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MHS Graduation Issue

June 3, 2026

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SUPERINTENDENT

Welcome to another edition of **MPS Week in Review**! Please forward this to your family and friends. Anyone can sign up with the Subscribe button at the left.

MHS GRADUATION CELEBRATION

On Friday night, we celebrated the Monroe High School Class of 2026 at Commencement. This issue celebrates their achievements.

To our graduates, we wish you the very best that life has to offer. As you progress to post-secondary education, serve in the armed forces, enter the workforce, and begin new careers, you are our ambassadors in the world. We know that you will continue to make us proud, and we look forward to hearing about your future successes. Please stay in touch, so we can celebrate them with you. *Once a Trojan, Always a Trojan!*

The Learning Bank Graduation was today, and we are looking forward to the Orchard Center H.S. Graduation this Friday (June 5th).

Take care, be safe, and enjoy all of the celebrations!



Our 2026 MHS Commencement Speaker, **Katelyn Martin**, is retiring with 25 years of service. We thank her for the message she shared with our graduates and wish her the best!



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Graduation Celebrations — Class of 2026

The Learning Bank

Wednesday, June 3, 6 p.m. / LB

Commencement Ceremony

River Raisin National Battlefield Park

Visitor Center Theatre (333 N. Dixie Hwy)

Graduating students should report at 5:15 p.m.



4 guests per graduate;
tickets are required
for guest entry.

Orchard Center H.S.

Friday, June 5, 6 p.m. / OCHS

Commencement Ceremony outside at Orchard
Graduating students should report by 5:30 p.m.

All friends and family of Orchard students
are welcome.

Commencement will also
be livestreamed on the
[MPS YouTube channel](#).



**Monroe High School
Graduation
Friday, May 29, 6:30 pm
MHS Bunkelman Field**

CLASS of 2026

Custer Elementary, Senior Walk, May 27, 2 pm

Waterloo Senior Walk, May 28, 2 pm

Raisinville Senior Clap-Out, June 1, 3 pm

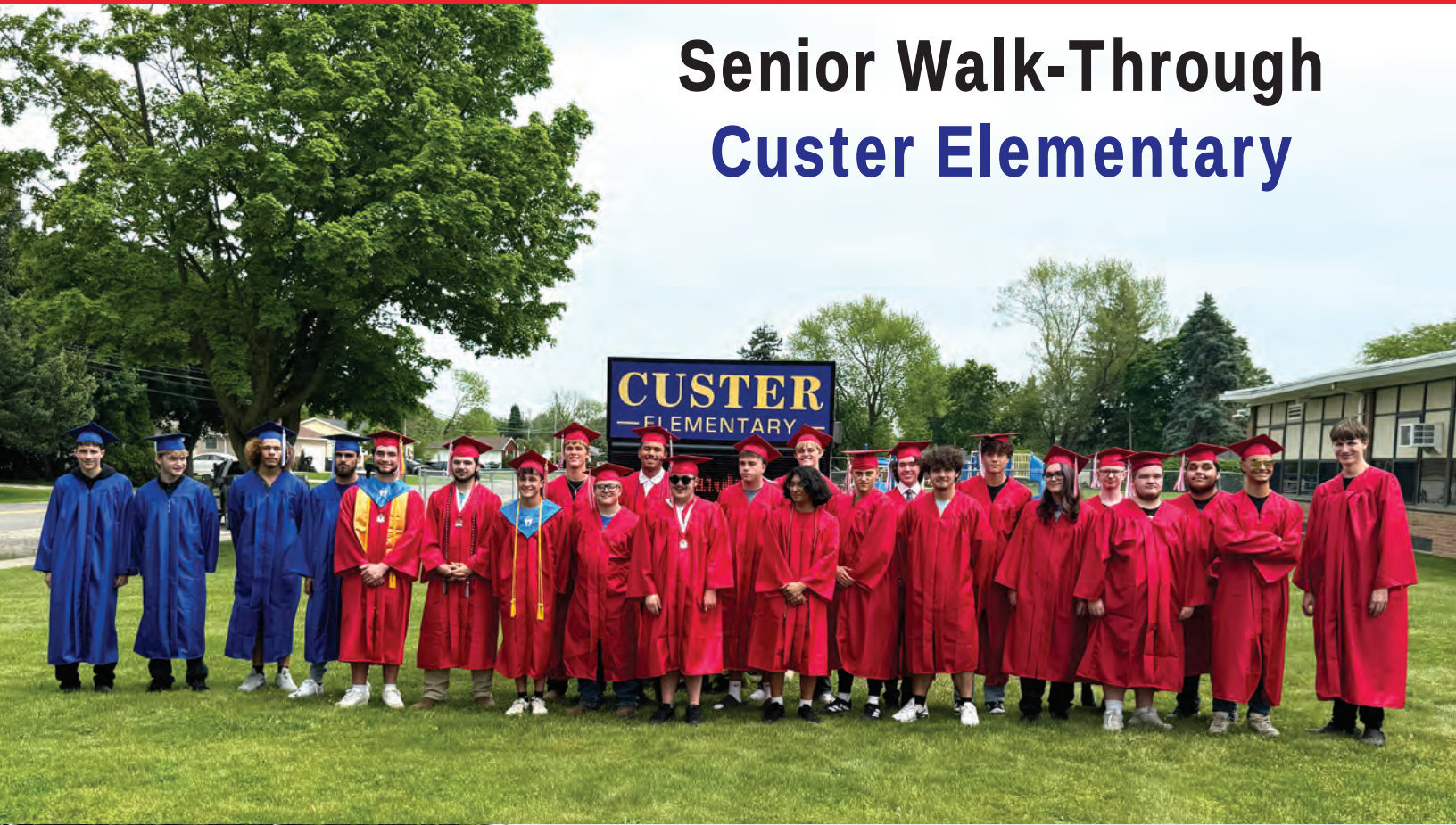
Arborwood Senior Walk, June 4, 2 pm

Manor Senior Clap-Out, June 5, 10:45 am



**Orchard Center H.S.
Graduation
Friday, June 5, 6 pm
OCHS - Outside**

Senior Walk-Through Custer Elementary



Custer Elementary welcomed back their alumni for a Senior Walk-Through on May 27th. Take that Cougar courage out into the world, and make a difference! We're PROUD of you!



Senior Walk Waterloo Elementary



Waterloo welcomed back
their alumni for a
Senior Walk-Through
on May 28th.

Way to Go, Wildcats!



Photos provided by Kelly Lake

RAISINVILLE ELEMENTARY

Senior Clap-Out Raisinville Elementary



High school graduates from Raisinville Elementary and current fourth grade students were clapped-out as they walked through the halls of Raisinville on June 1st. Holding the flag is School Improvement Coach **Cheryl Huffman**, who is retiring at the end of the school year.



SEC ALL-ACADEMIC AWARD

Southeastern Conference Honors Student-Athletes



Every year, the Southeastern Conference (SEC) recognizes the Top 5 graduating seniors in all Michigan SEC high schools as SEC All-Academic. Students are eligible based on G.P.A. and S.A.T. score. Monroe High School honorees are pictured.

