

Congratulations

CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATES



GROTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL, GROTON, SOUTH DAKOTA



Back Left to Right: Nick Morris, Korbin Kucker, Jaeger Kampa, Logan Pearson, Kaden Kampa, Christian Ehresmann, Christopher Schwab, Blake Dennert, Aiden Heathcote. 4th row left to right: Teylor Diegel, Turner Thompson, Diego Nava, Blake Pauli, Brevin Fliehs, Kellen Antonson, Drew Thurston, Karsten Jescke, Riley Carmen. 3rd row left to right: Rebecca Poor, Jeslyn Kosel, Ashlyn Feser, Axel Warrington, Corbin Weismantel, Carter Simon, Caden McInerney, Carson Herrick. 2nd row left to right: Kennedy Hansen, Ashley Johnson, Abby Yeadon, Gretchen Dinger, Emma Kutter, Elizabeth Fliehs, Kayla Lehr, Karrah-Jo Johnson, Payton Mitchell. Front row left to right: Karlie McKane, Emma Bahr, Laila Roberts, Faith Traphagen, Brooklyn Hansen, Emily Overacker, Kayleigh McGannon, Chezney Williamson



Superintendent Joe Schwan gave the welcome at the GHS Commencement.



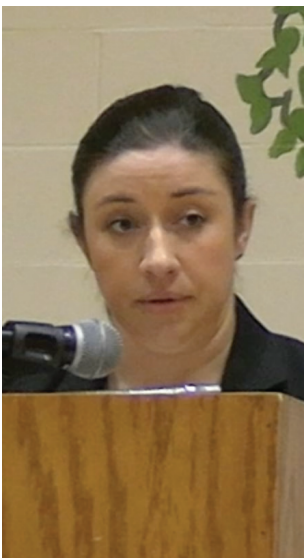
The GHS Band performed at the graduation ceremony. This was the last time Desiree Yeigh directed the band at Groton Area.



Elizabeth Fliehs and Faith Traphagen were the senior speakers.



Grant Rix, president of the Groton Area Board of Education, recognized two individuals at the graduation ceremony. The first was Rita Kampa who has worked in the district since 2017. The other was Deb Gengerke who served on the Groton Area School Board for nine years including three years as board president.



Groton Area High School Principal Shelby Edwards read the scholarship winners.



The seniors celebrated with the release of confetti at the end of the ceremony.



Axel John Warrington
with Highest Honor

Parents: Amy and Neil Warrington

Hometown: Groton

Siblings: Natalia-17 Novalea-14, Ayce-12, Aschar-10

Hobbies: Spending time with family and friends, reading, biking, camping, traveling

School/Community Activities: Robotics, show choir, chamber choir, drumline, flex band, Luther League, Dairy Queen employee

Favorite High School Memory: My favorite high school memory was traveling to Council Bluffs, Iowa for a Senior robotics trip.

Future Plans: I will attend South Dakota School of Mines and Technology for computer science/engineering

Awards: Tri-M Music Honor Society, National Honors Society Member, South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship, Groton Chamber Scholarship, Boy's State Representative, 2025 Bob Peterson Memorial, Telecommunications Scholarship, South Dakota Regent Scholars Diploma, Principal Four Year Honor Roll, Groton Lion's Scholarship, Groton's Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, STEM Scholarship, Enrich Groton SD Inc. Scholarship, South Dakota School of Mines "Miner Scholar", Edna Bugner Memorial Scholarship, Groton Area Class of 1969 Scholarship, President's Award for Educational Excellence.



Gretchen Elizabeth Dinger
with Highest Honor

Parents: Weston and Emily Dinger, Elizabeth and Brian Bahr

Hometown: Groton

Siblings: Jackson Dinger-20, Arianna Dinger-14, Roman Bahr-8, Rowen Bahr-7

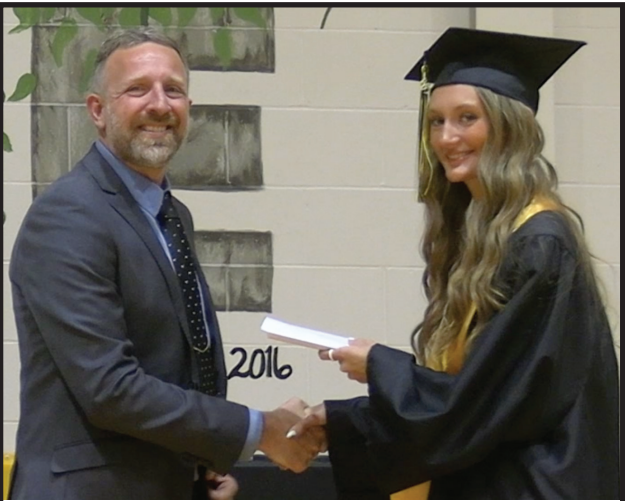
Hobbies: reading, playing flute, going to the lake, hanging out with friends

School/Community Activities: soccer, FCCLA, HOSA, Luther League, Dynamics Dance Team, Volleyball, team manager, Snow Queen

Favorite High School Memory: My favorite memory is participating in all of the homecoming activities like shirt decorating, dressing up, and the parade and jungle days.

