

# ***Bismarck High School Honors and Awards 2023-2024***



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students and staff for their outstanding accomplishments this year!!

## **August**

Congratulations **Laine Martinez** for being the 2023 Graciela Wilborn North Dakota Foreign Language Teacher of the Year Award recipient! She is a truly deserving candidate for this award.

## **September**

### **Homecoming Court:**

Paige Breuer	Escorted by	LJ Araujo
Kendra Dockter	Escorted by	Lucas Dickerson
Raya Rood	Escorted by	Bridger Owens
Zoe Reichenberger	Escorted by	Jesse Feist

### **2023-24 Bismarck High Homecoming Queen & King**

**Jersey Berg** Escorted by **Braxton Just**

- Each month staff recognized those students who are positive role models.

Students of the Quarter:

- 9<sup>th</sup> = **Bryn Lee, Sophia Zaidi, Layla Huber, Max Salazar-Araujo**
- 10<sup>th</sup> = **Jilian Quale, Jordyn Rood**
- 11<sup>th</sup> = **Lily Erdmann, Ethan Urbanek**
- 12<sup>th</sup> = **Emerson Carufel, Raya Rood, Gabriel Vincent**

## **October**

- Let's introduce your 2023 WDA All-conference Bismarck High School Boys Soccer Players!!
  - #15 **Liam Weis**
  - #9 **Logan Reuschlein**
  - #2 **Bryce Vatnsdal**
- Congratulations to **Tyler Wahl** who earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the West Region individual singles tournament by defeating teammate **Gabe Hanson** who captured 4<sup>th</sup>. They will be entered as the 3 and 4 seeds, respectively, into the State Tournament. Both boys were named to All-Conference Honors as well as both being representatives for the West Region in the running for ND Senior Athlete of the Year in Tennis!
- BHS took top honors at the Regional Envirothon Competition
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place: **Seth Peterson, Ethan Thurn, Eleanore Horning, Wakinyan Ute, Chase Schmidt**  
Alternate: **Parker Lonski**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place: **Olivia Bettenhausen, Sienna Huber, Laura Horning, Hannah Sarkilahti, Layla Huber**
- Congratulations to **Luke Dockter, Carter Henke, Tyson Jangula**, and **Jack Schaffer** who made All State Football.
- Congratulations to **Logan Reuschlein** and **Liam Weis** who made All State Soccer

- Boys Cross Country Coach of the Year – Scott Reichenberger
- Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year – Janelle Olson
- Boys and Girls Cross Country took 1<sup>st</sup> at state!!!
  - Boys Individual Results:
    - **Owen Hintz**- 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - **Parker Hintz**- 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - **Tyler Wahl**- 7<sup>th</sup>
    - **Gabe Hanson**- 8<sup>th</sup>
    - **Jakson Ensign**- 10<sup>th</sup>
    - **Dawson Balzer**- 11<sup>th</sup>
    - **Connor Ensign**- 13<sup>th</sup>
    - **Gabe Hamlin**- 16<sup>th</sup>
  - The following Girls are ‘ALL-STATE’
    - **Izzy Dahl**- 4<sup>th</sup>
    - **Aubrey Kleser**- 5<sup>th</sup>
    - **Taya Fettig**- 8<sup>th</sup>
    - **Bayla Weigel**- 9<sup>th</sup>
- Each month staff recognized those students who are positive role models.  
Students of the Quarter:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> = **Cambree Anderson, Grace Neumann**
  - 10<sup>th</sup> = **Kiara Irizarry-Perez, Skyler Simosko**
  - 11<sup>th</sup> = **Trey Crissler, Conner Harvison**
  - 12<sup>th</sup> = **Jersey Berg, Srividhya Igathinathane**

## November

- BHS State Cheerleading competition was a huge success!!
  - JV took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Timeout Division
  - Varsity took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Timeout Division
  - Senior Awards went to **Annabelle Fuchs** and **Aliani Delgado-Torres**
  - **Mia Peterson** is bringing home 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Top Sideline
- Congrats to our WDA All-Conference Team volleyball members:
  - **Tayla Andersen**, Senior - 1st Team
  - **Madison Foster**, Junior - 1st Team
  - **Jordyn Rood**, Sophomore - 1st Team
  - Congrats to **Tayla Andersen** for being a nominee for senior athlete of the year!
- Bismarck High School DECA Chapter recognized for Thrive Level Chapter Campaigns. BHS DECA was among 645 chapters that achieved Thrive Level recognition during the 2023-2024 school year and will be commended at DECA’s International Career Development Conference (ICDC) held April in Anaheim, California.
  - Each fall, DECA offers four campaigns for chapters to complete as part of their leadership program for the year. These campaigns are designed to grow membership engagement and build lasting partnerships within the school and local community. Chapters that achieve Thrive Level receive a commemorative pennant, flag and plaque. The chapters also have an opportunity to participate in ICDC. In order to receive Thrive Level recognition, the chapter completed two out of three chapter campaigns, including the community service campaign, ethical leadership campaign, and promotional campaign.
  - BHS DECA members involved in the project are **Kiara Perez, Khai Samaniego, Katara Santana, Aiden Campbell, Ethan Tena, Nathan Tena, and Grayson Grinaker**.

