

2019 SENIOR BLESSING

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” - **Jeremiah 29:11**

We congratulate and honor our high school seniors that are graduating this year. It’s taken them years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance to get to this point in their lives. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue in the next steps in their life and journey with God.

Jarod Asche



Jarod was active in football, basketball, track, and one-act, as an Alma Cardinal. While at Alma, he also formed a hip-hop group. Since returning to Gretna, he has been focused primarily on his music. He will be attending Northeast Community College this fall, studying audio and recording technology.

Marissa Ellingson



Marissa is involved in varsity soccer, engineering club, and National Honor Society. At Resurrection, she has participated in youth group, helped with Sunday School, attended Camp Carol Joy Holling, and been of member of the screen team and the Local & World Service Team. In the fall, she will attend Colorado State University in Fort Collins to study psychology.

Bryce Grimm



Bryce has played baseball all four years of high school and played on the basketball team his freshman year. He is a member of National Honor Society, Spanish Club and FBLA. Bryce plans to attend UNO majoring in Business.

Blake Grimm



Blake has been a member of National Honor Society and FBLA. He played baseball all four years and was on the basketball team his freshman year. Blake plans to attend UNL majoring in Business.

Emma Peters



Emma participated in color guard, winter guard, National Honor Society and Spanish club in high school. Emma also served as guard captain for 2 years. At Resurrection, she has participated in youth group, attended Carol Joy Holling, volunteered during VBS and is currently working in the nursery on Sundays. Emma plans to attend University of Missouri in Columbia to become an Occupational Therapist.



Luke Pinkall

Luke Pinkall has been an active member of RELC Underground for 4 years and will go on his third mission trip this summer. He is a 4-year, varsity letter athlete in football and track and earned academic all-conference in both sports. He participated

in intramural basketball and is a member of FBLA and National Honor Society. He enjoys riding dirt bikes and doing restoration on his 1974 Camaro. He also has his own garden tilling business. Luke will attend Northwest Missouri State in the fall to study accounting and finance.

Jack Ralston



Jack has been a member of Engineering Club, National Honor Society, FBLA, French Club, Art Club, Science Club, Skills USA Club, Quiz Bowl, and the Football Film Crew. He played basketball in his Freshman year and Football in his Freshman and Sophomore year. He has refereed for Gretna

basketball, worked a part-time job, and volunteered for RELC video screens, Salvation Army and Optimist bell ringing, Open Door Mission and Gretna Neighbors Food Pantry. In pursuit of a post-secondary education, Jack Ralston is attending Kansas State University. He plans to major in mechanical engineering, along with minors in math and business. As he pursues his degrees at Kansas State, he intends on joining a Lutheran campus church, while participating in intramural sports and becoming a member of the various engineering-based clubs offered there.

Miriam Schlechte



At Gretna High School Miriam enjoyed academically challenging classes and played clarinet in band all four years. She liked to spend time with her kitties and volunteered at an animal shelter. Miriam is going to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and plans on majoring in Environmental Studies and Biology.

Taylor Stamm



Taylor has been involved in varsity softball for Gretna all 4 years, track her freshmen and sophomore year, and National Honor Society. She plays on a competitive club softball team in the spring and summer for the Nebraska Force. She has participated in her youth group, Campus Life program, and has recently become a volunteer

softball coach for a 9U team here in Gretna. She plans to attend Simpson College in Indianola, IA, play college softball, and plans to study pre- health major to eventually apply to nursing or Physician Assistant program.

Lydia Stednitz



Lydia has played the trombone in the GHS Band all four years of high school & was part of the One Act Stage Crew her Junior and Senior year. She is a member of National Honor Society, National German Honor Society & German Club. Lydia plans to attend Augustana University in Sioux Falls, SD

majoring in Anthropology and Modern Foreign Languages.

Regina Stednitz



Reggie is a member of the GHS Choir and Service Club. She bowled & played basketball for Special Olympics all four years & participated in the Miss Amazing pageants. She was the 2018 GHS Homecoming Queen. Reggie plans to attend the Gretna Transition Program & volunteer in the community.

Mya Williams



From a young age, Mya Williams has loved to sing and dance. Years of ballet, clarinet, piano, voice lessons, & musical theater productions will help her as a Music Education major at Doane University where she has a vocal music scholarship. She hopes to become a high school choir & show choir director. For the past few years,

Mya has used her talents as a song leader with the church praise band, show choir dance captain, & assisting direction of the middle school show choir. She has choreographed dances for both the high school & middle school show choirs, too. She is excited for her future in music both on & off stage using her creative talents.

Serena Wilson



Serena has been involved in FBLA, Spanish Club, National Honor Society, One Act, Drama Club, Golf, Swimming, Campus Life, Service Club, and Youth Group. She has volunteered throughout the community and will be receiving a National Community Service Award for completing 500 hours of

service. She plans to attend college this fall and will major in biology with a minor in Spanish. She plans to pursue a career in pediatric occupational therapy.

INFORMATION FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

For our new and existing college students, here is some information about our new and existing support and programs that you can connect with and tap into! We hope that throughout your journey, you can stay connected to Resurrection and God as you deepen your faith.



We are putting together a powerful team of young ministry leaders who are going to change the world by working hard, talking faith and caring for others. The NLOM Summer Ministry Team provides leadership for our day and residence camp programs. Carol Joy Holling Camp, Ashland, NE and Sullivan Hills Camp near Lodgepole, NE offer programs for first through twelfth graders as well as programs for adults and youth with special needs. The mobile Day Camp program is for elementary age campers. Staff assignments are made based on camper numbers, needed expertise, leadership skills and team cohesiveness.

Being on the NLOM Summer Ministry Team will change the way you think, work, interact with friends, worship, pray and serve for years to come. And we have a lot of fun doing it!

Want to know more or know someone who needs to hear about this great opportunity? Contact Program Director, Korey Breutzmann at KBreutzmann@NLOM.org or call at 402-944-2544 or visit their website to learn more <https://www.nlom.org/smt>

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Sponsoring Our College Kids



Are you a college student or do you have one in your family? We'd love to keep you connected to your home congregation while you're away at school! In the Omaha area for school but don't have a home congregation? We'd love to connect you with some support here!

This program is designed to connect people within our congregation to college students so that these students can be sent care packages, letters, and be prayed for during the year! Your SOCK sponsor will be kept anonymous during the year, and you'll be able to meet them at the SOCK cookout at the end of the year (June 2020). All applications are due August 18th 2019.



College Kids interested in participating?
Check out this link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/XDI6zxgsVNli4zfl1>

Adults or families interested in sponsoring a college kid? Sign up at this link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/Pyi4K0wtIsQb67oJ3>



NEBRASKA LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

Stay connected to a local faith community of peers while in college! Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry presently sponsors campus ministry programs at the following colleges and universities:

- Chadron State College (Chadron)
- Creighton University (Omaha)
- Northeast Community College (Norfolk)
- Peru State College (Peru)
- Southeast Community College (Beatrice)
- University of Nebraska (Campus Lutheran, Kearney)
- University of Nebraska (Lutheran Center, Lincoln)
- University of Nebraska (Omaha – multiple campus locations)
- Wayne State College (Wayne)
- Western Nebraska Community College (Scottsbluff/Gering)

Talk to Tyler to get connected into one of these groups or check out their website at the link below and look into their student referral program!

<http://www.nelcm.com/about/>

Going to college somewhere outside of Nebraska?
Talk to Tyler and she can get you connected with a local group!