Future Plans: My plans are to go to the University of Texas at Dallas and major in biology/pre-med to become a doctor.

Awards: Tri-M Music Honor Society, National Honors Society Member, Groton Chamber Scholarship, South Dakota Regent Scholars Diploma, Principal Four Year Honor Roll, Class of 1982 Scholarship, Gwendolyn O'Connor Broman Memorial Scholarship, Groton's Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, Wilfred N. and Lucille A. Heinz Memorial scholarship, Dakota News Now Scholar of the week, President's Award for Educational Excellence, Groton Fire and Rescue scholarship, John Philip Sousa Award, Shawn Weismantel-Kramer Scholarship, National Merit Scholarship, University of Texas at Dallas National Merit Scholar Finalist Scholarship, Girls State Representative, Dennis K. & Shirley R. Larson Family Scholarship.



Faith Elizabeth Traphagen
with Highest Honor

Parents: Trent and Heather Traphagen

Hometown: Aberdeen

Siblings: Tristan-22, Gracie-20, Taryn-15, Taylynn-12, Aubrie-7, Collins-7, Beau-5

Hobbies: running, long bike rides, hanging out with friends and family, going to the lake, and watching the sunset

School/Community Activities: soccer, cross country, volleyball, basketball, track, HOSA, FCCLA, student body, and National Honors Society

Favorite high School Memory: state events for sports (soccer championship twice and state track meet three times)

Future Plans: Attend University of Sioux Falls and major in biology. I also plan to attend med-school in the future.

Awards: UCC Scholarship, National Honors Society Member, Loretta Abeln Memorial PEO Scholarship, Chapter AC, South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship, Girls State Representative, University of Sioux Falls Presidential Scholarship, University of Sioux Falls Endowed Scholarship, Hanson Scholarship, South Dakota Regent Scholars Diploma, Principal Four Year Honor Roll, Beck Memorial Scholarship, Columbia American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship, Groton Lion's Scholarship, Elizabeth Ann Seton Scholarship, Hopps Dow Scholarship, Cortland & Lois Kuehnert Financial Need Scholarship, Dennis K. & Shirley R. Larson Family Scholarship, President's Award for Educational Excellence.

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Class of 1969 Scholarship

Tom Mahan, Kennedy Hansen, Emma Kutter, Kayla Lehr, Axel Warrington, Brevin Fliehs, Jerry Schley, Tom Heinz



Groton Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

Karen Babcock, April Abeln, Gretchen Dinger, Emma Kutter, Axel Warrington, Ashley Bentz



Columbia American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship

Payton Mitchell, Blake Pauli, Cara Dennert, Ashley Johnson, Faith Traphagen. Also getting a scholarship is Alicia Davis of Aberdeen Christian.



Elizabeth Nicole Fliehs with Highest Honor

Parents: Jeff and Bridget Fliehs

Hometown: Groton

Siblings: Madeline Fliehs-21, Zach Fliehs-15, Sophia Fliehs-13

Hobbies: surfing, cleaning, watching movies, hanging out at the lake, shopping with friends, working out

School/Community Activities: soccer, volleyball, track, FCCLA, HOSA, yearbook

Favorite High School Memory: making it to the state championship for soccer
Future Plans: attend SDSU to major in Human Biology and eventually pursue a career in the medical field

Awards: National Honors Society Member, South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship, Groton Area PAC Volunteer Scholarship, South Dakota Regent Scholars Diploma, Principal Student Service Award, Principal Four Year Honor Roll, South Dakota HOSA – Future Health Professional Scholarship, Dacotah Bank Scholarship, SDSU Yellow and Blue Scholarship, Jackrabbit Journey Dual Credit Scholarship, Hopps Dow Scholarship, President’s Award for Educational Excellence, FCCLA Service Award, Cortland & Lois Kuehnert Highest Honor Scholarship, Dennis K. & Shirley R. Larson Family Scholarship.



Payton Alexander Mithcell with Highest Honor

Parents: Corey and Jaime Mitchell

Hometown: Columbia, SD

Siblings: Paisley Mitchell-17

Hobbies: football, trap, shooting, underwater basket weaving, president of Groton Cheese Club

School/Community Activities: FFA, Volunteer Firefighter, reading the Groton Independent

Favorite High School Memory: Dolan hitting the flag pole

Future Plans: Going to NDSU for architecture or move to Nicaragua.

