

Eighth Grade Students Honored at Awards Assembly and Moving Up Day Ceremony

On Wednesday, June 22nd, in the Grand Viking Theater of Grand Island High School, students, parents, administration, faculty and staff gathered to honor the 2022 eighth grade class of Veronica Connor Middle School at the annual Awards Assembly and Moving Up Day Ceremony. Superintendent of Schools, Brian Graham, as well as board trustee, Jay Grover, were in attendance to shake hands with each eighth grader and offer congratulations on their accomplishments. GIHS graduate, Yusuf Mojawalla, was on hand to offer his well wishes and advice to the eighth graders moving on and facing a future in high school. Assistant Principal Adam Buffomante welcomed everyone and Charlotte Tower, Student Council President, gave her remarks reminiscing on the eighth graders' last three years.

Awards included:

Outstanding Artistic Achievement presented by Megan Gaiek to Juliette Itzo and Audrey Holler. **The Artistic Progression Award** was given to Lillian Mediak.

Jessica Tripi-Rogers presented **Outstanding Music Leadership Awards** to Harini Selvakumar and Carson Hinkle for Band; to Sienna Sarkees and Max Broeker for Chorus; and to Camryn Harding and Moses McMurray for Orchestra.

Excellence in Chess Awards, presented by Ms. Szczblewski, were given to Harry Singh and Colin Morgan.

High average for Mrs. Armitage's algebra classes: Colin Morgan and for **Mrs. Armitage's Math 8 classes:** Noah Magee; **high average for Mr. Brodie's math 8 classes:** Grace Weselak; and for **Mr. Meaney's math 8 class:** Carson Hamilton.

High average for Mr. Randles' Honors social studies classes: Colin Morgan and for **Mr. Randles' social studies 8 classes:** Janelle Spiesz; for **Ms. Hayes' social studies 8 classes:** Noah Magee and Kieran Meisal.

High average for Mrs. Hegarty's science 8 classes: Juliette Itzo; for **Mrs. Balisteri's science 8 classes:** Cleopatra Basiliko and for **Mrs. Balisteri's Earth Science classes:** Colin Morgan. **Eli Castner and Colin Morgan achieved a score of 99% on the Earth Science Regents Exam.**

High average for Mrs. Campbell's Honors English classes: Camryn Harding and for **Mrs. Campbell's English 8 classes:** Audrey Holler. **High average for Mrs. Hahn's ELA 8 classes:** Marissa Aceti. Carson Hamilton had the high average in **Mr. Meaney's English 8 class.**

High average for **Mrs. Wagner's Spanish classes:** Audrey Holler and for **Mrs. Weidner's Spanish classes:** Bree Kolesar, Charlotte Tower, and Grace Weselak had the high average.

Certificates for high scores (95% or above) on the **Multi-Genre-Project for Mrs. Campbell's Honors English classes** were given to the following students: Tommy Alberalla, Eli Castner, David Hoover, Maya Rizzo, Charlotte Tower, Camryn Harding, Kieran Meisel, Kate Mezhir, Andrew Pyc, Reet Saini, Harini Selvakumar, Talia Simone, and Grace Weselak.

Presidential Gold Award Criteria:

"Standards for the award are to be established by each school that reflect a 90 percent level or higher on the traditional grading scale. This category enables school personnel to use new assessment and evaluation tools in developing award criteria at their school and apply the criteria fairly to all students. The primary indicators of excellence must be based on academic achievement."

These awards were presented by Mr. John Fitzpatrick, principal.

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| Kyla Wood | Allie Rumsey |
| Madeline Williams | Jack Roth |
| Cameron Willer | Owen Rosetti |
| Teagan Willats | Jasmine Rokicki |
| Margaret Weselak | Maya Rizzo |
| Brooke Warner | Brianna Rejewski |
| Zachary Vinkle | Sophia Pyc |
| Riley Uribes | Cooper Pyc |
| Kennady Ulrich | Andrew Pyc |
| Trenton Tyrrell | Ella Prohaska |
| Charlotte Tower | Preston Pickard |
| Jordin Tanner | Natalie Payne |

