

Bismarck High School Honors and Awards 2025-2026



CONGRATULATIONS to the following students and staff for their outstanding accomplishments this year!!

September

Homecoming Court:

Jilian Quale	Escorted by	Grady Christensen
Jordyn Rood	Escorted by	Brennan Greff
Opal Sorenson	Escorted by	Tristan Schulz
Shae Wegge	Escorted by	Deegan Staudinger

2025-26 Bismarck High Homecoming Queen & King

Grace Ellertson Escorted by **Peyton Weisz**

- Each month staff recognized those students who are positive role models.
Students of the Quarter:
 - 9th = **Saylor Greff, Vladyslava Tomashchuk, Porter Gasper, Keyton Murcra**
 - 10th = **Bree Bull Bear, Ayana Gill**
 - 11th = **Jazeal Shearry, Ellie Rensch, Mataya Thompson, Telsia Schily**
 - 12th = **Emma Chumley, Hunter Silbernagel**

October

- BHS's two Envirothon teams took 1st and 2nd place at the regional competition at the North Dakota Game and Fish. Both teams will be competing in the State Competition this Spring. Congratulations:
 - **Anna Armstrong, Madeline Chouinard, Ben Eiseman, Andrew Helbling, Sienna Huber, Emily Nicolai, Seth Peterson, Adam Peterson, Chase Schmidt, and Crew Schmidt**
- Congratulations 2025 NDHSAA Class A Boys Cross Country Team State Champs!!!!
- 2025 Class A Boys Cross Country State Champ – **Owen Hintz!!** – Also was 2025 Senior Powerade Cross-Country Athlete of the Year - State of ND
- Congratulations to Boys Cross Country 2025-26 All State recipients: **Miles Hanson, Owen Hintz, Kyler Lorass, Austin Wick, and Jacob Windsor**
- 2025 Girls Cross Country All-WDA: **Hannah Hintz, Nora Traynor, Izzy Dahl**
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Students of the Quarter:
 - 9th = **Estella Johnson, Hannah Hintz**
 - 10th = **Avery Heid, Jaedyn Stewart**
 - 11th = **Isabella Owens, Grace Neumann**
 - 12th = **Molly Subart, David Magembe**

November

- Congratulations to AAA Football 2025-26 All State recipients: **Elijah Heupel, Kaden Heupel, Weston Scott, Deegan Staudinger**
- Girls Swimming & Diving 2025-26 All State recipients: **Ellie DeForest & Madeline VerDouw**
- Congratulations to Class AA Volleyball 2025-26 All State recipients: **Jordyn Rood and Aspen Roaldson**

Congratulations Girls Swim & Dive – Recap of state from Coach Poppe:

Prelims on Friday kicked off our weekend with some great performances. Our Bismarck High girls swam exceptionally in their individual events, with **Dani Wescott** and **Morgan Kerzman** getting lifetime best times in the 100 Freestyle. Dani also gave a lifetime best swim in the 100 Backstroke.

Prelims also gave us a 2nd-place entry into Finals for our diver, **Ellie DeForest**.

Finals on Saturday were even better. The meet started with the 200 Medley Relay, where **Morgan Kerzman** finished it out with yet another lifetime best 50 Freestyle split.

Morgan was our only BHS student swimming in an individual event in Finals and achieved 14th place finish in her 50 Freestyle.

Ellie DeForest battled for first with a diver from Minot throughout the meet, and ended up achieving a championship title, breaking her own team record!

Our two other relays marked some incredible swims and finishes. In the 200 Free Relay, we went into the event ranked 7th and ended up on the podium with a 4th place finish, thanks to **Dani Wescott**, Aria Eberle (Wachter), **Morgan Kerzman**, and Maddie VerDouw (St. Mary's High). Our 400 Free Relay ended up securing our team 4 points with a 15th place finish, led by **Dani Wescott** swimming a NEW lifetime record. She was followed by Aria Eberle (Wachter), Kennedy Ness (Wachter), and our senior athlete **Jocelyn Jahner**.

BHS ended the meet in 10th place out of 17 teams, beating several teams of about the same size.