Joshua Bedner

Varsity Football
AP Calc Club
The Ruck's Playground
(AP Pre-Calc)
Fellowship of Christian Athletes,
President

Future Plans:

Monroe County Community
College, Business/Accounting



Addison Bressler

Varsity Golf, Captain
Top Artist Award
National Honor Society
Musicals, Plays
Varsity Tennis

Future Plans:

University of Connecticut
Digital Media and Design



Alex Brossia

College Board Outstanding
Academic Achievement
National Honor Society
Cal Club, Treasurer
AP Physics
Advanced Automotive Technology

Future Plans:

Monroe County Community
College, Automotive

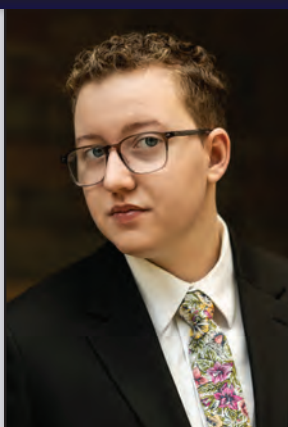


Matthew Nash

CTE Ambassador
Art Club, former President
National Honor Society
Awarding Academic Excellence
scholarship recipient
U of M STAMPS pre-college
summer program

Future Plans:

University of Michigan
Pre-Law / The Arts



Joshua Riggs

Marching Band, Drum Major
Monroe City Education
Association All-Star
Cross Country Coaches Award
Varsity Swimming, Rookie of Year,
Coaches Award, MISCA Qualifier
Wind Ensemble & Jazz Band,
principal trumpet

Future Plans:

Michigan Technological University
Construction Management



CONGRATULATIONS

Monroe High School Class of 2026





Monroe High School

Graduation - May 29, 2026

Monroe H.S. - Top 100 Book

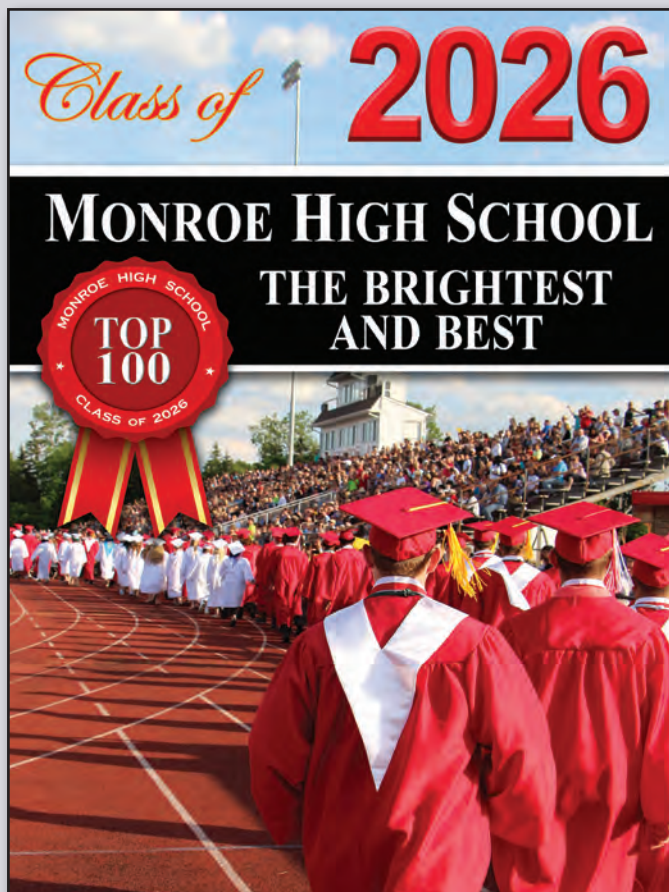
Monroe High School's top 100 seniors are determined by a formula combining grade point average and S.A.T. scores. These students are recognized in a book that they received in their diploma envelopes at graduation. The book includes photos, special honors, and recognition of MPS staff who made a difference in their lives.

To view the 26-page book, click [here](#).

Top Graduates in Monroe News

A special ad section was published in the *Monroe News* on Sunday, May 31st, celebrating the top graduates of Monroe High School. The spread includes photo bios for our Senior Scholars and Summa Cum Laude students, special Career Technical Education awards, and a list of all MHS students who graduated on May 29, 2026.

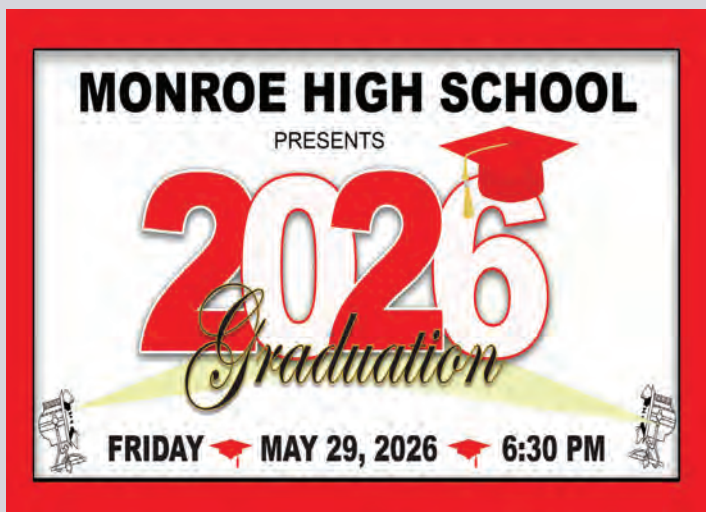
To view the 4-page photo spread, click [here](#).



Watch Senior Events Online

Share links to recordings of Graduation and other special senior events or experience the magic again yourself by rewatching!

- Watch [Decision Day](#) (5-1-26)
- Read [Senior Awards Program](#)
- View [Senior Awards Presentation](#)
- Watch [Senior Awards Night](#) (5-13-26)
- Watch [Baccalaureate Service](#) (5-26-26)
- Watch [2026 Graduation](#) (5-29-26)



MONROE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Azariah Omar Aaron
 Salma Wael Gouda Abdalla²
 Alec Christopher Adams^{1,2,3}
 Eric Jerome Allen
 Juelz' Denez Jumar Anderson
 Isabelle Josephine Angelo
 Teagan Ansel²
 Carissa Monique Anthony
 Collin Craig Assenmacher¹
 William Edwin Atkinson^{1,2,6}
 Nathan Alexander Atwood^{2,3}
 Corinna May Aulph^{2,3}
 Brendan Fenway Bacon^{1,2}
 Conner Briggs Bacon
 Anthony Jacob Badgley
 Bailey Rio Baker
 Bela Renee Baker²
 Leo Jacob Baldwin-Barbarich
 Hayden Josiah Barker^{2,3,6}
 Arantza Barragan Vazquez⁴
 Tyler John Bartlett
 Elizabeth Anne Bashaw
 Meredyth Isabelle Bashaw^{1,6}
 Oliver Beaubien^{1,2}
 Samuel Nathan Maxime Beaud⁴
 Christian Orion Beck
 Tobin James Becker²
 Joshua David Bedner^{2,6}
 Mijia Renee Beene
 Malachi Alexandar Beglau^{1,2}
 Summer Lynn Berens
 Logan Michael Berry
 Allison Rebecca Blazoff
 Ella Ann Bomia
 Leila Rena Bomia
 Parker Benjamin Bomia-Laberdee^{2,3,6}
 Mattia Bonanno⁴
 Brooklyn Marie Boone^{1,2}
 Michael Brian Borrmann, Jr.^{1,2}
 Cole Lewis Bovia
 Garrett Wes Branham
 Elijah Edward-Lee Breiholz^{1,2}
 Addison Elizabeth Bressler^{2,3}
 Nala Jasielle Brinson
 Riley Lynne Brock¹
 Logan Lee Brockway
 Thomas Edward Brockway
 Gracie Layne Brooks
 Alexander Joseph Brossia^{2,3}
 Ryan Michael Bruck^{1,6}
 Andre Robert Burns
 Kaelah Nacole Burns
 Nolan David Cacioppo²
 Jenna Kay Cadle^{2,3}
 John Clifton Calvin
 Amyah Nevaeh Campbell³
 Jayden Campbell
 Jordyn Aleah Campbell^{2,3}
 Ictzel Denisse Canada¹
 Angelina Carrillo-Echeveste
 Logan John Caudill
 Bianca Ivonne Cedeno^{2,3,6}
 Harmony Jade Celis
 Shad Joseph Lewis Chaffin
 Ava Shae Chapman^{2,3}
 Jasmine Chavez-Ramirez

