



OCTOBER 2025 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

WAHPETON BRECKENRIDGE ROTARY CLUB

HONORING STUDENTS AND CELEBRATING ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAMS

Wahpeton Breckenridge Rotary supports youth by promoting and sponsoring:

ROTARY ESSAY CONTEST

High school juniors and seniors compete for cash and prizes at the local, regional, and district levels with their original essays based on the Rotary *Four-Way Test*. (Fall of the year)

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA)

RYLA provides leadership training for high school students ages 16-18. Camp RYLA is at the University of Minnesota in Crookston, MN. (July)

ROTARY LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

As a Wahpeton Breckenridge Rotary Student of the Month from (Richland or Wilkin County) you may qualify for a \$1000 scholarship, if you attend NDSCS. Students are selected based on the criteria provided to NDSCS by the Rotary Club. Make sure to note on your NDSCS application you are a Student of the Month

The Rotary FOUR-WAY-TEST: Of the things we think, say, or do

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

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BRECKENRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

ADRIANA SPEAR

PARENT(S): AMANDA & MATT FREDERICK AND WILLIAM SPEAR



AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Student of Excellence and Run with Randy Award.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Golf, Student Council, Jazz band, and DECA.

FUTURE PLANS: I am undecided and still exploring different opportunities after high school.

HOW DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE A MENTOR TO OTHER STUDENTS: I like to give back to the students in my community by volunteering my time to little kid camps for sports to help them enjoy the sport and hopefully make it memorable. I am also an officer on the student council, and I try to dedicate my time and ideas to make students enjoy being at school and school activities. Additionally, I volunteer to assist with various tasks, including concessions, ticket sales at the fair, and more, to raise money for different organizations.



BRECKENRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

RILEY KAPPES

PARENT(S): JESSI & JOHN KAPPES

AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Student of Excellence and Run with Randy Award.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Varsity Wrestling, Varsity Football, Varsity Baseball, DECA, Knowledge Bowl, Band and Jazz band.

FUTURE PLANS: I am interested in becoming a Physical Therapist or potentially going into business. For colleges I'm interested in any that give me the best chance to becoming the best person I can be.

HOW DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE A MENTOR TO OTHER STUDENTS: I like giving back to the community by helping youth with sports and other activities. I help out churches around my area by teaching kids the way of God and following what they believe is right for them. I am an upper class man which means I need to set a good example for the younger students. I am also a captain for football and wrestling meaning I need to be a leader for the younger kids.

CAMPBELL TINTAH HIGH SCHOOL

LEAH HART

PARENT(S): KELLY & JESSICA HART



AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: I was inducted into the National Honor Society my sophomore year, I won top female shooter on the Tri-State trap team last spring, I am the music president at my school, I am an active student council member, and I am the treasurer for my class.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: I am in senior high knowledge bowl, choir, jazz band, and trap shooting. Outside of school, I am on my church worship team and I'm a BIO girls junior mentor.

FUTURE PLANS: After high school I plan to go to NDSCS for nursing.

HOW DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE A MENTOR TO OTHER STUDENTS: I am kind to everyone but especially the students who maybe don't feel like as many people care about them. I believe that everyone should get the opportunity to feel loved in a day and if I can contribute to that it not only makes them feel good but it makes me feel good too. I don't coach or tutor but I don't think that anyone has to do those things to be a positive role model. Being helpful and grateful go a long way especially when they are being shown to younger students. When you get praised for good and respond back with something that expresses how much it means to you it shows others that they can achieve good too.



FAIRMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL

JOSI LEHMANN

PARENT(S): DANIELLE & JESSE AHRENS

AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Honor Student, Math Competition, CPR/AED Certified, Narcan Certified, and Stop the Bleed Certified.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Student Council and Class Secretary.

FUTURE PLANS: Attend Esthetician School.

HOW DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE A MENTOR TO OTHER STUDENTS: I feel I set a good example as a student by showing younger classmen that it is important to do good in and out of school and get your work done.

