



Class of 2019 Earns Accolades

Another class of Valley Lutheran High School graduates is off to take on the world after being conferred their diplomas during commencement on Sunday, June 9.

Sterling Force, Kiran Ghotra, and **Devin Neumann** were named Co-Valedictorians, based on grade point average. **Pierce Force** was the class Salutatorian.

Of the 72 graduates, 26 earned recognition as Summa Cum Laude (3.75-4.00 GPA), 12 were Magna Cum Laude (3.50-3.74), and seven were Cum Laude (3.25-3.49).

“The Class of 2019 leaves a legacy of service, leadership, and academic achievement,” said VLHS Academic Dean Dr. Lisa Meyers. “Graduates are



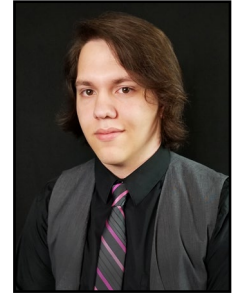
Sterling Force
Co-Valedictorian



Kiran Ghotra
Co-Valedictorian



Devin Neumann
Co-Valedictorian



Pierce Force
Salutatorian

entering their next phase as strong Christian role models ready to impact the world.”

Sydney Deutsch, Hannah Doan, Andrew Fritz, Dayna Gesinski, Kiran Ghotra, Miranda Hildebrant, Madison Hutchison,

Warren Jacobs, Sydni Klein, Olivia Medina, Devin Neumann, and **Harmandeep Singh** all earned Honors Diplomas after pursuing particularly challenging academic career paths.

Anchored in Hope Built on the Firm Foundation

This year as we lived under our theme - *We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. ~Hebrews 6:19* - we experienced many unique object lessons. Excavators dug inches from classrooms and cement saws generated high pitched sounds heard throughout school. Truckloads of building materials rumbled by, perhaps distracting from lessons but not stopping them. Through it all lessons were learned. The walls stood firm. We were secure.

We were firm and secure in our

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Class of 2019 Honors & Awards

- Co-Valedictorians: **Sterling Force, Kiran Ghotra, Devin Neumann**
- Salutatorian: **Pierce Force**
- Honors Diplomas: **Sydney Deutsch, Hannah Doan, Andrew Fritz, Dayna Gesinski, Kiran Ghotra, Miranda Hildebrant, Madison Hutchison, Warren Jacobs, Sydni Klein, Olivia Medina, Devin Neumann, Harmandeep Singh**

Guest Scholarship Presentations

- Jerry Boehm Scholarship - **Brady Hagenov**
- Paul Butterfield Memorial Scholarship - **Abigail Arndt**
- Clarence and Helen Hackman Scholarship - **Hannah Cmeyla**
- Arthur and Clara Mertz Scholarship - **Hannah Cmeyla**
- Carol Moulton Nursing Scholarship - **Madison Fehn**
- Patricia Rennert Scholarship - **Hannah Cmeyla**
- James and Mollie Wheatley Scholarship - **Hannah Cmeyla**

VL Faculty Academic Awards

- Art - **Hannah Doan and Mackenzie Zolton**
- English - **Hannah Cmeyla and Katherine Weber**
- French - **Christopher Plamondon**

- Math - **Hannah Cmeyla and Devin Neumann**
- Music - **Hannah Cmeyla and Matthew Jezowski**
- Physical Education - **Matthew Bickel**
- Religion - **Hannah Cmeyla**
- Science - **Kiran Ghotra and Sydni Klein**
- Social Studies - **Warren Jacobs**
- Spanish - **Andrew Fritz and Kara Brechtelsbauer**

Activities Awards

- Class Officers - **Timothy Smith (P), Abigail Arndt (VP), Kara Brechtelsbauer (S), Mackenzie Bernreuter (T)**
- Music - **Warren Jacobs and Lauren Koltvedt**
- Student Council Executive Board - **Eden Belill (P), Jaccilynne Bodrie (T), Sydni Klein (H)**
- Drama - **Chloe Haynes and Ryan Nuenke**
- Yearbook - **Mackenzie Bernreuter and Miranda Hildebrant**

Certificates and Awards Recognized

- Bev Feldkamp Pro Merito Award - **Miranda Cisneros**

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building thanks to the workmanship of builders today and in 1978. The key to a building standing firm is the foundation. It is also the key for our faith.