Ledgend Lee Clark
 Vega James Cochran^{1,2}
 Salyna Navaya Cole
 Tanner James Collett^{2,3}
 Arianna Rene Colon
 Abigail Marie Cook^{2,6}
 James Trevon Cook²
 Alexander Wayne Courts
 Anna Ruth Coury^{2,3,6}
 Emberlynn Angel Crom
 Derek Nicholas Crum^{1,2,6}
 Alexandria Marie Cubberly
 Carson Ryley Curtis
 Davian Alexander Davis
 Dahlia Adele DePelsMaeker
 Christopher James DiCarlo²
 Abigail Christine Dieckmann^{2,3,6}
 Hannah Elizabeth Dobson
 Ryan David Doolittle^{1,2}
 Gabriella Nicole Downen
 Carson James Dulle
 Ezekiel Alan Dunham
 Jakson Anthony Durell
 Kaleb Curtis Duvall
 Brylie Aiman Elabed
 Christopher William Elliott²
 Soffia May Elmer
 Keegan Robert Walker Farris
 Braden Thomas Faunce^{1,2}
 Keylee Rose Ford¹
 Nevaeh Noel Foster¹
 Savanna Rose Frankel²
 Ella May French
 Christian Alan Fulfer
 Madison Denuelle Fultz^{2,3}
 Lacey Skye Furlan
 Yadira Gallegos Gallegos
 Angel Gallegos-Castellanos^{1,2,3,6}
 Madeline Joyce Geftos
 Christopher James Goodin^{1,2}
 Jillian McKenna Gorman^{2,3}
 Olivia Marie Gozdowski¹
 Isaiah Porter Graham
 Caroline Suzanne Rose Grenn^{2,3,6}
 Isabella Grace Grippi-Amoroso¹
 Summer Ray Gulley^{2,3,6}
 Mya Jade Gutierrez
 Dalton James Haggitt
 Alexander Jude Haines
 Keven Cortez Hall
 Meagan Sheree Hall
 Ro'Sean Terrance Hall
 William Austin Hall
 Noah Michael Harmon
 Ian Harper
 William James Harris, II⁶
 Maxwell Brien Hassett¹
 Trinita Lynae Hatcher
 Alice Grace Hause^{2,3}
 Aiden Joseph Hemry
 John Alejandro Hernandez

Justin Wyland Hernandez
 Carlos Moises Hernandez-Rodriguez²
 Emily Sharon Holland²
 Aiden Matthew Homer²
 Delaney Kate Hopper
 Claire Vienna Hopps-Zunk^{2,3}
 Asher Michael Howard
 Douglas James Hurst
 Caiden Michael Hutting²
 Chase Michael Jacobs
 Otto Rhyane Kadrovach
 Karlee Rene' Kamprath
 Brady Owen Kennedy
 Lexi Nicole Kind
 Evelyn Rose King¹
 Alex Michael Kleinow
 Lindsey Kay Kleinow^{2,3}
 Rachel Grace Kucharski¹
 Saniyah Monique Lake
 Carolyn Michelle LaVoy^{2,3}
 Eilinhoir Liem Rose Lawson
 Kaiden Michael Leach
 Ava Charlene Leal^{1,3}
 Hannah Yvonne Lee
 Alaina Elizabeth Leicht^{2,3}
 Analicia Lynn Leroux
 Anthony Frank Letellier
 Alyssandra Willow Lewis^{2,3}
 Julian Christian Lewis¹
 Carson John-Timothy Liedel²
 Dontavion Mikuell Logan
 Raynna Jolie Lozon
 Cienna Janelle Lucio¹
 Ethan Hayden James Lunay
 Miguel Michael Lynk, II
 Abigail Leigh MacLeod
 Aiden Micheal Maness
 Diego Marcelino Guido
 Cheyenne Skye Martin
 Joaquin Antonio Martinez^{1,2}
 Hayden Matthew Masserant
 Alicia Marie Maya⁶
 Devin James Mayes
 Madison Renee McCarver
 Joshua Cade McCluskey, II
 Xzander Robert McCoy
 Molly Lou McCracken^{1,2,3}
 Jalice Joyce McCray-Reed
 James-Anthony Gerald McDonald^{1,2}
 Macy Ann McDonald
 Hayden Gerald McIntosh²
 Olivia Kathryn McMahon^{2,3}
 Dartanian Caleb Mendoza
 Vincent Matthew Meray^{1,6}
 Richard Leo Merrill, IV²
 Akina Tobi Messer^{1,2}
 Ryan Thomas-Edward Miller
 Jasmine Laci Mills
 Naamah Jaelynn Mills¹
 Gabriella Jean Mink
 Yarel Morales Acosta¹

Brayan Morales Quintero^{2,3,6}
 Daniel Angel Moreno
 Myles Douglas Myers¹
 Makayla Lynn Mygatt
 Matthew Ennis Nash^{2,3}
 Lauren Suzanne Newcomb
 Vinh Phuc Nguyen^{2,3}
 Myles James Nicholson
 Jabari Christian Norris
 Peyton Joseph Novak^{2,3}
 Isabella Marie Origel
 Jezlyn Marie Ouellette
 Haley Lynne Overton^{2,3}
 Gracelyn Marie Palmer^{1,6}
 Lilly Jane Palmer^{2,3}
 Haleigha Kelis Parks^{1,2,6}
 Briella Jean Marie Pearce^{2,3}
 Ryan Joseph Pelkey
 Carlos Makell Perry^{2,3}
 Ashley Marie Pidgeon¹
 Brielle-Nicole Cleminteen Pierce^{1,6}
 Joseph Edward Pippens
 Zimmerman Van Pippens
 Myles Robert Pratt
 Eddie Jase Prewitt
 Chayse Antonio Proffitt
 Shawn Michael Purcell
 Madison Lynn Rathburn²
 Juliana Nicole Ratliff^{2,3}
 Brianna Lillian Aikel Raymond
 Blake Ethan Reckenwal^{1,2}
 Niveah Marie Reed
 Rayvon Damichael Reed
 Zaylee Gray Richard²
 Daichelle Lielze Richardson
 LeeAnna Marae Richardson
 Sarah Elizabeth Richardson
 Joshua Paul Riggs^{2,3,6}
 Gabriella Marie Rios
 Griffin Ryan Michael Rippee
 Cooper Gavin Robinson^{1,2,3}
 Alexa Roblero Gallegos
 Mia Marie Roskeda
 Brandon Charles-David Russeau
 Jobie Jerilane-May Russell
 Nicole Taylor Rykse^{2,3,6}
 Illiana Rosa Salinas^{2,3}
 Brooklynn Ann Schilling²
 Gabriel Joseph Schmidt¹
 Jameson Foster Schmitt^{2,3}
 Sophia Raven Schwemmin
 Nathan Christopher Scicluna
 Diondre John Scott
 Joshua Matthew Sebest¹
 Nicholas Joel Seibert¹
 Wyatt Patrick Shankleton²
 Scott Timothy Sheehy^{1,2,6}
 Garrett John Siffer
 Adilyn Faith Simmons¹
 Conner Joseph Simmons
 Madeline Marie Slovick
 Cole Ashton Smith^{1,2}
 Donovan David Smith¹
 Holden Lee Smith
 Kaydee Michelle Smith
 Lilliana Quinn Smith²

