



# Blessing of GRADUATES



**Ryan Burdo**, son of Mary & Dan Burdo, is a graduate from Hamilton High School. He has been a member of the Track & Field and Trap Shooting Teams. At age 14, Ryan placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall for the Mt. Baldhead Challenge, lettered his freshman year for Track & Field, was a Hawkeye Honor Role student and founded a car detailing business. Ryan's future plans are to attend Michigan Technological University for Electrical Engineering



**Kayla Carper**, daughter of Mary & Jeff Carper, is a graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in both Spanish and Political Science from Central Michigan University. She graduated Cum

Laude! Kayla was a member of Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honors Society ("La sociedad nacional honoraria hispánica"). She attended a Study Abroad program in Pamplona, Navarra, Spain in January 2020, and had an adventure trying to get back to the USA when COVID-19 hit. Kayla is now pursuing a career that will utilize her bilingual skills and allow her to help others either in government, research, or human resources.

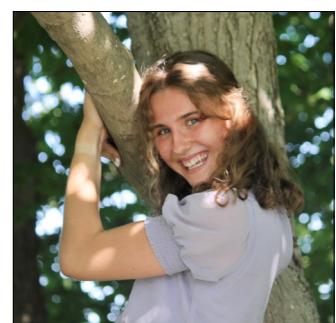


**Ansley Ellison**, daughter of Jennifer & Eric Ellison, is a graduate from Saugatuck High School. She has participated in dance, Interact Club and Youth in Government. Ansley will be attending Michigan State University majoring in biology. She hopes to become a pharmacist.



**Darin Jablonski**, son of Michele & Darin Jablonski, is a graduate from Saugatuck High School. He played baseball for four years and was the captain of the JV team and co-captain of the varsity team. He also

enjoys skiing and hanging out with friends. Darin will be attending Mid Michigan Community College this fall to study science.



**Jillian Johnson**, daughter of Ruth & Michael Johnson, is a graduate from Saugatuck High School. Throughout high school she participated in many activities, including, cross country, track and field,

dance, The Interact Club, concert, pep and marching bands, and National Honor Society. Jillian was elected president of NHS, ran varsity for the 2018 Girls state runner up cross country team, and earned four all state awards in Track and Field. In the fall, she will be attending The Ohio State University and majoring in Film Studies.

*Congrats*



**Sydney Kierzek**, daughter of Jennifer & Scott Kierzek, is a graduate from Saugatuck High School as a senior scholar. She has enjoyed her time at St. Peter Parish by volunteering as a youth lector and musician (specifically vocals, piano, and organ).

Sydney would like to thank those involved in the church for providing religious support and an overwhelming sense of community throughout her upbringing. She was also drum major and attended the piano SAT testing level 12. Sydney will be attending Grand Valley Honors College this fall with a plan to double major in biochemistry and writing while minoring in music.



**Emily Woodke**, daughter of Mike & Sheila Woodke, graduated from Grand Valley State University with a degree in Health Information Management. She is currently working at

Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services.

*God of our beginnings, we thank you for the gifts of these graduates; their excitement, their awesome wonder and curiosity, their open speech and encouraging words. Their contributions have blessed and challenged us, and we have become a richer and more diverse community because of them. As they step forward into the world that awaits, comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your divine presence. Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as modern-day disciples in a world that needs their spirit. Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness while they help to lead future generations into the warmth and promise of your light. We ask this blessing upon each of them, In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*



**Emily Pantelleria**, daughter of Geri & Tom Pantelleria, graduated from Saint Mary's College with a Bachelor's Degree in Music. She was in the Notre Dame Band as a member of the Drumline and served as a band officer for the 2020-2021

season. She spent this past year student teaching at Swanson Traditional Elementary School (K-5) and Edwardsburg Public School teaching 5th through 12th graders. Emily hopes to get a job as a High School or Middle School Band Director somewhere in Michigan.



**Nella Pashak**, daughter of Lisa & Ron Pashak, is a graduate from Hamilton High School. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years. Nella was an altar server at St. Peter for 6 years. She has been a competitive swimming for 12 years, with four

years on the Hamilton Varsity High School Team and state qualifier team. Nella is currently swimming for Michigan Lakeshore Aquatics. This summer she will be working at MVP Athletic Club as a lifeguard. In the fall, Nella will be attending University of Alaska Fairbanks to study Marine Science and swim on their NCAA division 2 team.



**Evan Woodke**, son of Mike & Sheila Woodke, graduated from Calvin University with a degree in Actuarial Science.