



Stewards of Grace

Excerpt from former VL Executive Director, Dr. John Brandt's commencement address to the Class of 2021 on Sunday, June 13th:

Two years ago I stood before you at our final chapel of the year. I looked at you and wondered out loud where you would go and the impact you would make on people I will never know. I think of Valley Lutheran alumni who I can hold up as examples - men and women with all sorts of life experiences who actively steward God's varied grace. Men and women who share blessings like:

- John, a respiratory therapist who went to an Indian reservation and in his words "saved as many as he could" last spring during the pandemic
- Anta whose speciality is counseling teenagers in trouble
- Todd who, along with many others, gives a lot of time to make this school successful
- Lisa, who keeps a city's finances in order with her accounting skills
- Jacob, who manages an auto parts store and went out of his way to tell me that he was bringing his kids up as Christians
- Rachel who lives in a country where Christianity is greatly restricted, and still finds ways to share her faith
- Joel who once each week missed my soccer practices for piano lessons and is now preparing the next generation of pastors

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Congratulations VL Class of 2021!



Class of 2021 Honors & Awards

Valedictorians: **Brendan McDonald, Ian Schoenmeyer**
Salutatorian: **David Jahnke**
Honors Diplomas: **Allison Lemanski, Chae Kelsey, Mitchell Neumann**

VL Faculty Academic Awards

Art: **Isabel Warren, Brianna Dankert**
English: **Luke Wollenweber, David Jahnke**
French: **Amber Olguin, Valerie White**
Math: **Brendan McDonald, Chae Kelsey**
Music: **Miriam Cmeyla (choral), Ashley Hoffman (instrumental)**
PE: **Kaitlyn Hale, Josh Samsell**
Religion: **Anna Katenhus**
Science: **Allison Lemanski (life science), Brendan McDonald (physical science)**
Social Studies: **David Jahnke**
Spanish: **Kristofer Nisidis, Ashley Hoffman**

Activities Awards

Senior Officers: **Ian Schoenmeyer (P), Chae Kelsey (VP), Elliott Urbytes (Sec), David Jahnke (Treas)**

Music: **Mitchell Neumann (instrumental), Elijah Feinauer (choral)**
Student Council: **Quinn Stefanski (P), Scott Smith (VP), Braxton Flood (Sec), Maggie Walk (Social Media Manager)**

Drama: **Brianna Dankert**

MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award: **David Jahnke**

Brandt Christian Leadership Award: **Ian Schoenmeyer**
Roekle Scholar-Athlete Award: **David Jahnke, Anna Katenhus**
Zill Service-Character Award: **Chae Kelsey**
Feldkamp Pro Merito Award: **Maggie Walk**

Tri-Valley All Academic Awards: **Brendan McDonald, Kris Nisidis, Luke Wollenweber**

Key Club Medallions: **David Jahnke, Valerie White, Danielle Browning, Anna Katenhus, Ashley Hoffman**

Seal of Biliteracy: **Autumn Eischer, Ashley Hoffman, Chae Kelsey, Genesis Escobedo, Kris Nisidis**

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- Stacy who advocates for health care for Native Americans on a national scale
- Julian, I guess I should say Dr. Petzold, who came home to lead this school.

With over 3000 alumni this list could go on and on, and you will shortly be part of it. But this message is not just for the graduates. It is a message for all God's people - "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

And you can be a good steward by bringing the blessings of Grace and Peace through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and you will find plenty of cake!

Retiring from the Kitchen



At one of the last chapel services of the school year, the Valley Lutheran family prayed over **Peggy Herbolsheimer** (l) and **Tracy Bauer**, faithful servants in the kitchen who have spent a collective 50 years preparing lunches for Valley Lutheran students. Thank you Mrs. Herbolsheimer and Mrs. Bauer!

Fall Open House



Join us **Thursday, August 26th**, for a look at the **new spaces and renovated places** at Valley Lutheran High School:

- 4-6pm
- Tours at the top and bottom of the hour
- Brats and hot dogs served
- Rain or Shine!

The VL Drama Department recorded and produced "A Digital Shakespeare Experience" this spring and would like to share it with you! Head to <https://sites.google.com/vlhs.com/shakespearedrama/home> to enjoy this unique compilation of Shakespearean monologues delivered by Valley students and faculty.

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22nd Annual VLHS GOLF OUTING

IN SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 11, 2021
Apple Mountain
Golf Course

To register, visit
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"At Valley I am surrounded by supportive teachers and students who truly care about me as a person. I've grown academically and in my faith through so many Christian role models."

-Luke

Preparing students for life with Christ as our foundation!



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