

VL Class of 2022: Prepared...and Launched!

As the 72 members of the Class of 2022 now launch into their futures it was exciting to hear them share about the impact of Christ and the VL mission on their lives.

The mission of Valley Lutheran High School is: Preparing students for life, with Christ as our foundation!

Over the course of four years, students participate in classroom activities, athletic, drama, and musical performances, daily chapel services, and everyday conversations that not only prepare them academically for their next steps, but instill in them the importance and role of Christ in their life.

This impact could be heard throughout the speeches shared during the 2022 Commencement Service. While each speech had its own style and focus, a commonality between all three was the importance of strengthening their relationship with Christ and the role that Valley Lutheran played in helping to cultivate that relationship, as well as their commitment to continuing that relationship as they move on from VLHS.



stated, "I want to thank the teachers and staff at Valley for instilling important life lessons, skills, and experiences centered in Christ...they have also given me the knowledge and skills necessary to walk out these doors confident in my future as a child of God and an active member of society."

As the VL 2022 graduates now enter the next steps of their Christian lives with Christ as their foundation may they always remember the words of commencement speaker **Kyle DeWees**. "Amidst a global pandemic, and following extremely challenging years - especially in the world of education - you [Graduating Class of 2022] chose to remind us of a God of hope. You chose to remind us to be filled with all the joy. You reminded us to have peace. You chose to cast your senior year in the light of an exhilarating benediction - a call to action - found in Romans 15:13 - *Now may the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by power of the Holy Spirit.* In Jesus, the best is yet to come."

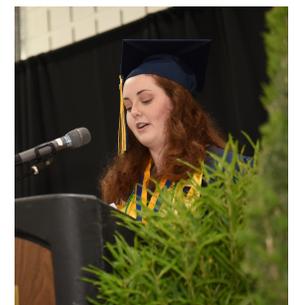
Congratulation to all VL 2022 graduates, and blessings to you in your next endeavors. Class of 2023, we are ready, so... prepare for launch.



Salutatorian **Allison Sowatsky (VL '22)** shared how the class of 2022 collectively learned to overcome challenges during their time here at Valley, such as Covid and the loss of their beloved classmate **Dawson Kuhl (VL '22)**.

Co-Valedictorian **Emma VanTol (VL '22)** shared 9 different c-words (other than Covid), with the most important being Christ. She encouraged her co-graduates to, "Use every opportunity to share the love of Jesus that we have received so much of here [at Valley Lutheran]."

Finally, VL Co-Valedictorian **Grace Appold (VL '22)**



VL Class of 2022: By the Numbers

The members of the this year's class accomplished many academic milestones. They will continue to grow and will serve the world in various ways. Below is a small snapshot of some of these. A full list of award and honors received by the class is at <https://www.vlhs.com/2022awards>.

5 HONORS DIPLOMAS

17 SUMMA CUM LAUDE
(3.75-4.00 GPA)

9 MAGNA CUM LAUDE
(3.50-3.74 GPA)

11 CUM LAUDE
(3.25-3.49 GPA)

21 NHS MEMBERS

17 CAREER CENTER
COMPLETION CERTIFICATES

12 SEAL OF BILITERACY
RECIPIENTS (SPANISH)

55 CONTINUING EDUCATION
AT UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

9 ENTERING THE
WORKFORCE

6 BEGINNING
APPRENTICESHIPS

2 ENTERING MILITARY
SERVICE

\$1,088,785

ACCEPTED IN SCHOLARSHIPS
AND GRANTS

Chargers Continuing Athletic Pursuits in College

We are proud of the following graduates who will compete athletically at the collegiate level. Go Chargers!

ALANNA
BULL



Concordia
University,
Ann Arbor

OLIVIA
GRIMPO



Concordia
University,
Ann Arbor

TRENTON
HAGENBACH



Hope
College

ASHLYN
MARTIN



Rhodes
College

ZACHARY
RUGER



Alma
College

SAVE THE DATE

*23rd
Annual*

VLHS GOLF OUTING

IN SUPPORT OF THE
MINISTRY OF VALLEY
LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 17, 2022

Apple Mountain Golf Course