Awards: National Honor Society Member, South Dakota Regent Scholars Diploma, Principal Student Service Award, Principal Four Year Honor Roll, Columbia American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship, Don Bartz Scholarship, Boys State Representative, President’s Award for Educational Excellence, Groton Trap Club Scholarship.



Blake Scott Pauli with Honor

Parents: Brad and Michelle Pauli

Hometown: Columbia, SD

Siblings: Hailey Pauli-16

Hobbies: I enjoy watching/playing sports, hanging with friends, showing cattle, traveling, and working on the farm.

School/Community Activities: I participated in Basketball and Track and Field, along with being a member of the FFA and 4-H.

Favorite High School Memory: All the late nights of hanging out with friends and bus rides home after basketball or track. Making the state tournament for basket-ball 3 years is up there too.

Future Plans: I plan to attend South Dakota State University and major in agronomy.

Awards: South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship, South Dakota Regent Scholars Diploma, Principal Four Year Honor Roll, Jack and Helen Walter Memorial Scholarship, Dale D. Wolter Memorial Scholarship, Columbia American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship, SDSU Yellow and Blue Scholarship, President’s Award for Educational Excellence, Jackrabbit Journey Dual Credit Scholarship, Ruden Family Ag-Related Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Sammuli-Rix Scholarship, Barry Schuring Memorial Scholarship.



Class of 2025 principal Honor Roll

Front Row: Kennedy Hansen, Lalia Roberts

2nd Row: Gretchen Dinger, Kayla Lehr, Brooklyn Hansen, Elizabeth Fliehs, Faith Traphagen

3rd Row: Blake Pauli, Korbin Kucker, Brevin Fliehs, Payton Mitchell, Jeslyn Kosel

Back Row: Axel Warrington, Turner Thompson, Carter Simon, Emma Kutter



President’s Award for Educational Excellence

Front Row: Kennedy Hansen, Laila Roberts

2nd Row: Gretchen Dinger, Kayla Lehr, Brooklyn Hansen, Elizabeth Fliehs, Faith Traphagen

3rd Row: Diego Nava, Blake Pauli, Payton Mitchell, Emma Kutter, Jeslyn Kosel

Back Row: Chris Schwab, Kaden Kampa, Turner Thompson, Axel Warrington



Diego Eduardo Nava Remigio
with Honor

Parents: Eduardo Nava
Hometown: Groton
Siblings: Fernando Nava-13
Hobbies: Listen to music, read, play video games
Favorite High School Memory: prom and homecoming of my senior year
Future Plans: Attend college, follow microbiology career path, travel around the world, go where the wind takes me
Awards: Northern State University Wolf-Pact Scholarship, Northern State University Sanford Dean Scholarship, Northern State University Dacotah Bank Scholarship, Kay and David Donovan Scholarship, Pipestone: Our Family Scholarship, Cortland & Lois Kuehnert Honor Student Scholarship, President's Award for Educational Excellence.

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Laila Eliza Roberts
with Honor

Parents: Lisa Pray and Jason Roberts
Hometown: Groton, SD
Hobbies: hanging out with friends and family and watching tv and playing sports
School/Community Activities: Soccer, volleyball, track, FCCLA, FCS American Legion Auxiliary, youth soccer coach
Favorite High School Memory: making it to state soccer twice and state track three times
Future Plans: Attend NSU and major in Criminal Justice and Pre-Law
Awards: Northern State University Wolf-pact Scholarship, Northern State University Dual Credit Scholarship, SD Freedom Scholarship, Principal Four Year Honor Roll, Eastern Star Scholarship, Masonic Lodge Scholarship, President's Award for Educational Excellence.

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Kennedy Lynn Hansen
with Honor

Parents: Stacy and Craig Hansen
Hometown: Aberdeen, SD
Siblings: Brooklyn Hansen-18, Brayden Hansen-21
Hobbies: hanging out with friends and family, playing soccer and basketball, going to the lake, reading
School/Community Activities: Soccer, basketball, FCCLA, youth soccer coach, FCS
Favorite High School Memory: making it to state in soccer two years in row
Future Plans: Attend the University of Jamestown to major in Elementary Education and play soccer
Awards: National Honors Society Member, Groton Area Teaching Scholarship, University of Jamestown Deans Scholarship, University of Jamestown Women's Soccer Scholarship, University of Jamestown Distinguished Scholarship, Principal Four Year Honor Roll, Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarship, Rob Luecke Memorial Scholarship, Cortland & Lois Kuehnert Athletic Scholarship, Groton Area Class of 1969 Scholarship, President's Award for Educational Excellence.