Zachary Talamo

Audrey Stockinger

Janell Spiesz

Harvinder Singh

Grace Simpson

Talia Simone

Caden Sharkey

Harini Selvakumar

Ryan Scott

Julian Savard

Sienna Sarkees

Kabir Sandhu

Tanureet Saini

Chase Mango

Noah Magee

Sarah Logar

Michael Lewandowski

Cassidy Kurtzhals

Andrew Kozlowski

Bree Kolesar

Alex Joyce

Nina Johnson

Colin Hurley

Paige Horvath

David Hoover

Miranda Page

Jack Pachla

Dominic Nucci

Jonathan Neville

Connor Muehlbauer

Jillian Moskala

Colin Morgan

Kate Mezhir

Caylee Meyer

Payton McNamara

Chase McGuire

Henry Maziarz

Ismail Masoodi

Nicolas Genovese

Elizabeth Frisbie

Noah Franco

Joseph Donlon

Rebekah Dolan

Jackson DeGlopper

Natalie DeCourcey

Evan Crockett

John Coram

Olivia Clark

John Chiarenza

Judah Chapman

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| Audrey Holler | Elijah Castner |
| Carson Hinkle | Lily Buckingham |
| Haley Hillman | Jacob Brzyski |
| Camryn Harding | Maxwell Bronson |
| Dominick Hanel | Max Broeker |
| Carson Hamilton | Alayna Boyle |
| Chase Gustafson | Jillian Bland |
| Samantha Grover | Aiden Birtz |
| Lindsay Greer | Carl Beckley |
| Aiden Golembiewski | Alicia Battaglia |
| Simran Gill | Cleopatra Basiliko |
| Jeetpal Gill | Gabriella Amato |
| Chase Giambra | Thomas Alberalla |
| | Muthanna Ahmed |
| | Marissa Aceti |

Presidential Silver Seal Criteria:

"President's Award For Educational Achievement (Silver Seal) - recognizes students who show outstanding education growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in their academic subject, but who do not meet the criteria for the President's Award for Educational Excellence." These awards were presented by Mr. Adam Buffomante, assistant principal.

Retaj Ahmed
Jassim Al Hajjaji
Andrea Mikayla Apon
Jacob Belous

Jaiden Bush
Kenadi Butcher
Matthew Capage
Karina Conta
Logan Flynn
Madelyn Forbes
Anna Gormady
Juliette Itzo
Tre'Shawn Jennings
Kieran Meisel
Sydney Neuhaus
Sienna Potenza
Noah Rogers
Sami Saleh
Rose Sergakis-McDaniel
Kayla Wylie
Jeremiah Zherebilov

Comptroller Award:

The student should have shown academic excellence and the potential for **leadership** through involvement in activities that improve the school and/or community.

Mrs. Gabby Heim and Miss Rebecca Stahl presented the award to this year's recipient, Charlotte Tower.

Triple C Award for Character, Courage, and Commitment:

Character: A student exhibits an exemplary character in school as shown through his or her interaction with peers, faculty, staff, and administration.

Courage: A student exhibits courage in the face of personal and/or academic difficulties.

Commitment: A student exhibits a commitment to school and home communities as well as a commitment to personal excellence.

Mr. James Randles and Ms. Susan Szczblewski presented the awards to Connor Muehlbauer and Carson Hamilton, respectively.

Viking Valor Award:

Academic excellence: A recipient must have excelled academically, having maintained an average of 90% or higher while attending middle school.

Character: To be considered, an individual must have consistently displayed an exemplary character and shown responsibility through their **actions** and have displayed respect in their **interactions** with peers, staff, faculty, and administration.

Mrs. Amanda Balisteri presented the award to David Hoover and Mrs. Susan Campbell presented the award to Janelle Spiesz.

Mr. John Fitzpatrick presented the VCMS Class of 2022 and made closing remarks to end the ceremony.

Thank you...

~Parents

~Administration, Faculty & Staff

~VCMS Student Council

~Miss Rebecca Stahl, Mrs. Melissa Pitek

~VCMS PTA

~ Mr. Mark Gorton

~ Maintenance Staff

AND

~to our 8th Graders who have put forth the effort needed to be productive and successful this year!

"The best is yet to be..."

