learn differently ~  
through  
Education  
Evaluation  
Therapy  
Research  
and Outreach

# CLASS of 2026



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