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Emma Jean Kutter
with Honor

Parents: Carol McFarland-Kutter and Ryan Kutter
Hometown: Groton, SD
Siblings: Ian Kutter-14
Hobbies: play/ watch sports, hang out with family and friends, bake, read, and watch TikTok
School/Community Activities: volleyball, track, FCCLA, HOSA, and youth group
Favorite High School Memory: being a part of the student section
Future Plans: Attend Lake Area Technical College to pursue a degree in dental hygiene
Awards: Groton Chamber Scholarship, South Dakota Regent Scholars Diploma, Principal Four Year Honor Roll, South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship, Groton's Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, Renee McKiver Memorial Scholarship, Groton Area Class of 1969 Scholarship, Al & Vicki Strom Memorial Scholarship, Groton Fire and Rescue Scholarship, Girls State Representative, President's Award for Educational Excellence, Edna Bugner Memorial Scholarship

Mom is so proud of you, Emma!!
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Brooklyn Jane Hansen
with Honor

Parents: Stacy and Craig Hansen
Hometown: Aberdeen, SD
Siblings: Kennedy-18, Brayden Hansen-21
Hobbies: I enjoy soccer, basketball, going to the lake, coaching soccer, and hanging with friends and family
School/Community Activities: FCCLA, soccer, basketball, youth soccer coach
Favorite High School Memory: making it to state soccer 2 years in a row
Future Plans: I plan to attend Lake Area tech for Cosmetology
Awards: Cortland & Lois Kuehnert Technical School Scholarship, Class of 2025 principal Honor Roll, President's Award for Educational Excellence


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Kayla Marie Lehr
with Honor

Parents: Joan and Delwain Lehr
Hometown: Bath, SD
Siblings: Kody Lehr-21
Hobbies: my hobbies include playing sports, hanging out with friends, and enjoying nature
School/Community Activities: I have been active in 4-H, church youth group, sports, band, and FCCLA
Favorite High School Memory: My favorite high school memory includes homecoming, state soccer, Florida trip, and dressing up for game themes.
Future Plans: I plan to attend Lake Area Technical College for Dental Hygiene.
Awards: Stratford Community Theatre Scholarship, Principal Four Year Honor Roll, Groton Lion's Scholarship, Groton's Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship, Groton Area Class of 1969 Scholarship, Susan Deanne Weismantel Scholarship, President's Award for Educational Excellence

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Kaden Dwight Kampa with Honor

Parents: Tyler Kampa and Kelly Abeln

Hometown: Groton, SD

Hobbies: Dirt Track Racing, working on the farm, working on vehicles

School/Community Activities: FFA, Columbia Fest Car Show

Favorite High School Memory: When my restoration pickup started on fire in the school shop

Future Plans: Attend LATC for welding the return back to the farms

Awards: Boys State Representative President's Award for Educational Excellence

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Christopher Calvin Schwab with Honor

Parents: Carl and Louise Schwab

Siblings: John-25, Alex-24, Emily-23, Nick-20, Andrew-15, Lilly-13, Julia-9

Hobbies: fishing, fixing my pickup, horse riding, poker, gambling

School/Community Activities: wrestling

Favorite High School Memory: All the jokes told every Monday in Mr. Donley's class

Future Plans: my future plans are undecided

Award: President's Award for Educational Excellence.

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Turner James Thompson with Honor

Parents: June and Mark Thompson

Hometown: Groton

Siblings: Taryn Thompson-16, Taylor Thompson- 12

Hobbies: Basketball, trap, mounted shooting. FFA, 4H, shooting sports

School/Community Activities: FFA, 4H, basketball, trap

Favorite High School Memory: making the state tournament for basketball back to back years

Future Plans: I plan to attend SDSU for a Bachelor degrees in Accounting and a minor in agronomy

Awards: Stratford Community Theatre Scholarship, South Dakota Regent Scholars Diploma, Principal Four Year Honor Roll, SDSU Yellow and Blue Scholarship, Ruden Family Ag-Related Scholarship, Richard 'Dick' Voss Memorial Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, SDSU Alumni and Friends Scholarship, Groton Trap Club Scholarship, President's Award for Educational Excellence.

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Jeslyn Isabella Kosel with Honor

Parents: Paul and Tina Kosel

Hometown: Groton, SD

Sibling: Julianna Moll-21

Hobbies: puzzles, diamond arts, hanging out with friends and family, reading, hanging with my cats, driving around, and watching tv

School/Community Activities: DI-8 yrs, basketball-6 yrs, volleyball-8yrs, Band-8 yrs, Flex band, employed at DQ for - 3 yrs

Favorite High School Memory: Going on the band trip to Branson on my golden birthday

Future Plans: My future plans at the moment are undecided but I would like to travel.

Awards: Principal Four Year Honor Roll, President's Award for Educational Excellence.