Sayde Marie Smith^{2,3}
 Kayleigh Marie Smithers^{2,3,6}
 Keoni Gamble Snavely^{2,3}
 Cody Alan Snead
 Willett Johnathon Sprouse
 Marissa Ann Standifer¹
 Cohen Solanus Stevens
 Cooper Charles Stewart
 Zoey Renee Stover¹
 Milania-Mai Livey Sweat
 Antonio Dametrius Terry
 Madison Marie Theisen
 Armani Jacob King Thomas
 Courtney Marie Thomas^{2,3}
 Javontae Isaiah Thomas
 Green Frank Thornsberry
 Malahki Malik Threatt
 Dalton Michael Tillery
 Timothy Nicholas Tisher, II
 Tayven Lee Trent
 Leslie Trinidad-Ramos⁶
 Jackson David Trpevski^{1,2}
 Davon Jordan Lee Turner
 Emma Grace Turner
 Brandon Allen Turner, Jr.
 Adam Joseph Vida²
 Ryan Donald Walters
 Jonathan Aaron Weber, Jr.
 Brady Frederick Wehrs
 Allie Lynne Marie Wells²
 Alexander William Werner^{2,3,6}
 Re'Nya De'Nee Marie White^{1,2}
 Gary David Whitehouse, III²
 Emma Claire Wigman^{1,2}
 Delani Marie Willey^{2,3}
 Azaleia Geralyn Williams
 Desmin Dedrick Williams
 London Dayne Willis
 Cole Reed Wilson²
 Hannah Beth Wilson²
 Hallee Ann Windless²
 Jacob Charles Wisler²
 Garret Josiah Wright
 Maxwell Kenneth Wright^{2,3}
 Tyler Theodore Phillip Wurster
 Dawson Charles Younglove¹

HONORS KEY

- 1 = Honor Roll**
- 2 = Top 100 Graduate**
(GPA + SAT)
- 3 = National Honor Society**
(NHS)
- 4 = Foreign Exchange Student**
- 5 = Military**
- 6 = Early Middle College**
(EMC)

*Congratulations to the
 Class of 2026!*



SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

Celebrating the achievements of
the Monroe High School Class of 2026



Principal **Steve Pollzzie** places a gold honor stole over the shoulders of Senior Scholar **Richard Merrill IV**.

Senior Scholar Awards

Gold honor stoles were presented to 16 MHS students who earned the designation of Senior Scholar:

Nathan Atwood, Hayden Barker, Tobin Becker, Joshua Bedner, Addison Bressler, Alexander Brossia, Lindsey Kleinow, Alaina Leicht, Olivia McMahon, Richard Merrill, Matthew Nash, Joshua Riggs, Adam Vida, Alexander Werner, Delani Willey, and Hannah Wilson.



Nathan Atwood, Joshua Bedner, and Hayden Barker



Principal **Steve Pollzzie** congratulates **Adam Vida** (above). Superintendent **Andrew Shaw** shakes hands with **Olivia McMahon** (below).



Senior Scholar Awards recognize Monroe High School students who have pursued rigorous academic courses, explored the curriculum, and demonstrated their academic ability in the classroom and on the SAT.



Addison Bressler and Delani Willey



Guiding Force Awards

Our Senior Scholars and Summa Cum Laude seniors had the opportunity to recognize individuals, who made a significant difference in their lives, with Guiding Force Awards.

Senior

Nathan Atwood
Bela Baker
Hayden Barker
Tobin Becker
Joshua Bedner
Addison Bressler
Alexander Brossia
Jennah Cadle
Bianca Cedeno
Ava Chapman
Anna Coury
Lindsey Kleinow
Carolyn LaVoy
Alaina Leicht
Carson Liedel

Presented to:

Sandra Atwood
Renee Baker
Mr. Eric Rausch
Joey Becker
Amy Bedner
AJ Bressler
Cindy & Jeremy Brossia
Rebecca Molenda
Alexandra Cedeno
Sara Ziegler
Ron Coury
Renae Wilson
Jayme Schneider
Adam Tylenda
Ben Liedel

Senior

Olivia McMahon
Richard Merrill IV
Matthew Nash
Peyton Novak
Haley Overton
Briella Pearce
Joshua Riggs
Illiana Salinas
Brooklynn Schilling
Sayde Smith
Kayleigh Smithers
Adam Vida
Alexander Werner
Delani Willey
Hannah Wilson

Presented to:

Maiya McLeod
Kendall Major
Sarah Hallie Nash
Tiffany Novak
Graham Westley
Pastor Jason Aaron
Kerri Williams
Marquita Salinas
Melissa Schilling
Maiya McLeod
Joseph Smithers
Anthony Clark
Kelly Vandeginste
Shannon Willey
Paul Wilson

Watch [Senior Awards Night](#)

View [Senior Awards Presentation](#)

2026 SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT — GUIDING FORCE AWARDS



KERRI WILLIAMS

Joshua Riggs honored his 'excellent' mother, **Kerri Williams**. "She has always supported me — throughout school and life."



TIFFANY NOVAK

Peyton Novak honored his mother, **Tiffany**. "She taught me, 'Do good in school, and you'll go far in life,' and to believe in what you believe in."



PAUL WILSON

Hannah Wilson honored her father, **Paul**. "He does so much for me, and I never thank him enough."

Support makes a difference in achieving success. Several students selected a family member for their Guiding Force Award. Seniors also chose to honor teachers, coaches, counselors, and community mentors.



PASTOR JASON AARON

Briella Pearce honored **Pastor Jason Aaron**. "He's been a mentor to me for 2 years and answers my religious questions without hesitation."



MELISSA SCHILLING

Brooklynn Schilling honored her mother, **Melissa**. "She has constantly encouraged me to be better, and has always been supportive."



RENAE WILSON

Lindsey Kleinow honored her 5th grade teacher, **Renae Wilson**. "Even after I left her class, she continued to support me and reach out."



SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

Career and Technical Education



BIANCA CEDENO



MECA - CTE Future Educators \$1,000 Scholarship

*Sara Ziegler, CTE Future Educators teacher, presented the Michigan Educational Careers Association (MECA) Future Educators \$1,000 Scholarship to **Bianca Cedeno**. Bianca competed with students across the state of Michigan, and was one of only two students selected as a recipient for this special scholarship award.*

MONROE

Career & Technical Education

AMBASSADORS

Construction Trades	Gary Whitehouse
Engineering Technology	Matthew Nash
Future Educators	Bianca Cedeno
Health Sciences	Oliver Beaubien Lindsey Kleinow

CO-OP of YEAR

Business Services/Tech	Adilyn Simmons
Health Occupations	Alaina Leicht
Marketing	Cooper Robinson
Trade & Industrial Tech	Nevaeh Foster
Irene Betz Scholarship	Alaina Leicht

EXCELLENCE in Career & Technical Education

Automotive Technology	Conner Bacon, Daniel Moreno
Business Administration Mgmt & Operations	Angel Gallegos-Castellanos, Adam Vida
Digital Multimedia	Alexander Courts
Electrical Technology	Braden Faunce, Carlos Hernandez-Rodriguez
Engineering Technology	Brooklynn Schilling, Gary Whitehouse
Finance and Accounting	Summer Berens, Hayden McIntosh
Future Educators	Jillian Gorman, Sayde Smith
Health Occupations	Brielle Pierce, Cortney Thomas
Marketing	Molly McCracken, Jameson Schmitt
Welding Technology	Nolan Cacioppo, Briella Pearce

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Bianca Cedeno, Michigan Educational Careers Association
Future Educators — \$1,000 Scholarship

Adam Vida, 2nd Place in State - MOS Word Associate Exam
Daniel Jewell, 4th Place in State - MOS PowerPoint 365 Exam



SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

Celebrating Student Achievement

Monroe High School Outstanding Trojan Award



**MYLES
PRATT**

Principal **Steve Pollzzie** presented the Outstanding Trojan Award to **Myles Pratt**. The award is given to a Monroe High School senior who exhibits selfless acts of kindness, promotes Trojan Pride, and demonstrates leadership qualities by improving those around them. ***Congratulations, Myles!***



Principal **Steve Pollzzie** congratulates **Re'Nya White** whose achievements include Top 100 and Honor Roll. She will attend the University of Toledo to study Electrical Engineering.



Assistant Principal **Mandi Bomia** recognizes **Daniel Moreno**, who received the Excellence in Career Technical Education Award for Automotive Technology.



Principal **Steve Pollzzie** congratulates **Salma Abdalla** whose honors include Top 100 and Cum Laude. She will attend Wayne State University and study Political Science.

2026 SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT



Principal **Steve Pollzzie** congratulates **Chris DiCarlo** whose achievements include Top 100 and Honor Roll. Thanks are extended to all of the MHS staff who assisted with distribution of awards envelopes.



Carolyn LaVoy, a Summa Cum Laude senior, celebrated with her parents, **Bill and Michelle LaVoy**. Carolyn plans to attend the University of Michigan and major in sports management.



Alaina Lecht honored her counselor, **Adam Tylenda**, with a Guiding Force award. "He was a constant source of support, listened to me, and encouraged me.

2026 SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT



Five National Honor Society friends celebrated following the Senior Awards Night ceremony. **Angel Gallegos-Castellanos** received the Excellence in Career Technical Education Award for Business Administration Management and Operations. **Lindsey Kleinow**, a Senior Scholar and Summa Cum Laude graduate, was a Career and Technical Education Ambassador for Health Sciences. **Alexander Werner** is a Senior Scholar and Summa Cum Laude graduate. **Nicole Rykse** was honored as a Magna Cum Laude and Top 100 senior. **Joshua Riggs** is a Senior Scholar and Summa Cum Laude graduate.



Jameson Schmitt celebrates with his parents **Chad and Kristin Schmitt**. He received the Excellence in Career and Technical Education Award for Marketing.



Myles Myers celebrates with his mother, **Sandra Myers**. He was recognized for being on the Honor Roll. He plans to attend Michigan State University for Pre-Dental.



Watch [Baccalaureate Service](#)

This non-denominational service is a special opportunity for seniors, families, and community members to come together in a spirit of gratitude and reflection — lifting up our graduates through moments of prayer, encouragement, and shared celebration, honoring all they have accomplished, and looking ahead to what's next.

*Teacher and emcee **Ben Cornett** (center) with seniors **Jameson Schmitt** and **Lilly Palmer**.*

2026 Monroe High School Baccalaureate Service



***Jameson Schmitt** shared a testimonial.*

The 2026 Baccalaureate Service was held on May 26th. Students and staff who read scripture or shared testimonials included **Bianca Cedeno**, **Keegan Farris**, **Summer Gulley**, **Briella Pearce**, **Brielle-Nicole Pierce**, **Blake Rectenwal**, **Jameson Schmitt**, **Scottie Sheehy**, **Sayde Smith**, **Leslie Trinidad-Ramos**, **Alex Werner**, **Renee Matteson**, and **Ben Cornett**. The MHS Orchestra performed prelude music. **Arantza Barragan** led Our Father. **Tigra Roof-Delben**, who is retiring from Monroe High School as a special services teacher, gave the closing prayer.

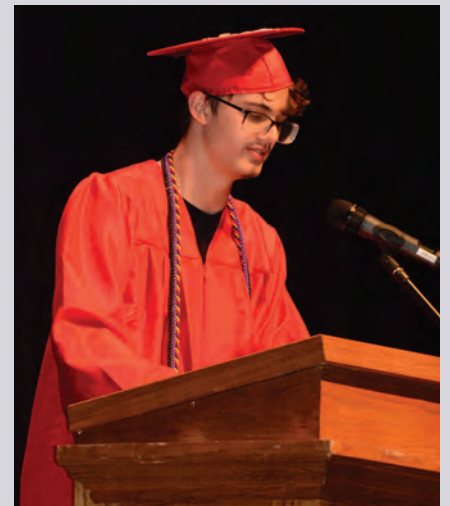


***Rachel Adkins**, 2\42 Community Church, provided the message.*



***Sayde Smith** read scripture.*

Special thanks are extended to **Cristian Medina-Rivera**, guitar and vocals; **Brad Cornett**, percussion; **Mya Ponziani**, piano and vocals; **Linda Chmiel**; **Ben Cornett**; **Tigra Delben**; **Anne Knabus**; **Andrew Marchese**; **Kelly Vandeginste**; **Stephen Pollzzie**; **Melinda Carr**; **Kristin Horn**; **Rebecca Molenda**; **Jeremy Kimberlin**; **Carli Tower**; **Graham Westley**; **Olivia Charrette**; Sodexo Food Services (refreshments); Red Letter (livestream); The Monroe Evangelical Council; Monroe United; youth and pastors of Monroe; and all MPS faculty.



***Scottie Sheehy** read scripture.*



Senior friends after the Baccalaureate — **Gary Whitehouse III, Blake Rectenwal, Myles Myers, Scottie Sheehy, and Alex Werner.** Scottie's bible cover shares an appropriate verse from Jeremiah 29:11 for the graduates: **"For I know THE PLANS I have for you, declares the Lord: plans to PROSPER YOU and not to harm you, plans to give you HOPE and a Future."**



Leslie Trinidad-Ramos, Summer Gulley, Delani Willey

Baccalaureate Service



Retiring teacher **Tigra Delben** gave the closing prayer.