Christ is our firm foundation and He is the anchor for our souls. Life throws all sorts of distractions at our faith, but through Christ our souls will always be firm and secure. They are anchored in His hope.

“We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.”

– Hebrews 6:19

- Dr. John Brandt,
Executive Director

Honors and Awards

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- Tom Roekle Scholar-Athlete Award - **Brady Hagenow and Katherine Weber**
 - Steve Zill Christian Service Award - **Hannah Cmeyla**
 - Tri-Valley All-Academic Team - **Pierce Force, Sterling Force, and Devin Neumann**
 - Key Club International - **Dayna Gesinski, Kiran Ghotra, Chloe Haynes, Miranda Hildebrandt, Warren Jacobs, Ben Palmreuter, Harmandeep Singh**
 - MHSAA Scholar-Athlete School Award - **Mackenzie Bernreuter and Madison Fehn**
 - Career & Technical Education Program Completion - **Mason Lugg, Colton Stefanski, Jonathan White, Parker Wynne**
 - DAR Good Citizen Award - **Chloe Haynes**
 - Michigan Masons Scholarship - **Jonathan White**
 - McDonald's McScholar of the Year Scholarship - **Ethan Engelhardt and Jonathan Giglio**
 - Optimist Club of Saginaw "Youth Appreciation Day" - **Mackenzie Bernreuter and Hunter Fehn**
 - Saginaw Rotary Club - **Hannah Doan**
- Michigan Competitive Scholarship (SAT of 1200 or higher)*
- **Abigail Arndt, Eden Belill, Mackenzie Bernreuter, Jaccilynne Bodrie, Kara Brechtelsbauer, Hannah Cmeyla, Hannah Doan, Ethan Engelhardt, Hunter Fehn, Madison Fehn, Pierce Force, Sterling Force, Andrew Fritz, Dayna Gesinski, Kiran Ghotra, Jonathan Giglio, Andrew Gunn, Chloe Haynes, Warren Jacobs, Sydney Klein, Devin Neumann, Benjamin Palmreuter, Christopher Plamondon, Timothy Smith,**

Katherine Weber, Joseph Wolter
President's Award for Educational excellence (3.5 GPA & above)

- **Kasey Appold, Abigail Arndt, Eden Belill, Mackenzie Bernreuter, Matthew Bickel, Connor Biggins, Jaccilynne Bodrie, Jared Braley, Kara Brechtelsbauer, Hannah Cmeyla, Brett Daenzer, Sydney Deutsch, Hannah Doan, Robert Eggers III, Madison Fehn, Pierce Force, Sterling Force, Andrew Fritz, Dayna Gesinski, Kiran Ghotra, Jonathan Giglio, Drew Greenwood, Andrew Gunn, Brady Hagenow, Chloe Haynes, Miranda Hildebrandt, Warren Jacobs, Sydney Klein, Devin Neumann, Benjamin Palmreuter, Christopher Plamondon, Aryn Schardt, Harmandeep Singh, Timothy Smith, Mason Strawn, Katherine Weber, Joseph Wolter, Mackenzie Zolton**

President's Award for Educational Achievement

- **Miranda Cisneros and Madison Hutchison**

Prudential Spirit of Community Award

- **Miranda Hildebrandt**

National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student

- **Devin Neumann**

Scholarships, grants, or awards from universities or private organizations

- **Timothy Smith, Hannah Cmeyla, Devin Neumann, Eden Belill, Abigail Arndt, Kara Brechtelsbauer, Brett Daenzer, Drew Greenwood, Andrew Gunn, Madison Fehn, Mackenzie Zolton, Emily Frederick, Sydney Deutsch, Chloe Haynes, Gillian Butler, Connor Biggins, Jacob Fordney, Warren Jacobs**



SAVE THE DATE!

**20th Annual
VLHS Golf Scramble
Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019**

**Apple Mountain Golf Course
Beginning at 8am
\$85 entry fee per person**

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Go to the 'Giving' tab and then to
'Events'**

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information**



HONORS DIPLOMA RECIPIENTS: Back Row: Sydney Deutsch, Hannah Doan, Madison Hutchison, Andrew Fritz, Warren Jacobs, Harmandeep Singh, Front Row: Devin Neumann, Miranda Hildebrandt, Olivia Medina, Sydney Klein, Kiran Ghotra, Dayna Gesinski