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Owatonna High School Student Commencement Speakers Named

Owatonna, MN—Owatonna High School announces Lauren Packard and Harper Shives will serve as the student speakers for the 2026 Owatonna High School Commencement on Friday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m., at Federated Field, Owatonna High School Stadium.

Lauren Packard, daughter of James and Sara Packard, has been involved in track and field, National Honor Society (president), Thriving Minds, SHOC (Students Helping Others Choose), Student Council, choir, band, Carolers, theater, Rotary, and Big Brothers Big Sisters. She is an athletic training student assistant and serves at her church on the worship team. Lauren plans to attend the University of Minnesota - Duluth to pursue a degree in health and physical education.

Harper Shives, daughter of Monte and Polly Shives, has been involved in girls' tennis, clay target, National Honor Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters, SHOC and Exchange Club. Her future plans are to attend Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD, and major in nursing with a minor in American Sign Language.

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