- Great job to our BHS students who competed in the math competition at the University of Mary.
  - **Ethan Thurn** and **Micheal Moran** were the top performers from their age groups for BHS.
  - **Ethan Thurn** and **Grace Haider** tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall in the lighting round.
  - **Ethan Thurn** got 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall in the individual test.
- Each month staff recognized those students who are positive role models.  
Students of the Quarter:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> = **Aubrey Vatnsdal, Ava Davis, Zach Tschosik**
  - 10<sup>th</sup> = **Daniel Rainbow, Darnell Kills Crow, Brennen Greff**
  - 11<sup>th</sup> = **Sydney Kiefer, Amelia Hassebrock, Dymond Smith**
  - 12<sup>th</sup> = **Grace Gross, Denesse Wilson, Ty Luetzen**

## December

- Each month staff recognized those students who are positive role models.  
Students of the Quarter:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> = **Julia Araujo, Nora Traynor**
  - 10<sup>th</sup> = **Tiernan Glass, Aidan Rakowski**
  - 11<sup>th</sup> = **Adyson Gallagher, Easton Egeberg**
  - 12<sup>th</sup> = **Cambrie Fischer, Rai Samaniego**

## January

- We are so excited to announce that **Valerie Ebenal** is our school champion for Poetry Out Loud this year. She will head to state competition in February.
  - Congratulations to **Journie Unterseher** and **Katarina Severt** who did an outstanding job as well taking 2nd and 3rd place.
- Each month staff recognized those students who are positive role models.  
Students of the Quarter:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> = **Kitara Pena Santana, Cayle Fischer**
  - 10<sup>th</sup> = **Reese Dever, Sydney Beach**
  - 11<sup>th</sup> = **Lucy Wisthoff, Grady Swanson**
  - 12<sup>th</sup> = **Carson Henke, James Nagel**
  - BHS FCCLA chapter members competed at the District 4 STAR Events in Dickinson. Three members took silver on their projects and will compete at the state level in April!
    - **Rylee Heinen** - Teaching Strategies - Silver
    - **Genevieve Neigum** - Teach & Train - Silver
    - **Jilian Quale** - Career Investigation – Silver

## February

- Bismarck High School received two “Outstanding Performance” awards at the WDA State Woodwind Festival. There are three ensemble adjudicators, and only one ensemble per adjudicator receives this award. Congratulations to **Mya Lydeen, Lalli Red Horn, Zoe Reichenberger, and Keelin Traynor** from the Wind Ensemble Clarinet Quartet; and to **Taylor Cavett, Madeline Engel, Ahviana Harris, and Mia Peterson** from the Wind Ensemble Flute Quartet for receiving these awards.
- Congratulations 2024 National Science Bowl Regional Champions!!!! **Roger Karalus, Parker Lonski, Ethan Thurn, and Anna Armstrong**
- Great job at the cheer competition
  - 3rd place in Timeout
  - **Keeley Thorsness** and **Bianca Charboneau** received the Senior Award
  - **Mia Peterson** took 1<sup>st</sup> in All Around