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Logan Neal Pearson with Honor

Parents: Trish and Lucas Pearson

Hometown: Groton, SD

Siblings: Gracie Pearson-15

Hobbies: golf, hunt, fish, hanging out with friends and family

School/Community Activities: HOSA, youth group at AFA, picked up trash with school on main street and ditches

Favorite High School Memory: senior year state golf

Future Plans: Attend Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona for nursing and future for becoming a CRNA

Awards: Groton Lion's Scholarship, Grand Canyon University Dean Scholarship, Groton Community Fund Scholarship.



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Carter Joseph Simon with Honor

Parents: Jamie and Nick Simon

Hometown: Groton, SD

Siblings: Cole Simon-20, Lucas Simon-22, Alexia Simon-24

Hobbies: golfing, fishing, going to the lake, snowmobiling

School/Community Activities: golf, baseball

Favorite High School Memory: winning the Regional Championship my junior year of golf

Future Plans: Attend Northern State University for Business Administration

Awards: Big Idea Scholarship, South Dakota Regent Scholars Diploma, Principal Four Year Honor Roll, Northern State University WolfPact Scholarship, Northern State University Dual Credit Scholarship, Irvin and Janice Fliehs Family Scholarship.

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Kellen Robert Antonsen

Parents: Travis and Angela Antonsen

Hometown: Groton

Siblings: Kaleb Antonsen-20, Kolton Antonsen-14

Hobbies: hunting, fishing, hanging out with friends, going to the lake

School/Community Activities: baseball, football, FFA

Favorite High School Memory: beating Roncalli in double overtime in football

Future Plans: Attend SDSU for Precision Agriculture

Awards: SDSU Yellow and Blue Scholarship, Jackrabbit Journey Dual Credit Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Robert Schuring Memorial Scholarship

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Riley Allen Carman

Parents: Colleen Carman, Brian Carman

Hometown: Aberdeen

Sibling: Rob-29

Hobbies: fishing, hanging out with friends, and working

Favorite High School Memory: building the tiny home in shop class

Future Plans: Going to LATC for automotive technology program and eventually going to tech school.

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Teylor Hunter Diegel

Parents: Steve and late Becky Diegel

Hometown: Groton

Sibling: Treyton-24

Hobbies: baseball, basketball, football, hunting, fishing, gaming

School/Community Activities: football, basketball, baseball

Favorite High School Memory: football my freshman year when I scored on a punt return

Future Plans: I plan to attend Mitchell Tech for power construction and maintenance

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Emma Fay Bahr

Parents: Rachel Orr and Brian Bahr

Hometown: Bristol, SD

Siblings: Caroline-15

Hobbies: Special Olympics, babysitting, shopping, and spending time with my family and friends

School/Community Activities: FCCLA officer, special olympic bowling, cheerleading, and track

Favorite High School Memory: my teacher and classmates attending my special olympic activities

Future Plans: work in childcare

Award: FCCLA Service Award

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Blake Landon Dennert

Parents: Corey Dennert

Hometown: Columbia, SD

Siblings: Dreston Dennert-17, ReAnn Dennert-15

Hobbies: Underwater basket weaving and hobby horsing

School/Community Activities: FFA

Favorite High School Memory: waking up in the mornings

Future Plans: Go straight to working and hopefully go back to farm at our family

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Christian Michael Ehresmann

Parents: Chris and Kelsie Ehresmann

Hometown: Groton, SD

Siblings: Sebastian, Sierra, Brady, Drake, Bentley, Ruby

Hobbies: Hobby horsing

School/Community Activities: football, wrestling

Favorite High School Memory: Going to state wrestling

Future Plans: Go to Lake Area for Precision Ag.

Award: UCC Scholarship

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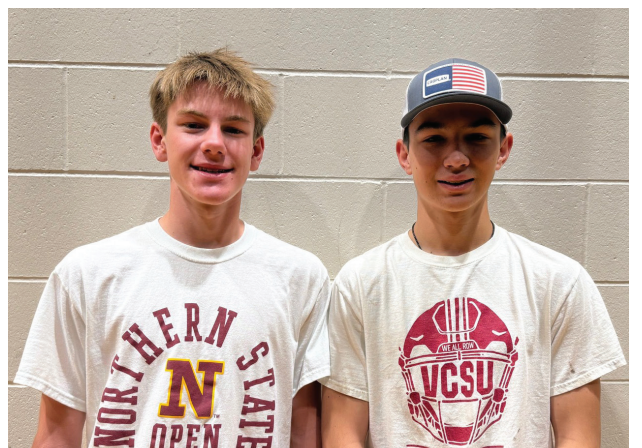


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Blake Pauli and Kellen Antonsen



