

*One Hundred Thirty-First Annual*  
**COMMENCEMENT**  
BROOKINGS HIGH SCHOOL



**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2020 | 6:00 P.M.**

*Brookings, South Dakota*

# COMMENCEMENT

Saturday Evening, May 16, 2020 at 6 o'clock  
Brookings, South Dakota

Prelude “Pomp and Circumstance” .....Elgar

“The Star Spangled Banner” ..... Francis Scott Key  
Joyce Wu, BHS Senior

Opening Remarks..... Dr. Paul von Fischer, High School Principal

Introduction of Speakers..... Dr. Shelly Jensen, High School Vice Principal

Graduation Thoughts .....Mr. Steve Binkley and Mr. Richard Ganci, High School English Instructors

Board of Education Address ..... Mr. Van Fishback, Board of Education President

Presentation of the Class of 2020 ..... Mr. Gary Mork, High School Counselor

Presentation of Diplomas..... Dr. Shelly Jensen, High School Vice Principal  
Dr. Paul von Fischer, High School Principal  
Dr. Klint Willert, Superintendent of Schools

Closing Remarks ..... Dr. Paul von Fischer, High School Principal



## CLASS MOTTO

*“I am ready to face any challenge that might be foolish enough to face me.”*

– Dwight K. Shrute

## SCHOOL COLORS

Black & Red

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# BHS CLASS OF 2020

Eleanor Jeanette Bergan Abraham π \*

Mohammad Zaki Abubhashish

Jack Thomas Ackman π \*

Bailey Ann Ahlers π

Jayden Manasi Almos

Brady Patrick Ammann

Sydney Elizabeth Andera

Rowan Louise Walker Andersen

Tel Hawkins Aspelin

Abigail Claire Ayres π \*

Sturgis Michael Ball

Riley Daniel Barber

Carsen Zachary Bartels

Koby Dean Bartels

Jaidyn Janice Faye Bauman \*

Mackenzie Faye Begalka

Tabitha Morgan Bergstrom

Anna Renae Bishop π \*

Linda Sientje Blok

Tyson Dale Boeve

Thomas Robert Boulware

Kira Nicole Brenden

Trent Thomas Broksieck

Joseph Michael Browning \*

Devon Alan Brutty

Brooke Noel Bullington π

Chloe Rain Bunker Skyberg

Kaylie Lavern Burke

Timothy Theo Burns

Dylan Connor Buschenfeld

Kaitlyn Marie Button π

Karli Ann Buys

Caleb James Byrne

Cynthia Kileen Campbell π \*

Isabella Eva Christie

Jordan Michael Cournoyer

Alex Patrick Couser

Tanner Ross Coverstone π

Jordan Lucas Crawford

Austin Joshua Czlapinski π

Elizabeth Bunkers Daly π

Payton Kenneth DeGroot

Mariyom Nyalueth Deng

Victoria Jo Diersen π \* †

Jonah Quentin Dobbs π

Elecsia Grace Dokken

Jaclyn Ann Doop

Jackson Donald Drew

Kaitlyn Ann Dykstra

Juan David Eberline

Carter James Eidem

Hannah Marie Einspahr π \*

Cole James Eller

Kyra Faith Ernst

Joshua Benjamin Evans

Catrina Jo Feldhus

Kaitlin Jade Feldhus

Ellen Victoria Fitzpatrick π \*

Caleb Samuel Fixsen

Acadia Jean Folkerts π \*

Jeffrey Turner Fuks

Grace Kathryn Garry π

Marina Patricia Gerstner

Sydney Arch Gibson π \*

Matthew Paul Girard

Gabel Berand Goldhorn

Destiny Sharie Gray

Allison Joy Elise Gross π \*

Keeper Leviticus Gross

Jaiden James Hamer

Sarah Ann Verlys Hanley

Chandler James Hanson

\*National Honor Society | π Regent Scholar | †National Merit Finalist

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Bailey Lynaenn Harrison	Hazem Moustafa Khalaf Mohammed π	Carter Joseph Merritt
Ellison Jean Hegdahl *	Macy Nadine Kindvall	Daniel Alan Messerli π