- Congratulations **Bryce Vatnsdal** for breaking a 1998 school record in dive. With 6 dives Bryce scored the new school record of 271.10!!!! The old record was 265. Great job Bryce!!! During this same meet, Bryce also qualified in the 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke. This was the first time he swam these competitions this year!!!
- 2024 NDHSAA Class A Boys Wrestling Team Individual State Tournament Champions: Bismarck High School!
- 2024 NDHSAA Class A Boys Wrestling Team Dual State Tournament Champions: Bismarck High School!
- 2024 State Wrestling Champions
  - **LJ Araujo** (172 lbs.) 5<sup>th</sup> State Title
  - **Ben DeForest** (121 lbs.) 3<sup>rd</sup> State Title
  - **Hudson Egeberg** (139 lbs.) ND State Wrestling Champ
  - **Cade Nieuwsma** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place (107 lbs.)
  - **Tyrus Jangula** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place (160 lbs.)
  - **Colton Ireland** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place (114 lbs.)
  - **Landon McMahan** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place (145 lbs.)
  - **Braeden Halverson** – 4<sup>th</sup> place (133 lbs.)
  - **Devin Halverson** – 5<sup>th</sup> place (152 lbs.)
  - **Bridger Owens** – 5<sup>th</sup> place (189 lbs.)
  - **Ayden Schlafman** – 5<sup>th</sup> place (215 lbs.)
  - **Kayden Egeberd** – 6<sup>th</sup> place (107 lbs.)
  - **Carson Lardy** – 7<sup>th</sup> place (139 lbs.)
- 2024 NDHSAA Class A Girls Wrestling Team Individual State Tournament Champions: Bismarck High School!
- 2024 NDHSAA Class A Girls Wrestling Team Dual State Tournament Champions: Bismarck High School!
- 2024 State Wrestling Champions
  - **Cambree Anderson** (190 lbs.)
  - **Aubrie Overson** (142 lbs.)
  - **Julia Araujo** (130 lbs.)
  - **Maggie Thielges** (124 lbs.)
  - **Paige Baumgartner** 2<sup>nd</sup> place (148 lbs.)
  - **Madison Reems** 3<sup>rd</sup> place (136 lbs.)
  - **Lexi Beckler** 5<sup>th</sup> place (155 lbs.)
  - **Brinley Buechler** 6<sup>th</sup> place (250 lbs.)
  - **Deja Ireland** 6<sup>th</sup> place (112 lbs.)
  - **Hailyann Turner** 7<sup>th</sup> place (106 lbs.)
  - **Kassidi Monroe** 8<sup>th</sup> place (124 lbs.)
- NDHSCA Outstanding Senior Athlete Award for the 2023-24 school year ... **LJ Araujo**.
- Congratulations to Team Hacktivistz for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the North Dakota Cyber Madness Competition! The team consists of **Ethan Rouse, Ayden Olson, Sri Igathinathane, Eleanore Horning, and Michael Moran**.

## March

- Each month staff recognized those students who are positive role models.  
Students of the Quarter:
  - 9<sup>th</sup> = **Trysdan Geerdes, Charlie Wisthoff**
  - 10<sup>th</sup> = **Tate Fischer, Drew Taylor**
  - 11<sup>th</sup> = **Journie Unterseher, Luke Naslund**
  - 12<sup>th</sup> = **Hadley Greer, Bryce Vatnsdal**

- The following students qualified as members of the 2024 Class A Academic All-State Team. **Parker Hintz** (Gold Team), **Tyler Harper & Aiden Ellertson** (Bronze Team), **Gabe Hanson** (Silver Team). Honorable Mention **Grace Haider**. Congratulations!
- Co-Senior Athlete of the Year - #22 **Jersey Berg**
- Congratulation to **Jersey Berg, Paige Breuer, and Raya Rood** for making the All-WDA Conference Team
- Congratulations at the 2024 State Swim and Dive.
  - **Sam Eggl, Garrett Wick, Noah Zaidi, Blake Nelson** broke BHS and state record in 200 Medley Relay. Old school record was 1:36:11 / New record is 1:35:26
  - **Blake Nelson** broke a state and BHS record in 100 Backstroke. Old school record was 51.16 / New record is 51.02
  - **Blake Nelson** also broke the 200 Freestyle school record. Old school record was 1:43:22 / New record is 1:41:69
  - **Bryce Vatnsdal** – State diving champion
- 2024 Boys Swim & Dive Championships – Top 16
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 100 Backstroke – **Blake Nelson**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 100 Backstroke – **Sam Eggl**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 200 Freestyle – **Blake Nelson**
  - 14<sup>th</sup> Place - 200 IM – **Connor Ensign**
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Place – 50 Freestyle – **Garrett Wick**
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Place – 50 Freestyle – **Noah Zaidi**
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Place – 100 Butterfly – **Sam Eggl**
  - 7<sup>th</sup> Place – 100 Butterfly – **Noah Zaidi**
  - 16<sup>th</sup> Place – 500 Freestyle – **Hunter Spotted Bear**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 200 Freestyle Relay – **Blake Nelson, Noah Zaidi, Sam Eggl, and Garrett Wick**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 100 Backstroke – **Sam Eggl**
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Place – 100 Breaststroke – **Garrett Wick**
  - 10<sup>th</sup> Place – 400 Freestyle Relay – **Thalon Smith, Jakson Ensign, Bridger Duckwitz, Connor Ensign**
- All-State Athletes for Swim & Dive: **Sam Eggl, Noah Zaidi, Blake Nelson, Garrett Wick, and Bryce Vatnsdal**