Easten August Ekern

Parents: Kristi Zoellner, Jeff Ekern
Hometown: White, SD
Siblings: Rylen Ekern-14, Lukas Ekern-20
Hobbies: fishing, hunting
School/Community Activities: football
Favorite High School Memory: beating Roncalli in double overtime
Future Plans: Go to Lake Area to become a pilot
Awards: SD Boys State representative, Lake Area Technical College Merit Scholarship, Darlene Raap Memorial Scholarship

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Ashlyn Kay Feser

Parents: Jessica Feser and the late Thomas Feser
Hometown: Claremont, SD
Siblings: Mya-15
Hobbies: softball, show choir, singing, reading
School/Community Activities: show choir, high school concert choir, all state choir, and chamber choir
Favorite High School Memory: senior prom
Future Plans: Taking a gap year and then going to SouthEast Tech

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Brevin Patrick Fliehs

Parents: Jarod and Kristie
Siblings: Ashley and Megan
Hobbies: sports and going to the lake
School/Community Activities: football, golf, baseball, track
Future Plans: Attend NSU
Awards: Principal Four Year Honor Roll, Groton Lion's Scholarship, Northern State University WolfPact Scholarship, Northern State University Dual Credit Scholarship, Richard 'Dick' Voss Memorial Scholarship, Sammuli-Rix Scholarship, Groton Area Class of 1969 Scholarship


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Aiden A. Heathcote

Parents: Nicole, Matt, Javon, Laura
Hometown: Pierre
Siblings: Charli, Slayer, Aubrey, Asher
Hobbies: hunt
Favorite High School Memory: Kaden's fire
Award: Groton Fire and Rescue Scholarship

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Dennis K. & Shirley R. Larson Family Scholarship

Gretchen Dinger, Faith Traphagen, Elizabeth Fliehs



Carson Dale Herrick

Parents: Randy Herrick
Hometown: Bristol
Siblings: Maddie Herrick-14, Calliope Herrick-10
Hobbies: I like to go fishing, hunting, and snowmobiling. I also enjoy hanging out with friends.
School/Community Activities: I was part of Luther League for Bergen Lutheran Church doing community service in New Orleans. I was part of the football team in 9th grade.
Favorite High School Memory: my favorite memory is when our shop class built a house.
Future Plans: My future plans are to go to Lake Area for welding. After I plan to move for better paying employment.

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Karsten William Jeschke

Parents: Charity Hinman and Jeremy
Hometown: Aberdeen, SD
Hobbies: I like to go fishing and I play hockey and football
School/Community Activities: hockey and football
Future Plans: I plan on working and a year after school I am moving out of town
Award: Groton Fire and Rescue Scholarship

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Ashley Kay Johnson

Parents: Fred and Melanie Johnson

Hometown: Groton SD

Siblings: Aspen Johnson-20

Hobbies: hunting, fishing, being outdoors, anything National Guard Stuff

School/Community Activities: basketball/volleyball manager, track, FCCLA, FFA, Groton American Legion Post 39, SD Army National Guard

Favorite High School Memory: Attending 2024 State FFA

Future Plans: I plan on attending Lake Area Tech for Law Enforcement

Awards: South Dakota National Guard Federal Tuition Assistance, South Dakota National Guard State Tuition Assistance, South Dakota National Guard Montgomery GI Bill, Columbia American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship, Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship, Groton American Legion Scholarship, Groton Community Fund Scholarship, Day County Coyote Hunt Scholarship.

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Jaeger James Kampa

Parents: Scott/ Myndi Kampa

Hometown: Groton

Siblings: Tristan Kampa

Hobbies: being with friends, playing poker, working, golfing

School/Community Activities: football, trapshooting

Favorite High School Memory: being crowned homecoming king

Future Plans: Go to LATC for building trades, eventually own my own concrete business

Award: Groton Trap Club Scholarship

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Kayleigh Grace McGannon

Parents: Sarah Sigdestad and Travis McGannon

Siblings: Machine -21, Tanner-20, Dylan-16, Hudson-11

Future Plans: I am taking a gap year and then going to Lake Area for nursing.

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Caden John McInerney

Parents: Christina Mccomsey, Jason Mccomsey, Vance McInerney

Hometown: Groton, SD

Siblings: Kenzie McInerney, Kacie Mccomsey

Hobbies: I enjoy hanging out with friends and working on the farm

School/Community Activities: Some activities are football and i also enjoy working at Independent Ag

Favorite High School Memory: My favorite high-school memory is beating Roncalli and stopping them on the 1 yard line

Future Plans: I attend to do 2 years at Lake Area for Ag business, then come back and work.

