

WCOS 2022 Award Recipients

Excellence in Senior High Math – Kimberly Vaartstra
Excellence in Senior High Science – Kimberly Vaartstra
Excellence in English 30-1 – Grace Bellows
Excellence in English 30-2 – Dakota Pederson
Excellence In Social Studies 30-1 – Kimberly Vaartstra
Excellence in Social Studies 30-2 – Dakota Pederson
Post-Secondary Award – Tom Dennis
Excellence in Work Experience – Tegan Heilemann
Purpose & Perseverance – Christian Connelly
WCOS Leadership – Kyler Stevens & Kimberly Vaartstra
Ambassador of the School – Jesse Koenig
Academic Achievement Award – Taylor Pallin
Student of the Year – Kyler Stevens
Lois Holmes Memorial Award – Jesse Koenig
Outreach Raven Award – Isaac Stout

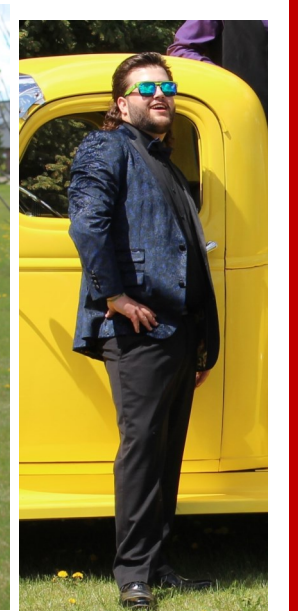
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Raven's Nest



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Parent Tribute– Kimberly Vaartstra

We all made it to this point. But I want to go back to saying a big thank you to the very people that first signed the papers to send us to school. The people that drove us to school in every weather or booked us in on a bus route. The people who drug our tired butts out of bed to get to school. The people that supported us through toughing out schoolwork every day while watching us, praying for success. Were there to hug us when we failed a test, but celebrate when we passed with flying colours. I would like to make a very special thank you to all the parents, grandparents, guardians, and the adults who stepped into a parental role in our student's lives. If your child is on this stage, I'm talking to you. In fact, If you have a child trudging to school or previously graduated, I'm talking to you too.

Thank you for standing behind us and for guiding us forward. Thank you for all your efforts to protect and love us. Thank you for attending school meetings and parent-teacher interviews. And thank you for being here today.

Because of your unquestioning support during the uncertainty of our journey up until this point, you made this possible.

I was asked the other day what my definition of a parent is. I thought of my parents, but also all the other adults in my life who have become like parents to me. I think my definition represents how we graduates feel. Caring, unconditionally loving, always there to listen, desires the best for us, a safe space, and guiding. I remember elementary school photos that I dreaded so much. But my parents made sure that I was dressed and ready to go so they could obsess over purchasing the cutest photos, give them to friends and hang them up. I remember standing in line and noticing that their parents had also ensured they too were groomed and ready for their photos. Little milestones like kindergarten photos are a significant example of how our parent's attentiveness impacts how we grow. I remember those times fondly. But I also remember, as a kid, sometimes being mad when my Grandpa's voice would pop into my head saying "be slow to anger and quick to listen and love"

Your words and guidance have shaped who we are and who we will be.

You were there for more than just school support. From the moment we became yours you taught us to speak kindly, be good to ourselves, and properly treat others around us. "Treat others as you want to be treated" or "turn the other cheek" "you're perfect no matter what" "Money doesn't grow on trees you know!" Your cliché phrases that we rolled our eyes to, really did stick with us. Deep down they reminded us that you care. While subconsciously your words built up how we make decisions and how we act on those decisions. You were there not only to teach us to kick a soccer ball but also to laugh and run around passing it back and forth. You taught us to keep our elbows off the table and chew with our mouths closed. You were there to take the brave move to teach us to drive. Even though sometimes you were teaching yourself more to not leave fingernail prints on the vehicle's dashboard. You were patient with us. As we grew into individuals you allowed us to learn for ourselves, and at our own pace. You gave us a home. As young people of this big world, you gave us a safe place to start. A home, food, and love. A structure for us to grow from. You built a foundation for us to stand firm upon. And you offered us a safe place to fall back on when we struggle to thrive on our own.

You taught us life lessons that were not taught in school, like riding a bike, dressing for weather, cooking, doing yard work, brushing our hair, oil changes, making our bed, managing life stresses, eating healthy, budgeting, taking safety precautions, relationship recovery, and so much more. We learned to love ourselves and love you more.

You were the reason for many of our smiles, laughter, proud moments, and growth, but also the reason we overcame tears. From childhood worries to today's future uncertainty, you are the constant and the comfort.

I speak of past experiences and memories, but we move forward knowing you're still always there guiding us and believing in us. Sometimes we forget what you do for us. It is not possible to repay all your deeds and sacrifices because they are countless. We cherish every moment with you. You are precious blessings in our lives.

We love you and we thank you.