STANDING: Alexander Werner, Adam Vida, Matthew Nash, Joshua Riggs, Peyton Novak, Richard Merrill IV, Hayden Barker. **KNEELING:** Carson Liedel, Nathan Atwood, Alexander Brossia, Joshua Bedner, Tobin Becker.

SENIOR SCHOLARS and SUMMA CUM LAUDE GRADUATES



BACK: Kayleigh Smithers, Lindsey Kleinow, Anna Coury, Jennah Cadle, Carolyn LaVoy, Alaina Leicht, Addison Bressler, Bela Baker, Delani Willey. **FRONT:** Hannah Wilson, Sayde Smith, Bianca Cedeno, Brooklynn Schilling, Illiana Salinas, Briella Pearce, Ava Chapman, Haley Overton, Olivia McMahon.



*Tobin Becker, Jackson Durell, Xzander McCoy,
Leo Baldwin-Barbarich*



*Emma Wigman, Claire Hopps-Zunk,
Ava Leal*



ABOVE:

*This group of friends
are highly decorated:*

*Max Wright,
Hayden Barker,
Joshua Bedner,
Jonathan Weber, Jr.,
Gary Whitehouse III,
Alec Adams*



HONORS KEY

Gold Stole - Senior Scholar;
Blue Stole - National Honor Society;
Gold Cord - Summa Cum Laude;
Blue Cord - Magna Cum Laude;
Dark Green Cord - Cum Laude;
Black Cord - Early Middle College;
Red, White, and Blue Cord -
Military & Foreign Exchange

*Andre Burns, Desmin Williams,
Antonio Terry*



Graduation

CLASS OF 2026

Corinna Aulph was NHS President, Varsity Track Captain, Varsity Basketball Captain, Varsity Cross Country Captain, and Pep Club Leader. She plans to attend Wayne State University and study Civil Engineering.

Aiden Homer played Varsity Baseball for four years and earned Academic All-Region. He plans to complete an apprenticeship in HVAC.



Caroline Grenn, Lindsey Kleinow, Bianca Cedeno, Anna Coury



Angel Gallegos-Castellanos was Class President, Student Council VP, BPA Treasurer, Homecoming King, and part of NHS and EMC. His long-term goal is Law School. **Amyah Campbell** was Homecoming Queen and part of Sideline/Competitive Cheer and NHS. She plans to attend MCCC and transfer to the University of Toledo for Nursing.



Hayden McIntosh, Cole Smith, Ro'Sean Hall, Griffin Rippee



Graduation Ceremony

CLASS OF 2026

It was a beautiful evening at Bunkelman Field. Graduates processed in under blue skies.





Monroe Public Schools Board of Education and Cabinet Members

STANDING: *David Malolepszy*, Executive Director of Student Services; *David Payne*, Executive Director of Operations and Technology; *Tom Heck*, Board President; *Andrew Shaw*, Superintendent; *Gary Jenkins*, Board Trustee; *Brian Sabbadini*, Parliamentarian.

SEATED: *Mary Vincent*, Board Secretary; *Kerri Williams*, Board Treasurer; *Darla Myers*, Board Vice President; *Terry Joseph*, Executive Director of Student Services; *Cindy Flynn*, Executive Director of Human Resources; *Cassandra Shook*, Executive Director of Business & Finance.





Graduation

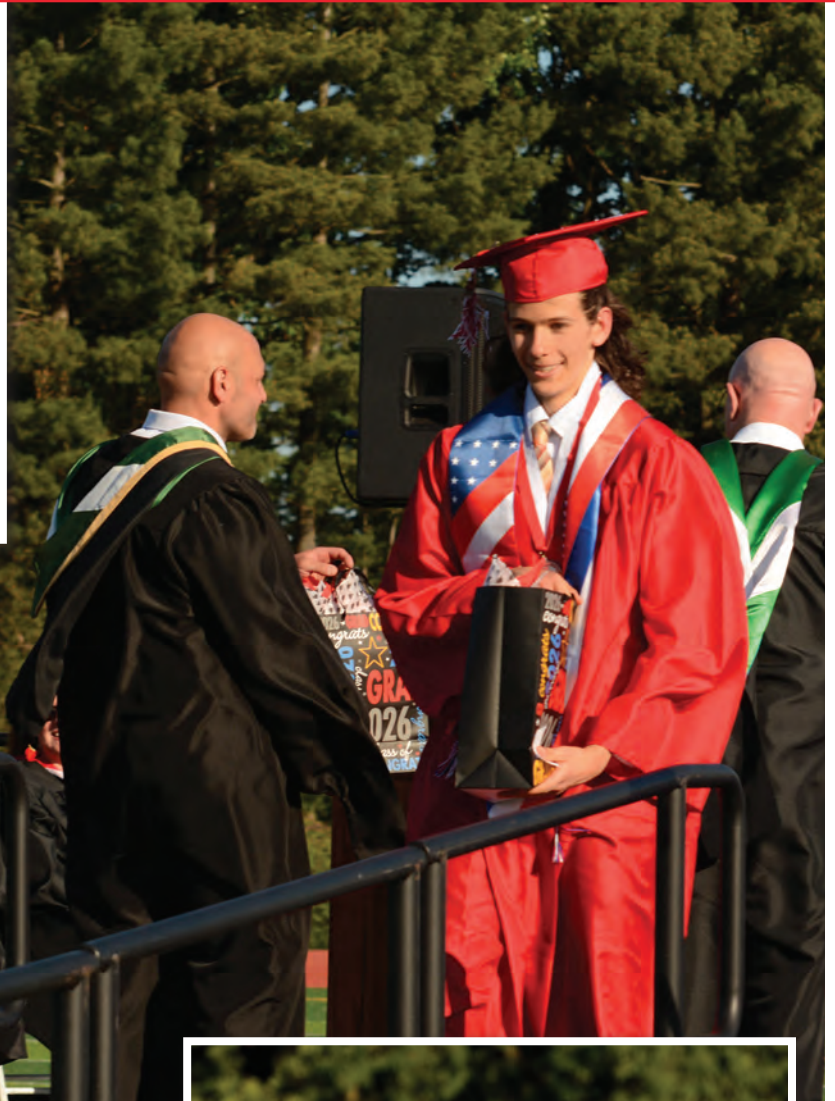
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Color Guard
VFW Post 1138



Special thanks are extended to Veterans of Foreign Wars - VFW Post 1138 for the Presentation of Colors at Graduation.





International Friendships

Foreign Exchange Students Celebrated at Graduation

Superintendent **Andrew Shaw** and Principal **Steve Pollzzie** recognized Monroe High School's 2025-2026 foreign exchange students — **Mattia Bonanno** from Italy, **Arantza Barragan** from Mexico, and **Samuel Beaud** from France. The three students were each presented with a flag.

"This gift, the American flag, symbolizes this nation's beliefs in freedom, liberty, unity, and world friendship," Superintendent Shaw said. "On behalf of everyone associated with Monroe Public Schools and our entire community, in appreciation for your contribution to a better world, through your stay with us in Monroe, Michigan, please accept this flag of the United States of America, which is a gift from all of us."



The MHS Band performed under the direction of **Graham Westley**.



Musical Performances

Monroe High School Band, Choir, Generations of Sound

The MHS Choir and Generations of Sound performed under the direction of **Carli Tower**.