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Students of the Quarter:

- 9th = **Lily Owens, Diane Carter**
- 10th = **Feather Echo-Hawk, Arielle Hassebrock, Laila Nehls, Nya Davis**
- 11th = **Alexandra Koch, Deacon Sabot**
- 12th = **Jilian Quale, Aspen Roaldson**

December

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Students of the Quarter:

- 9th = **Amya Quick Bear, Maribeth Lopez-Castro**
- 10th = **Braxton Dutchuk, Anja Leftwich**
- 11th = **Emma Vukelich, Madalynn Fitterer**
- 12th = **Grant Bieber, Alexander Eckroth**

January

- Congratulations to **Maddie Vick**, our school champion for Poetry Out Loud this year! She will head to the state competition on February. Others that also placed:
 - 2nd place - **Lillian Makeef-Stetson**
 - 3rd place - **August Fries**

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Students of the Quarter:

- 9th = **Taylor Brunner, Hudson Ness, Makenna Petron**
- 10th = **Alek Livengood, Markus Delonais**
- 11th = **Mia Bull Bear, Zachary Tschosik**
- 12th = **Madison Vick, Jordyn Rood**

February

- The North Dakota Academic All-State Teams for 2026 are: **Anna Armstrong, Owen Hintz** (Gold Team), **Alexander Eckroth** (Silver Team). Honorable Mention **Maxwell Chouinard, Grayson Grinaker, Maya Haider, Kyler Loraas, Wyatt Kostecky, Ethan Tena, Spencer Ziegler**. Congratulations!

- Madison Vick** placed 4th at the Poetry Out Loud state competition!

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Students of the Quarter:

- 9th = **Colson Gunhammer, Andrew Helbling**
- 10th = **Rose Silbernagel, Berkley Schettler**
- 11th = **Ava Davis, Zachary Pieske**
- 12th = **Jessica Burkel, Tristan Schulz**

March

- Congratulations to BHS DECA on achieving the Thrive level for chapter campaigns at the state competition.
 - Individual and team winners include
 - Alyssa Hedden** - 2nd in Accounting Applications
 - Quinn Roberson** - 3rd in Independent Business Plan
 - Edward Stoeckel** - 3rd in Principles of Finance
 - Alex Eckroth & Michael Wetzstein** - 2nd in Franchise Business Plan
 - Ethan Tena & Nathan Tena** - 2nd in Financial Services Team
 - Haakon Suelzle & David Bettenhausen** - 5th in Entrepreneurship Decision Making
- Congratulations to BHS Boys WDA Champions!!!!
- Jordan Wilhelm** is 2026 WDA Coach of the Year!!!! AND NDHSCA State Coach of the year. Well deserved Coach Wilhelm!!!
- Super proud of our BHS HOSA students as they competed in the state competition! Congratulations to the following state placers:
 - Reese Hoerner**- CHAMPION- Dental Terminology and CHAMPION- Epidemiology
 - Chase Tescher**- 2nd place Biomedical Technician
 - Edward Stoeckel and Alyssa Hedden** - 2nd Place CPR/First Aid
 - Sophia Schneider** - 3rd place Home Health Aide
 - Carter Reardon**- 2nd place Pathophysiology and 3rd place Medical Math
 - Bethany Just and Ava Davis** - 2nd place Forensic Science
 - Andrew Helbling** - 2nd place Respiratory Therapy
 - Alyssa Hedden, William Roloff, Edward Stoeckel and Andrew Helbling** - 3rd place HOSA Bowl
- 2025-26 All State AA Boys Basketball:
 - First Team: **Artie Carlow**
 - Second Team: **Khaliq Austin, Weston Scott**

- NDHSCA Outstanding Senior Athlete Award – **Artie Carlow**
- Congratulations to **Vincent Schaff** on placing 3rd in the State Scholastic Chess Tournament
- **Alyssa Hedden** Selected as National Youth Delegate for Prestigious Conference at George Mason University

Alyssa Hedden, a student at Bismarck High School (Bismarck, ND, US), has been selected to represent Bismarck, ND as a National Youth Delegate to the 2026 Washington Youth Summit on the Environment at George Mason University.

Hedden joins a select group of students from across the country to participate in an intensive, week-long study of leadership in environmental science and conservation. Hedden was chosen based on academic accomplishments and a demonstrated interest and excellence in leadership in the sciences and conservation studies. George Mason University along with partner, the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology.

