

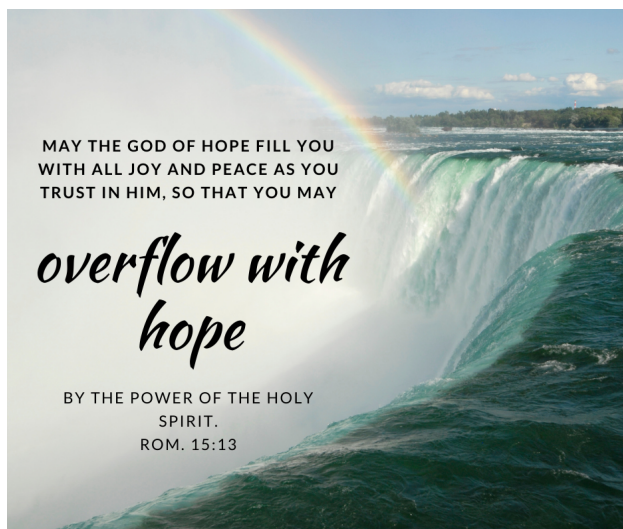
## Overflow with Hope!

The senior class picked the theme “Overflow with Hope” based upon this verse, and after the past year and a half, what an awesome choice for a theme!

People around the world have been looking for hope in recent times. Hope that Covid will not impact their lives or those they love; Hope that the political and racial tensions will lessen so people can find unity amidst differences; Hope that life in the future will be better than the present life. Our senior class picked a theme that resonates with society, but it also resonates with them as a group. In fact, it likely resonates with all our students, parents, faculty, and staff.

Getting back to a normal school year is a great reason to “Overflow with Hope” during the 2021-22 school year. Returning to normal events and activities that give high schoolers so many fun and exciting experiences will be wonderful. Feeling freedom from so many of the restrictions of the past year and a half will be amazing. However, Paul was not writing to the Christians in Rome about “Overflowing with Hope” for their present circumstances. Paul was sharing a bigger truth than hoping for a better tomorrow or better circumstances.

Paul was addressing the fact that believers can look forward with certain hope for daily living, but also look forward with certain hope for eternal



life promised through Jesus Christ. This is the ultimate reason to “Overflow with Hope.” Paul was telling the Christians to look ahead with hope living for Jesus on earth as well as for eternity.

As I learned about the theme, I was drawn to how it links to our mission statement: Preparing students for life with Christ as our foundation! Hope looks to the future, and our mission statement does as well.

Valley Lutheran is a school dedicated to giving students a great sense of hope for the future because they will be prepared for life. They will be prepared for life on earth as well as life in heaven. We will remain dedicated to passionately pursuing this mission with excellence, and in doing so, our students can look forward to their life after high school with a great deal of hope for God to use them for His purposes.

Sure, there will always be some level of uncertainty about life on earth, but our eternity is completely certain because of what Jesus has done through His life, death, and resurrection. That is the greatest reason to “Overflow with Hope!”

~ Julian Petzold, Ph.D.

## Graduates Awarded Seal of Biliteracy



Six 2021 VL graduates earned the Seal of Biliteracy by demonstrating proficiency in two different languages.

Congratulations to (left to right): Autumn Eischer, Genesis Escobedo, Ashley Hoffman, Chae Kelsey, Sydney Krause, and Kristofer Nisidis.

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"As a student athlete and band section leader I've learned the importance of **leading by example** and of giving others the opportunity to lead."  
-Elliott



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## Value of In-Person Education Shines through AP Scores

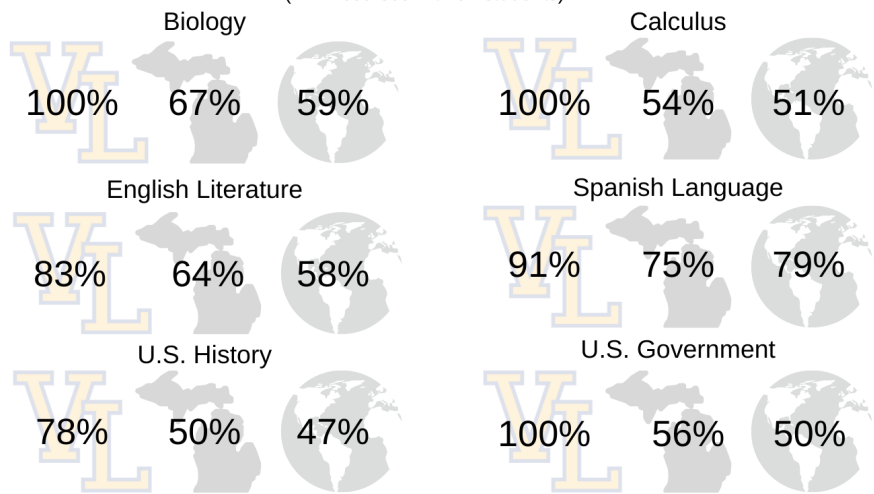
Valley students typically do well on their Advanced Placement exams and last year didn't disappoint with 82% passing their AP exam and potentially receiving college credit. Additionally 57% of students received top scores (4 or 5 on a scale of 5) demonstrating a high-level understanding of the subject and mastery of the skills.

Dr. Lisa Meyers, Academic Dean, celebrates these accomplishments. "Our AP students and teachers work hard to develop those higher-level thinking skills that are tested on Advanced Placement Exams and once again it shows!"

The significance of this year's scores is highlighted when compared with state and global averages (as shown below).

### Percent Passing

"Passing" Recognized as a Score of 3 or above on the 5 point AP Scale  
(in VL courses with 5+ students)



The difference between these averages is even greater than in past years. Dr. Meyers has a theory for why this might be. "I believe our exceptional scores are due to our students' work ethic and because we were blessed to be in-person for the past school year."

AP Biology Teacher Mr. Ben Cooper echoes these sentiments. "Being in-person made a huge difference. Despite the disruptions and challenges of last year, students pressed on and overall did an amazing job."

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## HOMECOMING FESTIVITIES

**MONDAY**  
**SEPT. 20**

"KICKOFF"  
SOCCER GAME  
7 PM

vs  
STANDISH  
STERLING

**WEDNESDAY**  
**SEPT. 22**

VOLLEYBALL  
GAME  
7 PM

vs  
MICHIGAN  
LUTHERAN  
SEMINARY

**FRIDAY**  
**SEPT. 24**

GRAND TAILGATE  
4:45 PM  
PARADE  
5:45 PM

FOOTBALL GAME  
7 PM

ONE DAY ONLY  
**MUM  
SALE**



**09  
-  
17  
-  
21**

SALE BEGINS AT 1PM  
UNTIL PLANTS ARE GONE

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