

What Does Valley Lutheran Stand For?

Recently I was challenged by an online contact -
"What does your school stand for?"

My answer -

- God created us in perfection.
 - **God loves us.**
- God created us to love others by using the gifts He gave us.
- We love imperfectly because we are not perfect.
 - **God still loves us.**
- God redeemed us through the death and resurrection of Jesus.
- We respond to God's love by loving others using the gifts He gave us.
- We love imperfectly because we are not perfect.
 - **God still loves us.**
- God redeemed us through the death and resurrection of Jesus.
 - Repeat.

- Dr. John Brandt, Executive Director

Congratulations Class of 2020!

In a year unlike any before it, the graduating class of 2020 has received their diplomas. In a modified, socially distant graduation ceremony on June 14th, Valley's 69 graduates walked across the outdoor stage to celebrate their accomplishment.

Dr. Lisa Meyers, Academic Dean, shared, "The Class of 2020 persevered through a number of stressful and unusual circumstances and finished

strong. Their hard work and focus are a testament to their character and a predictor of their future success."

Of the 69 students, 43 graduated with a 3.25 or higher GPA, and eight of those 43 earned an honors diploma as well. Valley celebrated three co-valedictorians, **Abigail Brown**, **Cora Hensler**, and **Lillian Holman** and one salutatorian, **Kelsey Vittitow**.
Congratulations, Class of 2020!



Co-Valedictorian
Abigail Brown



Co-Valedictorian
Cora Hensler



Co-Valedictorian
Lillian Holman



Salutatorian
Kelsey Vittitow

Class of 2020 Honors & Awards

- Co-Valedictorians: **Abigail Brown**, **Cora Hensler**, and **Lillian Holman**
- Salutatorian: **Kelsey Vittitow**
- Honors Diplomas: **Allyson Ehlert**, **Tessa Keysor**, **Matthew Lemanski**, **Megan Mattichak**, **Kylie Schmitt**, **A'Nia Stauffer**, **Kelsey Vittitow**, and **Katie Wilson**

Foundation Scholarship Presentations

- Jerry Boehm Scholarship - **Cassandra Ross**
- Clarence and Helen Hackman Scholarship - **Lydia Schultz**
- Arthur and Clara Mertz Scholarship - **Abigail Hambaum**
- Carol Moulton Nursing Scholarship

- **Skylar Hutchison and Kelsey Vittitow**
- Patricia Rennert Scholarship - **Karsin Cloeter**
- James and Mollie Wheatley Scholarship - **Lydia Schultz**

VL Faculty Academic Awards

- Art - **Martina Darling and Madison Zolton**
- English - **Cora Hensler and Megan Mattichak**
- French - **Lydia Schultz**
- Math - **Cora Hensler and Hannah Reaman**
- Music - **Abigail Brown and Katie Wilson**
- Physical Education - **Caleb Block and Jeremy Britton**

- Religion - **Lydia Schultz**
- Science - **Lillian Holman and Sarah Roberts**
- Social Studies - **Megan Mattichak**
- Spanish - **Jordan Brechtelsbauer and Lillian Holman**

Activities Awards

- Class Officers - **Kylie Schmitt (P)**, **Summer Little (VP)**, **Alannah Stahl (S)**, **Michelle Becker (T)**
- Music - **Silas Kaul & Caleb Krueger**
- Student Council Executive Board - **Katie Wilson (P)**, **Lillian Holman (VP)**, **Caytie Miller (S)**, **Silas Kaul (SM)**
- Drama - **Silas Kaul & Caleb Krueger**

Honors and Awards

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- Yearbook - **Sarah Roberts**

Certificates and Awards Recognized

- Bev Feldkamp Pro Merito Award - **Lydia Schultz and A'Nia Stauffer**
- Tom Roekle Scholar-Athlete Award - **Lillian Holman and Keegan Hook**
- Steve Zill Christian Service Award - **Abigail Brown**
- Tri-Valley All-Academic Team - **Allyson Ehlert, Lillian Holman, and Matthew Lemanski**
- Key Club International - **Abigail Brown, Allyson Ehlert, Keegan Hook, Parker Lyday, Garrett Malmo, and Megan Mattichak**
- Career & Technical Education Program Completion - **Kyle Brush, Tessa Keysor, August Krueger, Robert Mueller, Tyler O'Laughlin, and Faith Peplinski**
- DAR Good Citizen Award - **Silas Kaul**
- Saginaw Rotary Club - **Abigail Brown**
- Michigan Seal of Biliteracy Achievers - **Lillian Holman, Garrett Malmo, and Megan Mattichak**

Michigan Competitive Scholarship (SAT of 1200 or higher)

- **Eliana Behnke, Martina Darling, Keegan Hook, Megan Mattichak, Caleb Block, Allyson Ehlert, Silas Kaul, Hannah Reaman, Jordan Brechtelsbauer, Alexander**

Friebe, Parker Krause, Charlie Shaw, Abigail Brown, Cora Hensler, Matthew Lemanski, Evan Starke, Karsin Cloeter, Lillian Holman, Garrett Malmo, and Katie Wilson

President's Award for Educational Excellence (3.5 GPA & above)

- **Michelle Becker, Jacob Hecht, Matthew Lemanski, Lydia Schultz, Eliana Behnke, Cora Hensler, Abby Lentner, Rachel Songer-Langschwager, Caleb Block, Lillian Holman, Garrett Malmo, A'Nia Stauffer, Jordan Brechtelsbauer, Keegan Hook, Megan Mattichak, Kelsey Vittitow, Abigail Brown, Silas Kaul, Faith Peplinski, Abigail Walk, Karsin Cloeter, Tessa Keysor, Hannah Reaman, Katie Wilson, Martina Darling, Nicholas Klein, Sarah Roberts, Meredith Zinz, Allyson Ehlert, Parker Krause, Cassandra Ross, Abigail Hambaum, Katelyn Krueger, and Kylie Schmitt**

President's Award for Educational Achievement

- **Gavin Pahlkotter, Kaleb Rankin, Evan Starke, Victoria Vial, and Madison Zolton**

National Merit Scholarship Program Commended Student

- **Lillian Holman**

Schedule Your Personal VL Tour

Valley is excited to once again welcome families to visit us in person! If you're looking to learn more about the VL educational experience or are interested in enrolling at Valley this fall, we invite you to schedule a personal visit and tour with us. Contact Amy Cooper, Admissions Counselor, at acooper@vlhs.com or 989-790-1676, ext. 40 today!

Save the Date: Saturday, September 19, 2020 21st Annual VLHS Golf Scramble

We are currently planning on holding this important and fun event. We realize it may look and feel different than in the past, due to these unprecedented times we are in. Please watch for updates during the coming months as the planning committee closely monitors the situation.

What about Summer Camps?

We remain hopeful about running a modified camp schedule in July!

Please check www.vlhs.com/camps after July 1 for full details!

Have a question or want to sign up to receive emails about this summer's programs? Please contact Amy Cooper at acooper@vlhs.com.

Gifts to VLHS help provide an education with Christ as the foundation. During this past year, gifts were received:

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