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Students of the Quarter:

- 9th = **Beau Meckle, Sawyer Schettler**
- 10th = **Ethyn Nagel, Sam Ness**
- 11th = **Bethany Just, Julia Araujo**
- 12th = **Tegen McCrory, Chase Schmidt**

April

- Congrats to our ND State FCCLA STAR Event Competitors! **Jilian Quale** earned Gold medal in Career Investigation and **Peyton Schuh** earned Silver in Teaching Strategies. So proud of our members!
- Congratulations **Jordyn Rood** - Female Athlete of the Year for BPS!!!
- Those students who have had perfect attendance during the 2025-26 school year: **Tessa Anton, Anthony Cadotte, Gianna Eberle, Charley Fink, Robert Jorgenson, James Klemmer, Oliver Krein, Henry Larson, Samantha Manaloto, Liam Ressler, Zachary Tschosik, Spencer Ziegler**
 - **Kylee Jessen** had perfect attendance her entire high school years!!!
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Students of the Quarter:

- 9th = **Grace Peterson, Ella Rick**
- 10th = **Hailee Smykowski, Brady Prokop**
- 11th = **Elijah Franklin, Seth Peterson**
- 12th = **Reese Dever, Preston Benz**
- **Taleyah Bass** is this year's Most Improved Student. This award is given to the BHS senior who has improved his/her GPA the most from freshman to senior year. Taleyah worked hard to improve every year and ended her BHS journey with this very special award.
- Congratulations to **William Roloff** on finishing in a 1st place tie in the South Feeder School Chess Tournament!

May

- Congratulations BHS Baseball for finishing at 6th place in state
 - All-WDA: **Drew Taylor** and **Gage Gronberg**
 - **Aidan Rakowski** was all-WDA and all-state

2026 Superlatives

Stay-at-Home Dad: Tristan Schulz
Stay-at-Home Mom: Opal Sorenson
Class Mom: Elizabeth Schuh
Class Dad: Peyton Weisz
Most Athletic (girl): Jilian Quale
Most Athletic (boy): Deegan Staudinger
Class Clown (girl): Rose Bukuru
Class Clown (boy): Rabona Butoto
Class Heartthrob (girl): Gabriela Garcia
Class Heartthrob (boy): Harper Glanville
Most Demon Pride (girl): Elizabeth Schuh
Most Demon Pride (boy): Jeffery Moore
Best Style (girl): Aila Silbernagel
Best Style (boy): Jeremiah Selas
Best Smile (girl): Janiya Silha
Best Smile (boy): Drew Taylor
Best Hair (Girl): Opal Sorenson
Best Hair (Boy): Jeremiah Selas
Best Eyes (Girl): Renee Biederstedt
Best Eyes (Boy): Brady Vogel
Worst Case of Senioritis (girl): Aubrey Wetzel
Worst Case of Senioritis (boy): Jordan Davis
Best Glow-Up (girl): Janiya Silha
Best Glow-Up (boy): Aiden Jalbert
Biggest Flirt (girl): Sophia Swagger
Biggest Flirt (boy): Alejandro Lugo
Drama Queen: Olivia Tavares
Drama King: Duot Panchol
Be On The Cover of Vogue: Aila Silbernagel
Be Famous: Kyle Schlobohm
Marry Someone Famous: Teneal Nygaard
Be a Professional Gamer: Gage Gronberg
Heart of Gold: Grace Ellertson
Cure Cancer: Anna Armstrong
Be Late to Graduation: Rabona Butoto
Life of the Party: Peyton Weisz
Most Photogenic: Shae Wegge
Best Shoe Game: Maddie VanderLinden
Best Laugh: Emilee Zahn
Win the Lottery but Lose the Ticket: Phoenix Pickle Heim
Travel the World: Kinzie Zahn
Best Car: Parker Gabriel
Win a Nobel Peace Prize: Anna Armstrong
Best Social Media Page: Allison Boeckel
Become a Billionaire: Andrew Kopseng
Late Night Talk Show Host: Kyle Schlobohm
Most Gullible: Quintin Chapman
Get ID'd at Age 30: Paxton Olsen
Be a Social Media Influencer: Sunny Mattern
Class Couple: Kaden Heupel and Madison Vick
Class Best Friends: Shae Wegge, Jilian Quale, and Brooklyn Johs