Senior Choir members included: *(front)* **Maddie Theisen, Akina Messer, Emily Holland, Cortney Thomas,** *(back)* **Cooper Stewart, Jonathan Weber Jr., Tim Tisher, and Donovan Smith.**





Graduation Celebration

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**KATELYN
MARTIN**

Commencement Address

The 2026 Commencement Address was delivered by Spanish teacher **Kelly Martin**, who is retiring.

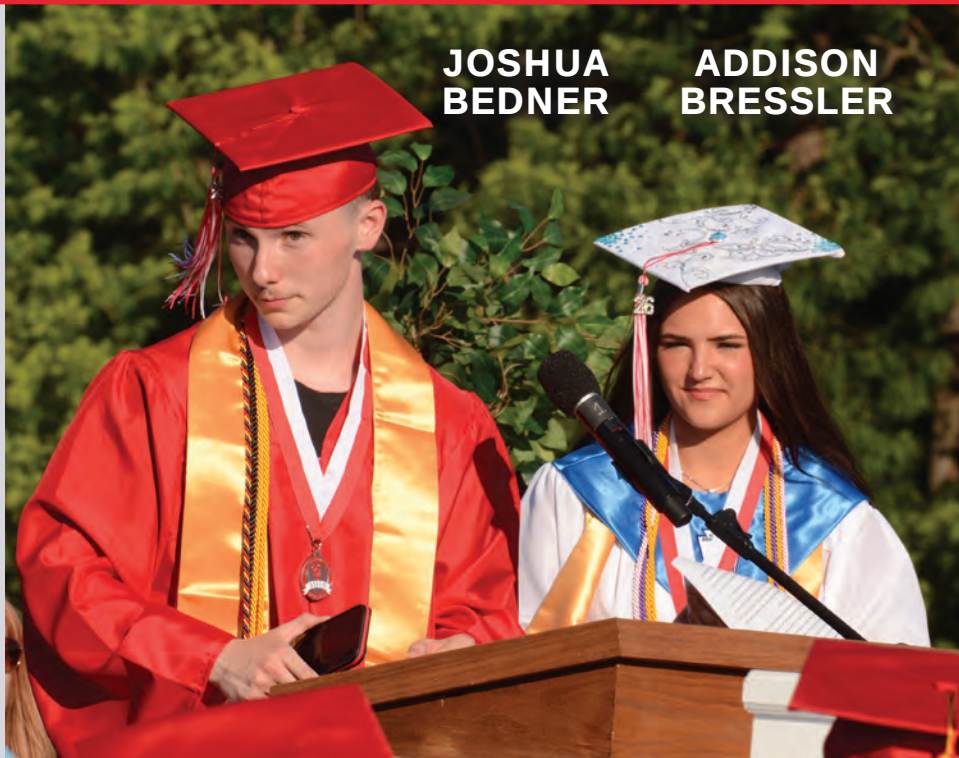
"Success in life is not about never failing. It's about getting back up with more wisdom, humility, and determination each time you fall," she stressed. "You have already overcome so many difficult things. You are more capable than you realize. You do not have to be perfect to make a positive difference. Be brave enough to try, be humble enough to learn, be strong enough to keep going, and be kind enough to lift others along the way."

Presentation of Diplomas

The Monroe Public Schools Board of Education presented diplomas to the Monroe High School Class of 2026.

*Pictured shaking hands is Board Trustee **Gary Jenkins**.*





**JOSHUA
BEDNER**

**ADDISON
BRESSLER**

Senior Scholars — Student Speakers

Joshua Bedner and **Addison Bressler** were selected to represent the 16 Senior Scholars as speakers. Joshua plans to attend Monroe County Community College to study Business. Addison will attend the University of Connecticut for Digital Media and Design.

"Live in the present, believe that life will work out as long as you constantly try to improve, and enjoy your passions," Joshua stressed. "Always stay close to your fellow graduates. We are a family!" Addison reflected on nostalgic summer memories and fireflies. "Growing up asks us to do something difficult — to love moments deeply without trying to trap them in a jar... But maybe the point was never to stop time. Maybe the point was to notice it — to breathe in extra deep and just enjoy it."



**ANGEL
GALLEGOS-
CASTELLANOS**

Class Farewell

Class President **Angel Gallegos-Castellanos** delivered the farewell address. He plans to complete his fifth year in the Early Middle College program at Monroe County Community College and then transfer to a four-year university to study Social Work or English Lit, for Pre-Law.

"With a new chapter on its way, change is inevitable," Angel said. "We need to have enough trust in ourselves in order to begin again. Believe in yourselves... Starting over is not the end. Sometimes it's the beginning of a life we were meant to live."



PRESENTATION: Superintendent **Andrew Shaw** and Principal **Steve Pollzzie** presented an honorary diploma in memory of **Elizabeth Jacobsen** to her family and her best friend and classmate, **Ella Bomia**.

HONORARY DIPLOMA: Remembering Elizabeth Jacobsen



Elizabeth Jacobsen | July 16, 2008 - August 29, 2022

A moment was taken at graduation for a special recognition. "Tonight, we will be honoring **Elizabeth Jacobsen**, who passed away in the summer of 2022 in a tragic accident, right before her ninth grade year," Principal **Steve Pollzzie** said.

"The class of 2026 would have been Elizabeth's graduating class," Mr. Pollzzie shared. "Her family and her best friend, **Ella Bomia**, are here with us tonight to receive an honorary diploma from Monroe High School in her memory."

Elizabeth's family and Ella were invited on stage for the presentation of the honorary diploma. The audience was asked to join them in showing love and support for Elizabeth and her family.



Military Service

Serving Their Country

MHS graduates entering the military were recognized during the ceremony as a group, with applause to show appreciation for their commitment to our country.

***Jackson Trpevski** is entering the Navy and hopes to study Nuclear Propulsion Engineering. He was a Drum Major for the Trojan Marching Band and is pictured with a band friend, **Cole Wilson** (far left), who has applied to the Carpenters union.*

A close-up photograph of Jordyn Campbell, a young woman with dark curly hair, wearing a white graduation gown and a blue stole. She is standing at a wooden podium, smiling, and looking towards the right. A microphone is in front of her. The background is slightly blurred, showing trees and a speaker.

**JORDYN
CAMPBELL**

Time-Honored Tradition: Turning of the Tassels

Jordyn Campbell performed her last leadership act as Student Council President by leading her fellow graduates in the Turning of the Tassels.

Jordyn's activities also included Varsity Tennis, Jazz Band (guitarist), and National Honor Society. She plans to attend Michigan State University to study Environmental Biology and Zoology.

Graduates pulled out their phones to snap selfies and preserve the moment they turned their tassels. Then the sky was a stream of caps flying in the air.





Graduation Ceremony

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Board Treasurer **Kerri Williams** presented her son, **Joshua Riggs**, with his diploma, and gave him a big hug. She hugged several graduates on stage, as she knew them from growing up with her son.



Graduates were released row by row to proceed to the stage to receive their diplomas.



As the graduates recessed, they walked through a tunnel of MPS staff offering high fives and hugs.

Graduation Celebration



Cortney Thomas, pictured with Principal **Steve Pollzzie**, was awarded a full-ride scholarship to the University of Detroit Mercy with direct admission into their Nursing program.