Grace Isabella Heier π *	Meredith Ann Kindvall	Kara Marie Mette π ‡
Alexandra Kay Heismeyer	Josi Caroline Kjenstad π	August Thomas Miller
Preston Scott Helmbolt π	Uriah Simon Koch	Johanna Barbara Miller π *
Dylan Richard Herrig π	Donovan Richard Kreul π * ‡	Jacie Jo Montis π *
Reese Maren Hirrschoff π *	Lee Randall Krueger	Gabrielle Bernice Moriarty π
Taylor Ann Hix	Karter Lee Kruit	Grace Inanda Mork
Charles Jamison Hoffmann	Jada Kuchlong	Isaac Dean Mouw
Brooklyn Paulette Marie Hoftiezer	Philip Alan Kuechenmeister	Amaoline Sandi Mpembe Bwangoy
Jordyn Charles Hofwalt Hill	Kane David Kurtenbach	Montana Martha Myer *
Jadyn Marie Houtman	Angela Arellano Lansang π *	Kelsey Nadine Nielsen
Storme Echo Howie	Trace Conrad LaPlante	Zeke Eli Kar Hie Io Norton
Tanner Jerome Huber π *	Zander Merritt Larson	Hannah Priscilla Louise Novotny
Katherine Celestine Huntley	Brady Matthew Lee	Kohji Numata π *
Cayden Curtis Jacobsma π *	Braedon James Lueders π	Breana JannaRose Nupen π *
Arianna Joy Jaragoske	Charles Monroe Marshall	Chindo Destiny Okpa
Jordan Alexis Jensen	Daniel Allen May	Katie Joy Osbeck *
Kylie Simone Jerred	Brian Andrew McDermott	Samuel James Osborne π *
Nicholas Paul Jonas	Caden David McKeown	Lily Isabelle Palo *
Matthew Tyler Jones	Mariah Kay McKibben *	Joseph Park π * ‡
Samantha Lane Kelley	Mason Michael McKnight	Finn Stuart Paso Little
Josiah Alexander Kerkhove	Allyson Kay McMacken	Trevor Adam Pederson
Linnea Elizabeth Kervin	Mason Ethan McManus	Hayden Yantie Person

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Misha May Pickard  
Noah Justis Pickerill  
Jemma Jane Pillatzke π \*  
Alexandrea Dawn Pope  
Ainsley Diane Powers π \*  
Patrick David Powers  
Tarin Lynn Marie Priest  
Joseph David Prusa  
Nathanael Ashton Ramsey  
Elizabeth Nicole Regalado \*  
Wim Reuvekamp π  
Bailey Kay Riedel  
Brooklyn Constance Roberts  
Sean Jeremy Roiger π  
Noah David Marson Ronning  
Katherine Elise Ropp π \* †  
Thomas Wendell Ropp π \*  
Shawna Lynn Rumpza π \*  
Parker Michael Robert Rykhus  
Emily Katherine Marie Rystrom π \*  
Kennedy Rae Schafer  
Emily Morgan Schleicher  
Anna Grace Schmit π \*  
Anyia Marie Schoeld π \*

Julia Valerie Schubert π \* †  
Jenna Renee Schulte  
Lucas Jacob Schultz  
Tanner Glenn Shepardson  
Tatum Ann Sheridan  
Carter James Shoup  
Aimee Nichole Shriver  
Billy Lee Sides  
Kelsey Marie Sik  
Natilee Jo Sik  
Ian James Smart  
Aaron Robert Smidt  
Gretchen Carol Smidt  
Adam Lloyd Stauffacher  
Molly Grace Steffensen π  
Hannah Rose Stolt  
Erin Nicole Stover \*  
Jonathon David Sundet  
Jacob Roger Teal  
Elizabeth Catherine Thompson  
Liberty JoAnn Thompson \*  
Braden Michael Tilly  
Sarah Timmerman  
Elise Lily Twitero

Grace Olivia Vanderzee π \*  
Chase Marlin Varpness  
Courtney Ann Verhoek \*  
Jacob Raymond Vlaminc  
Clint Leroy Waddell  
Ava Rose Wakeman π  
Jessica Lynn Waldner  
Ziming Wang π  
Kolby Dean Weinberg  
Regan Jane Weisbeck π \*  
Elias Mark Whaley  
Cassandra Jean Whitaker  
Rebekah Lynn White \*  
Dane Alexander Wika  
Serenity Nicole Wilkins  
Kestlyn Lu Willert π \*  
Jaimye Lynn Winger  
Carissa Ann Witt π \* †  
Caden LeForge Wright π \*  
Joyce Leyi Wu \*  
Yelda Nicolle Zamora Rodas  
Rhett Richard Zelinsky  
Helen Rosie Zhang π \*  
Madeline Grace Zimmerman