## **Scholarship Recipients:**

National Cyber Scholarship – **Srividhya Igathinathane**  
Conrad Leifur Language Arts Scholarship - **Hannah Sarkilahti**

## **Congratulations to the 2024 class valedictorians:**

Leandro Araujo, Macy Barth, Jersey Berg, Paige Breuer, Reagan Dever, Tavia Eberle, Aidan Ellertson, Madeline Engel, Cambrie Fischer, Annabelle Fuchs, Hadley Greer, Clarissa Haas, Grace Haider, Sydney Hall, Gabriel Hanson, Tyler Harper, Rylee Heinen, Carson Henke, Parker Hintz, Madison Hopfauf, Srividhya Igathinathane, Audrey Johnson, Emma Johnson, Mya Johnson, Morgan Johnson-Colbert, Braxton Just, Alec Keller, Ava Krikorian, Alyson Krug, Dyvichj Kumar, Taryn Malmedal, Kennedy Marcus, Jefferson Miller, Sophia Ness, Kalli Netland, Remington Nunez, Kadence Rambur, Zoe Reichenberger, Raegan Rennich, Emily Riepl, Raya Rood, Ryan Russell, Hannah Sarkilahti, Andrew Schadler, Kya Sease, Dalila Sharp, Remi Sorenson, Bryce Vatnsdal, Jaxon Vorachek, Tyler Wahl, Lauren Weiler, Liam Weis, Logan Wetzels, Brielle Wrangham, Ethnie Zahn, Syed Noah Zaidi

Valedictorian is determined by the student's GPA. The above students have a 4.0 or higher GPA. AMAZING!!!!

## **Below are Students of Highest Distinction. These are students who have a 3.75-4.0 GPA.**

Miranda Albrecht, Tayla Andersen, Kirna Anderson, Eden Anton, Irelynd Bartholomay, Jessie Bean, Alexis Beckler, Joseph Bergstad, Emerson Carufel, Lucas Dickerson, Kendra Dockter, Valerie Ebenal, Neysa Fernandez, Aliveya Fink, Addysen Geerdes, Brady Gerrity, Ajaye Gill, Rosella Gomez, Kaydra Griffin, Grace Gross, Carter Henke, Eleanore Horning, Jane Hubbard, Gabriellah Jacob, Tyrus Jangula, Kaylee Johnson, Dru Kautzman, Jacob Kiefer, Tyler Knopp, Olivia Koch, Taylor Koster, Anika Kvien, Emmi Lawson, Preston Lemar, Ty Luetzen, Jeran McNichols, Nicholas Movchan, TJ Neideffer, Zoe Nelson, Chaz Ohlsen, Kyila Olson, Kaden Overson, Bridger Owens, Abby Renner, Logan Reuschlein, Benjamin Richter, Kavan Rufus, John Sackman, McKenna Schmitt, Maren Swenson, Cyd Nina Taga-Amo, Messina Ternes, Nora Timpe, Keelin Traynor, Rayha Urness, Magdalene Weaver, Bayla Weigel, Jack Wood, Christopher Yoder, Hayden Zacher, Mollee Zahn

## **KFY Best of the Class. This is based off of 4.0 GPA and a 28 or higher score on the ACT.**

Paige Breuer, Aidan Ellertson, Grace Haider, Gabriel Hanson, Tyler Harper, Parker Hintz, Srividhya Igathinathane, Morgan Johnson-Colbert, Braxton Just, Dyvichj Kumar, Taryn Malmedal, Remington Nunez, Zoe Reichenberger, Raegan Rennich, Raya Rood, Ryan Russell, Andrew Schadler, Bryce Vatnsdal

## **2024 Presidential Award Recipients –**

Seniors who have maintained a 3.5 or higher-grade point average and have scored in the 85th percentile or higher in reading or math on a standardized test are considered a member of this program.



We apologize if there are other achievements that were inadvertently left off this list. If you'd like to be added please send an email to [cassie\\_bauer@bismarckschools.org](mailto:cassie_bauer@bismarckschools.org)