Award: Groton's Emmanuel Lutheran Faith Forever Scholarship

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Karrah-Jo Marie Johnson

Parents: Jessica Anderson and Sam Furman

Hometown: Groton, SD

Siblings: Cameron Johnson-20, Xavier Ellenbecker-15, Kinzleigh Furman-13, Kay-Lynn Furman-9

Hobbies: reading, driving around, diamond art, spending time with family and friends

School/Community Activities: volleyball (freshman only) FFA (freshman through senior)

Favorite High School Memory: National FFA convention

Future Plans: Attend Iowa State majoring in animal science w/ pre-vet path.

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Korbin Christopher Kucker

Parents: Chris and Amy Kucker

Hometown: Groton

Siblings: Kaylin-23, Keegan-13, Kyson-13

Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, hanging out with friends, going to the lake, being outdoors, playing sports

School/Community Activities: Football, wrestling, reffing youth wrestling and foot-ball games, umping youth baseball games, baseball

Favorite High School Memory: Beating Roncalli my senior year, placing at the state wrestling tournament

Future Plans: Attend Tech for powerline construction and maintenance

Awards: Richard Duerre Memorial Scholarship, Principal Four Year Honor Roll, Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarship, Eastern Star Scholarship, Groton Fire and Rescue Scholarship, Don Bartz Scholarship

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Hopps Dow Scholarship
Elizabeth Fliehs & Faith Traphagen



Karlie McKane

Parents: Ashley and JB
Hometown: Andover
Siblings: Korbin and Kamryn
Hobbies: hangout with friends, drive around
Future Plans: take a gap year and work as a CNA then go to school for nursing



Emily May Overacker

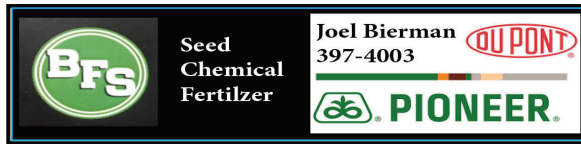
Parents: Jessie and Jaymie Overacker
Hometown: Groton, South Dakota
Siblings: KayLynn Overacker-21, Huntley Overacker-11
Hobbies: dance, cheer, ice skating, hunting, fishing, riding around with friends. Horseback riding, swimming
School/Community Activities: Groton Area High School/FCCLA, cheerleading, dance team, ice skating, Groton Legion Auxiliary member
Favorite High School Memory: I love when we decorate for Homecoming and I like to go on class field trips. My favorite was going to watch the court cases with my government class.

Future Plans: to attend Lake Area Tech for physical therapy assistant
Awards: Groton Area's PEO Friendship and Love Graduate Award, FCCLA Service Award



Drew Thomas Thurston

Parent: Todd Thurston, Debbie Thurston
Hometown: Groton, SD
Siblings: Mitchel-25, Riley-23, Emily-21
Hobbies: hanging with friends, playing video games, working
School/Community Activities: football
Favorite High School Memory: passing off dad jokes between Gerlach and I.
Future Plans: Attend Lake Area Tech to pursue on agriculture degree, come back on the family farm and yet to work
Award: Boys State Representative



Nicholas Lyle Morris

Parents: Becky Kotzer, Rick Morris
Hometown: Groton
Siblings: Alex Morris, Cora Kotzer, Adeline Kotzer
Hobbies: playing baseball
School/Community Activities: football, baseball, trap
Favorite High School Memory: everytime Aiden gets kicks out of Mrs. Hanten's
Future Plans: attend Lynnes Welding Training and after that I'm not sure
Award: Groton Trap Club Scholarship



Groton FFA Alumni Scholarship

Blake Pauli, Turner Thompson, Kellen Antonson, Ashley Johnson



Don Bartz memorial Scholarship

Rebecca Poor, Korbin Kucker, Payton Mitchell



Rebecca Lorraine Poor

Parent: David and Anissa Poor
Hometown: Stratford, SD
Siblings: Micah-24, Noah-23
Hobbies: dancing, singing, reading, drawing
School/Community Activities: Groton's Prismatic Sensations, dance team, flex band, chamber choir, Tri-M Music Honor Society
Favorite High School Memory: Going to Girls' State Basketball in Watertown to play pep band
Future Plans: Going to University to North Dakota to study meteorology
Awards: Tri-M Music Honor Society, Girls State Representative, Stratford Community Theatre Scholarship, Don Bartz Scholarship.



Corbin James Weismantel

Parent: Carl and Kandi Weismantel
Hometown: Groton, SD
Sibling: Keira Weismantel-16
Hobbies: art, gaming, game design
School/Community Activities: Robotics, show choir, All-State Choir
Favorite High School Memory: Going to Iowa for Create US Open Robotics
Future Plans: I plan to attend Lake Area Tech for college.