~Robert Browning



VCMS 8th Grade Class 2021-2022

**Marissa Aceti
Muthanna Ahmed
Retaj Ahmed
Jassim Al Hajjaji
Thomas Alberalla
Gabriella Amato
Andrea Apon
Yousef Ashour
Cleopatra Basiliko
Alicia Battaglia
Carl Beckley
Jacob Belous
Aiden Birtz
Jillian Bland
Cameron Bondi
Alayna Boyle
Mya Brandon
Max Broeker
Maxwell Bronson
Jacob Brzyski
Lily Buckingham
Jaiden Bush
Kenadi Butcher
Caden Byrnes
Alexis Cammarata
Matthew Capage
Ryan Capps
Rylee Carpin
Elijah Castner
Judah Chapman
John Chiarenza
Olivia Clark
Alivia Cluney
Karina Conta
John Coram
Evan Crockett
Emma Daigle
Ronald Darnley
Natalie DeCoursey
Olivia DeCoux
Jackson DeGlopper
Rebekah Dolan
Joseph Donlon
Bella Duscher**

**Jordan Duval
Edward Falls
John Flick
Arianna Flippen
Joshua Flynn
Logan Flynn
Madelyn Forbes
Noah Franco
Elizabeth Frisbie
Grace Gaines
Aiden Galligan
Nicolas Genovese
Chase Giambra
Jeetpal Gill
Simran Gill
Aiden Golembiewski
Sophia Gonzalez
Anna Gormady
Lindsay Greer
Samantha Grover
Travis Gruber
Chase Gustafson
Eliza Hajdini
Carson Hamilton
Dominick Hanel
Calli Harding
Camryn Harding
Aubrey Harper
Sean Higgins
Ava Hillenburg
Haley Hillman
Carson Hinkle
Audrey Holler
David Hoover
Paige Horvath
Elijah Huber
Colin Hurley
Juliette Itzo
Noah Jablonski-Hasert
Tre'Shawn Jennings
Nina Johnson
Ella Johnston
Alex Joyce
Joseph Jung**

**Sarabjot Kaur
Bree Kolesar
Nikolas Korte
Andrew Kozlowski
Cassidy Kurtzhaltz
Lucia Lanthier
Zoe Leggett
Savannah Leidolph
Michael Lewandowski
Ella Littere
Sarah Logar
Taryn Lysek
Noah Magee
Chase Mango
Adrianna Marinucci
Natalie Marshall
Ismail Masoodi
Aikamdeep Mattu
Henry Maziarz
Chase McGuire
Moses McMurray
Payton McNamara
Lillian Mediak
Kieran Meisel
Ian Mesmer
Caylee Meyer
Kate Mezhir
Evelyn Miller
Caden Morgan
Colin Morgan
Jillian Moskala
Connor Muehlbauer
Dominic Muscoreil
Katsiaryna Navasad
Sydney Neuhaus
Jonathan Neville
Dominic Nucci
Robert Osuchowski
Jack Pachla
Miranda Page
Jacob Pawlak
Natalie Payne
Preston Pickard
Isabella Pilon**

**Sienna Potenza
Ella Prohaska
Andrew Pyc
Cooper Pyc
Sophia Pyc
Patrick Quick
Brianna Rejewski
Justice Richardson
Maya Rizzo
Noah Rogers
Jasmine Rokicki
Owen Rosetti
Jack Roth
Brendan Roulley
Allie Rumsey
Tanureet Saini
Sami Saleh
Kabir Sandu
Sienna Sarkees
Julian Savard
Ahmet Savas
Alayna Schwinn
Ryan Scott
Harini Selvakumar
Jacob Sendlbeck
Rose Sergakis-McDaniel
William Shamrock
Caden Sharkey
Brady Shearer
Talia Simone
Grace Simpson
Harvinder Singh
Sroop Singh
Armani Smith
Reilly Smith
Janelle Spiesz
Sabrina Steffans
Kaitlyn Stieringer
Audrey Stockinger
Kaya Swart
Ella Szczepankiewicz
Zachary Talamo
Jordin Tanner
Charlotte Tower
Gavin Tranter
Bryana Turnbull
Trenton Tyrrell**

**Kennady Ulrich
Riley Uribes
Wayne Vance
Zachary Vinkle
Charles Wanko
Brooke Warner
Margaret Weselak
Hayden West
Teagan Willats
Cameron Willer
Jack Willet
Alexis Williams
Madeline Williams
Kyla Wood
Alexander Woodring
Aiden Wrobel
Kayla Wylie
Max Zentz
Jeremiah Zherebilov**

CONGRATULATIONS!