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# SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTED

on May 11, 2020

3M Brookings Technical Scholarship  
Altrusa Club Scholarship  
American Legion Post #74 Scholarship  
Ascension Lutheran Church Scholarship  
Avera Medical Group Brookings Scholarship  
BankStar Financial/SD Bankers Foundation  
Scholarship  
Banner Associates, Inc. Engineering Scholarship  
Bauer Family Baseball Scholarship  
Beatty Family Scholarship  
Benfield Family Scholarship  
Bergum Family Scholarship  
Best Choice Real Estate David & Sara Kneip  
Scholarship  
BHS Band Leadership Award  
BHS Choir Boosters Scholarship  
BHS Class of 1950 Millennial Scholarship  
BHS Class of 1956 Scholarship  
BHS Class of 1966 Scholarship  
BHS Class of 1967 Scholarship  
BHS Class of 1976 Scholarship  
BHS Monogram Club Scholarship  
BHS PTA Scholarship  
BHS SADD Scholarship  
BHS Student Council Scholarship  
BHS Visual Arts Scholarship  
Bobcat Backers Scholarship  
Bobcat Basketball Alumni Scholarship  
Brooke Anderson Joniak Scholarship  
Brookings Car Club Scholarship  
Brookings Education Association Scholarship  
Brookings Elks Club Scholarship

Brookings Figure Skating Club Scholarship  
Brookings Fire Department  
Brookings Fire Department Auxiliary  
Brookings Health System Educational Scholarship  
Brookings Municipal Utilities Scholarship  
Brookings Optimists Club Scholarship  
Brookings Police Foundation  
Brookings Rotary Club Scholarship  
Brookings School Administrators Scholarship  
Brookings School District CTE Scholarship  
Brookings Wrestling Association Scholarship  
Buck-A-Point Bob & Jean Jostad Scholarship  
Carol Thomas Memorial Scholarship  
Cathy Lewis Zubke Award for Excellence  
in Speech and Debate  
Cecelia Beirne Memorial Scholarship  
Children's Museum of SD Volunteer Youth Scholarship  
Cubby's & Brookings Home Team  
pwr'd by Century 21 Krogman & Co.  
Super Shot Soccer Scholarship  
Doc Serlet Memorial Scholarship  
Dacotah Bank Scholarship  
Daktronics Academic All-State Award  
Daughters of the American Revolution Good  
Citizen Award  
Dean and Linda Krogman Scholarship  
Dr. Scotty Roberts Scholarship  
Dr. Victor S. Webster Kiwanis Scholarship  
Drew A. Erickson Memorial Scholarship  
Eastern Star Scholarship  
Farmers Union Insurance  
First Bank & Trust Scholarship

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First Lutheran Church Scholarship  
First Presbyterian Church Scholarship  
First United Methodist Church Scholarship  
Helsper, McCarty & Rasmussen, PC, Scholarship  
Holm Family Scholarship  
Homer and Marjorie Prunty Scholarship  
ITC Telecom & Dean A. Anderson Scholarship  
Jeanette Horn Award for Excellence in  
Interpretive Speech  
Jim & Brenda Peterson Family Scholarship  
Joe & Karin Youngberg Scholarship  
Joe Farnham Award for Excellence in Debate  
John Phillip Sousa Award  
Judy Kroll Speech and Debate Scholarship  
Kathy Larsen Scholarship  
Kiwanis Club Scholarship  
Larson Foundation Scholarship  
Larson Memorial Scholarship  
Lillian Wulbers Memorial Medical Scholarship  
Loban Memorial Scholarship  
Lydia Schultz Knappen Memorial English and  
Math Scholarship  
Marlene Heinz-Jones Memorial Nursing Scholarship  
Martin Family Scholarship Honoring Teachers

Masonic Lodge #24 Scholarship  
Mediacom World Class Scholarship  
Mert, Karen & George Lund Family Scholarship  
Michael Entringer Memorial Scholarship  
Msgr. James Michael Doyle Scholarship  
National Merit Certificate & Scholarship  
Noon Lions Club Scholarship  
Patricia M. Larson Scholarship  
Patricia Lou Horrigan Memorial Scholarship  
PEO Chapter CA Women's Scholarship  
PEO Chapter CR Women's Scholarship  
PEO Star Scholarship  
Peter L. Hays Memorial Scholarship  
Prest Family Scholarship  
Retired Colonel James Jones Memorial  
Roger Nelson Memorial  
Sioux Valley Energy Scholarship  
Smart Start Scholarship  
South Dakota Elks Scholarship  
Thaddeus A. & Eva R. Selix Scholarship  
TJ Walker Music Scholarship  
US Presidential Scholars Finalist  
Virgil A. & Eileen F. Bell Scholarship  
W-E Women Educators Scholarship

*Alumni, individuals, families, organizations and businesses are encouraged to contribute dollars toward a scholarship or a memorial scholarship.  
Academic scholarships are a form of recognition that is well deserved and always appreciated by the recipient.  
For further information, please contact the scholarship coordinator at 605.696.4124.*

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