Addy Simmons, Alyssa Torres, and Abby McLeod. Addy received the Business Co-Op Student of the Year Award and will study Business Management at MCCC. Abby plans to attend MCCC, then transfer to Michigan State University for Animal Science.



Keoni Snavelly plans to attend MCCC to become an Electrician. **Cooper Robinson**, the Marketing Co-Op Student of the Year, will attend Owens Community College where he will play Soccer and study Finance.



Carolyn LaVoy and Hayden McIntosh



Arianna Colon and Hallee Windless



Meredyth Bashaw and Madeline Geftos



Mijia Beene with her godsister, **Daliah**. She plans to attend Monroe County Community College to study Early Childhood Education, then transfer to Michigan State University.

Monroe Virtual Program 2026 MHS Graduates



Teagan Ansel
Carissa Anthony
Logan Berry
Allison Blazoff
Andre Burns
Logan Caudill
Brylie Elabed
Christian Fulfer
Madison Fultz
Madeline Geftos
Otto Kadrovach
Brady Kennedy
Kaiden Leach
Anthony Letellier
Julian Lewis

Aiden Maness
Madison McCarver
Ryan Miller
Gabriella Mink
Makayla Mygatt
Gabriel Schmidt
Sophia Schwemmin
Madeline Slovik
Cody Snead



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Hayden Barker, Jameson Schmitt



Peyton Novak plans to attend the University of Toledo and major in Electrical Engineering. **Richard Merrill IV** will study Mathematics at Michigan State University. **Alexander Brossia** will attend Monroe County Community College.



Vega Cochran, Nathan Atwood



*Desmin Williams,
Brendan Bacon*



*Malachi Beglau,
Scott Sheehy*



Brayan Morales Quintero, Adam Vida



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Brooklynn Schilling with mother, **Melissa**,
MPS Human Resources Office



Milania-Mai Sweat; **Dontavion Logan**, girlfriend **Lola Cacioppo**



Parker Bomia-Laberdee and **Abby Dieckmann**



Carlos Perry, Jr. with his mother **Chalsie Brindley** (far left),
girlfriend **Riley Rathburn**, and father **Carlos Perry, Sr.**



Delani Willey and **Nolan Cacioppo**



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Kayleigh Smithers with her family. Kayleigh was Sideline Cheer Captain and received the SEC First Team All Conference Award for Competitive Cheer. She will complete her 5th year of Early Middle College at MCCC and major in Photography.



Illiana Salinas with her family. Illiana was a Monroe Trojan Marching Band Section Leader and Art Club President. She plans to attend the University of Toledo and major in Fine Arts.



Christopher DiCarlo with mother, **Stacey** (far left); **Wyatt Shankleton** with mother, **Melissa**, an Enrichment Liaison at Manor Elementary. Chris will attend the University of Toledo to study Electrical Engineering. Wyatt plans to attend MCCC, then transfer to Michigan Tech for Biology.



Bailey Baker with mother, **Renee**. Bailey will attend Wayne State University to study Musical Theatre and pursue a BFA.



Brielle-Nicole Pierce with her mother, **Michelle** (left), and her 'school mom,' **Jamila Clark**.



DISTRICT CALENDAR / UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3 - June 30, 2026

1275 N. Macomb St., Monroe, MI 48162 · (734) 265.3000

- Wed., June 3 Learning Bank Graduation, River Raisin National Battlefield Park, 6 p.m.
(Graduates arrive at 5:15 p.m.) Tickets required. 4 tickets per graduate.
- Thurs., June 4 Senior Walk – Arborwood alumni – Meet at Hollywood Playground, 2 p.m.
Wear cap and gown. Walk through Hollywood and Cantrick.
- Thurs., June 4 Hollywood Family Appreciation Night, 5-7 p.m. RSVP [online](#)
- Fri., June 5 Manor Clap Out – for Manor Seniors and 4th grade students, 10:45 a.m.
- Fri., June 5 Manor Bobcat Bash for Manor Families, 4:30-7 p.m.
RSVP at: <https://forms.gle/H2qUGmgDgJV6kFyCA>
- Fri., June 5 Orchard Center H.S. Graduation, OCHS outdoors, 6 p.m. (grads by 5:30)
- June 8-10 Exams for Monroe High School, grades 9-11
- Mon., June 8 MHS Cross Country Summer Conditioning begins
- Wed., June 10 Last Half Day of School for Students | Teachers do NOT work in afternoon
End of Third Trimester | End of Second Semester | End of Fourth Quarter
- Wed., June 10 6th Grade Last Lap (bubbles, sidewalk chalk messages), Cantrick, 11:15 a.m.
- June 12 and 13 MHS & MMS Cheerleading Tryouts, Monroe H.S. Gym, June 12, 6-9 p.m.;
June 13 times will be assigned at Clinic, starting at 2 p.m. Must be
registered in Snap & have physical dated after 4/15; [Sign up](#) for Tryouts
- Mon., June 15 45th Annual M.H.S.B.C.A. All-Star Game at CoMerica Park
Includes MHS Trojan Baseball Player Carson Liedel
- June 22 FREE onsite Summer Meals for Kids begin at Tot Lots/City of Monroe Parks,
June 22 – July 23, Monday-Thursday, Breakfast 10-11 am, Lunch 12-1 pm;
- June 22 FREE onsite Summer Meals for Kids begin at MCCC Bldgs C,F,H,T,Z
June 22 - August 14, Breakfast 8:45-9:45 a.m., Lunch 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- June 25 FREE Summer Meals: 7-Day Meal Bundles, Raisinville, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Every THURSDAY, June 25-August 6, first come, first serve

Looking Ahead...

July 20 – 25	Marching Band – Away Camp, Bowling Green State University
July 27 – 31	Marching Band – Home Camp, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monroe High School
Sat., July 28	Spaghetti Dinner in support of Teresa Knox, at Waterloo, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Adults \$10 / Children \$5 / Beverages \$1
Sun., Aug. 2	Trojan Marching Band in Monroe County Fair Parade
Aug. 2 – Aug. 8	Monroe County Fair; Visit MPS Booth in Expo Center
Sat., Aug. 8	40 th Annual Monroe Soccer Alumni Games, MHS Bunkelman Field Legends Game (35+), 6-7 p.m. Graduates (34 & under), 7:15-8:30 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 13	Waterloo - Playdates with Principals, 1-2 p.m.
August 18-19	Class of 2027 Senior Parking Spots, Aug. 18, 8 am-3 pm Aug. 19, 9 -3 Designs must be pre-approved and paid for (\$35 spots & \$30 parking pass) Approval form: https://forms.gle/qnXYSk7ZzKjdfp9E8
Tues., Aug. 19	Raisinville – Playdates with Principals, 1-2 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 19	Custer – Playdates with Principals, 1-2 p.m.
Aug. 25-27	Professional Development Days for Staff – No School
Thurs., Aug. 27	Open Houses – Fall 2026 Monroe High School, Orchard Center H.S., Monroe Virtual – 4-6 p.m. Monroe Middle School, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Cantrick, 5-7 p.m. All MPS Elementary Schools, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Mon., Aug. 31	First Day of Classes (grades Y5-12)
Sept. 4-7	Labor Day Weekend – No School Friday, Sept. 4 and Mon., Sept. 7
Tues., Sept. 8	Classes Resume