Class Bromance: Aidan Rakowski and Tristan Schulz
Be President: Drew Taylor
Win America's Got Talent: Lucas Farstad
Become A Meme: Mason Seefeld

Congratulations to the 2026 Class Valedictorians:

Brynn Anderson, Anna Armstrong, Renee Biederstedt, Braxton Buechler, Taylor Cavett, Maxwell Chouinard, Emma Chumley, Sophie Lynn DePriest, Reese Dever, Gianna Eberle, Alexander Eckroth, Grayson Grinaker, Maya Haider, Owen Hintz, Emma Hoffert, Mason Hopfauf, Aiden Jalbert, Rylee Jalbert, Kylee Jessen, Brooklyn Johs, Tysen Jose, Bailey Kautzman, Aubrey Kleser, Wyatt Kostelecky, Ella Krueger, Kyler Loraas, Taylor Mayer, Molly McIntyre, Landon Meier, Mason Mosset, Kambree Neumiller, Paige Njos, Jilian Quale, Aidan Rakowski, Aspen Roaldson, Quinn Roberson, Jordyn Rood, Kyle Schlobohm, Chase Schmidt, Jorden Sherwin, Elizabeth Sikes, Opal Sorenson, Addison Stiefel, Drew Taylor, Brady Vogel, Spencer Ziegler

Valedictorian is determined by the student's GPA. The above students have a 4.0 or higher GPA. AMAZING!!!!

Below are Students of Highest Distinction. These are students who have a 3.75-3.99 GPA.

Sydney Beach, Jamie Bean, Theodore Bergstad, Grady Christensen, Willow Davis, Ellie DeForest, Levi Ehrlich, Grace Ellertson, Catherine Farrell, Tate Fischer, Tanner Frieze, Aaron Gawryluk-O'Shea, Harper Glanville, Tiernan Glass, Brennan Greff, Gage Gronberg, Izabella Haney, Elijah Heupel, Kaden Heupel, Locus Hona, Camryn Huntley, Elias Johnson, Alannah Kemmis, Ellee Koch, William Martin, Madison Minter, Isaac Moser, Reagan Neumiller, Paul Pena-Bautista, Bryce Pennington, Jaden Sayler, Joshua Schmidt, Addyson Schriock, Elizabeth Schuh, Tristan Schulz, Kobe St. Aubin, Drew Teddick, Ethan Tena, Nathan Tena, Maddie VanderLinden, Madison Vick, Kate Volk, Shae Wegge, Bosten Welle, Austin Wick, Phutthipong Yongklang

KFYR Best of the Class. This is based off 4.0 GPA and a 28 or higher score on the ACT.

Anna Armstrong, Maxwell Chouinard, Emma Chumley, Sophie Lynn DePriest, Alexander Eckroth, Grayson Grinaker, Maya Haider, Owen Hintz, Bailey Kautzman, Wyatt Kostelecky, Ella Krueger, Kyler Loraas, Kyle Schlobohm, Spencer Ziegler

2026 Presidential Award Recipients –

Seniors who have maintained a 3.5 or higher-grade point average and have scored in the 85th percentile or higher in reading or math on a standardized test are considered a member of this program.

Brynn Anderson, Anna Armstrong, Caden Becker, Braxton Buechler, Maxwell Chouinard, Emma Chumley, Jonas Crouse, Sophie Lynn DePriest, Reese Dever, Gianna Eberle, Alexander Eckroth, Grace Ellertson, Aaron Gawryluk-O'Shea, Tiernan Glass, Brennan Greff, Grayson Grinaker, Maya Haider, Travis Harper, Owen Hintz, Aiden Jalbert, Rylee Jalbert, Elias Johnson, Tysen Jose, Bailey Kautzman, Alannah Kemmis, Aubrey Kleser, Wyatt Kostelecky, Ella Krueger, Kyler Loraas, William Martin, Molly McIntyre, Mason Mosset, Jilian Quale, Aspen Roaldson, Quinn Roberson, Jordyn Rood, Kyle Schlobohm, Joshua Schmidt, Elizabeth Schuh, Tristan Schulz, Elizabeth Sikes, Drew Taylor, Ethan Tena, Nathan Tena, Brady Vogel, Bosten Welle, Spencer Ziegler



We apologize if there are other achievements that were inadvertently left off this list. If you'd like to be added please send an email to cassie_bauer@bismarckschools.org