Abby Rae Yeadon

Parents: Jeremy and Diane Yeadon

Hometown: Wabash, Indiana

Siblings: Owen Yeadon-27, Seth Yeadon-25

Hobbies: Art, being outside, spending time with friends and family

School/Community Activities: show choir, yearbook, groton dance team, VBS (Vacation Bible School), Sunday School helper

Favorite High School Memory: spending time with friends

Future Plans: Attending Hunting University in Huntington, Indiana majoring in High School Art Education

Awards: Groton Area Teaching Scholarship, Darlene Raap Memorial Scholarship, Huntington College Out of State grant, Huntington College Church Service grant, Huntington College Honors Scholarship.



South Dakota Opportunity Scholarship

Front Row: Faith Traphagen, Elizabeth Fliehs
Back Row: Blake Pauli, Emma Kutter, Axel Warrington



Emmanuel Lutheran Church Faith Forever Scholarship

Caden McInerney, Kayla Lehr, Emma Kutter, Gretchen Dinger, Axel Warrington



Cortland & Lois Kuehnert Scholarships

Brooklyn Hansen -Technical School
Kennedy Hansen - Athletic
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Faith Traphagen - Financial Need
Liz Fliehs- Highest Honor



Enrich Groton SoDak Inc Scholarship

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Eastern Star Scholarship

Jerrie Vedvej, Korbin Kucker, Laila Roberts and Carna Pray



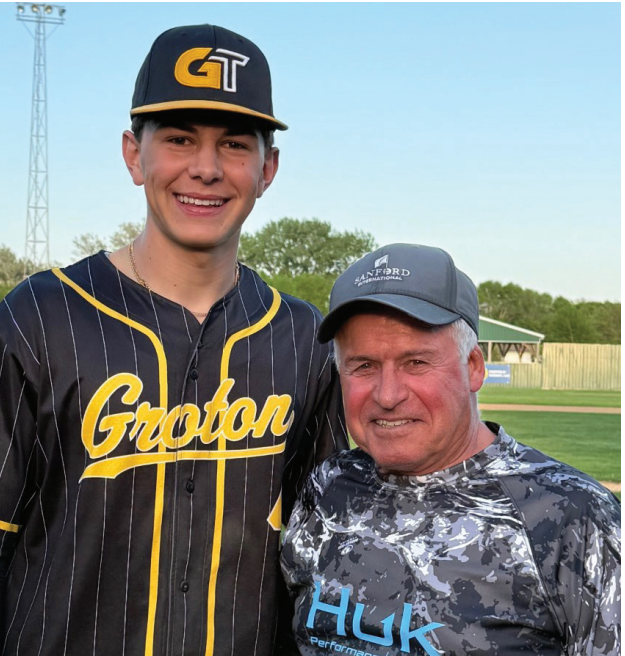
PAC Community Service Scholarship

Elizabeth Fliehs with members of the PAC Committee, Joni Groebelinghoff & Becky Kotzer



Sammuli-Rix Scholarship

Blake Pauli and Brevin Fliehs



Irvin and Janice Fliehs Family Scholarship

Carter Simon and Lorin Fliehs



Richard 'Dick' Voss Memorial Scholarship

Turner Thompson & Brevin Fliehs



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Katie McKiver Emma Kutter, Patti Daly



Class of 1982 Scholarship and Gwendolyn O' Connor Broman Scholarship

Gretchen Dinger



Groton STEM Scholarship and JVT Bob Peterson Memorial Scholarship

Axel Warrington



Kay & David Donovan memorial Scholarship

Diego Nava





Regent Scholars Diploma Recipients
Front Row: Gretchen Dinger, Faith Traphagen, Elizabeth Fliehs
Back row: Blake Pauli, Payton Mitchell, Turner Thompson, Carter Simon, Emma Kutter, Axel Warrington



Dr. T.J. Johnson Memorial Scholarship
Brooklyn Hansen



Brenda Harms Memorial Scholarship
Kennedy Hansen, Sarah Harms, Korbin Kucker



Jack & Helen Walter Memorial Scholarship & Dale D. Wolter Memorial Scholarship
Blake Pauli



PAC Community Service Scholarship
Elizabeth Fliehs



Rob Luecke Memorial Scholarship
Kennedy Hansen & Becky Hunter



Loretta Abeln Memorial PEO Scholarship, Chapter AC Scholarship
Ann Gibbs, Faith Traphagen, Carna Pray



Beck Memorial Scholarship
Faith Traphagen



Doeden Memorial Scholarship
Emma Kutter



FCCLA Service Award
Emma Bahr, Emily Overacker, Elizabeth Fliehs



PEO Friendship and Love Graduate Award
Ann Gibbs, Emily Overacker, Carna Pray



Edna Bugner Memorial Scholarship
Right: Axel Warrington & Emma Kutter



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