HANKINSON HIGH SCHOOL
TREVOR FOERTSCH
PARENT(S): NICK & KARI FOERTSCH

AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Honor Roll, Thrower of the Year in Track, 3 year varsity football starter, 4 year varsity track participant, Starred twice at state Choir, 2nd Place team for trap shooting.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Track and Field, Football, Trap Shooting, Day of Caring/Community Service.

FUTURE PLANS: I am currently undecided on my future plans and exploring my options.

HOW DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE A MENTOR TO OTHER STUDENTS: I feel like I am a mentor to other students by always being willing to help when someone needs support. I try to set a good example by being respectful, responsible, and kind at school. I've helped younger students during events and activities, and I enjoy answering questions or explaining things if someone is confused. Whether it's helping out in class mates, or just being someone others can look up to, I try to make a positive impact in my school and community.



LIDGERWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
HANNAH TOLLEFSRUD
PARENT(S): AMANDA DUNN



AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Multiple academic awards, Several FFA Awards, Community service work, Student council member, Drama member, Multiple sports awards.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: FFA, Drama, Student council, Dance.

FUTURE PLANS: Attend college at either VCSU or MSUM in the field of education.

YOU ARE A MENTOR TO OTHER STUDENTS: I feel that I am a mentor to other students through helping them in a variety of different school things. Whether it's with their homework or for an event. I have helped some younger students in the past with their homework. I have also helped in trying to get more of the younger kids interested in joining FFA, especially the elementary kids for when they become middle school and high schoolers. I also try to uplift them when I hear them talking down about school and their homework.

RICHLAND 44 HIGH SCHOOL
ALEXA ALMENDAREZ

PARENT(S): FILECIA WIETZEMA & MARJEAN KENNEDY (GRANDMOTHER)

AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Since 2022, I have been a student on the A Honor Roll each quarter, and ND National Honor Society. I have competed in band and choir at the district level for multiple different musical pieces, percussion ensemble, choir duet. I have also dedicated a lot of my time to FFA. Small animal care, parliamentary procedure and the demonstration Speech were the two categories I focused on. I did a speech on asexual plant propagation, earned a gold rating and took second place. Then I advanced to the state level and competed again in Bismarck and earned a silver rating.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: I have been in band and choir since middle school and Richland 44 Pep Band. I have taken private piano lessons since first grade. A part of the knowledge bowl team, where we practiced and competed at multiple academic competitions. A member of Richland's FFA and FCCLA Organizations.

FUTURE PLANS: My plan so far is to follow in my mother's footsteps and pursue a degree in accounting or potentially go into agricultural sales. I plan to stay around Fargo/ Moorhead and live close to home, while attending either NDSU or Concordia. A potential career option of mine would be to work my family's tax and accounting business directly following college.

HOW DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE A MENTOR TO OTHER STUDENTS: I feel that a mentor is beneficial for everyone in many aspects of life. In my school and town, I feel like I have mentored students and the community in many ways. I have taught the fifth and sixth graders all about Future Farmers of America (FFA) and had visited the elementary school multiple times throughout the spring semester. I helped teach about the many CDE's which include Small Animal Care, ENR, Food Science, and more, that they could compete in in the future. In my community, I have donated time by participating in helping the Our Saviors Lutheran Church youth group, and by regularly volunteering to serve food and clean up after many gatherings at the church.





WHPETON HIGH SCHOOL
STACY MARTINEZ
PARENT(S): CHERRY ORDENEZA

AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Honor roll since freshman year, state choir freshman year, August "lead dog" award sophomore year, 4th place in school speech competition

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Varsity high-school cheerleader, Varsity track and field, choir, Sources of Strength, Student council. Current Vice president for Wahpeton SRCTC's very 1st HOSA chapter (Health Occupations Students of America).

FUTURE PLANS: My dream colleges include the University of Washington or the University of MN Twin cities! I am undecided on a specific career, but I would like to be involved in the medical field just like my parents! One of my passions is helping others, especially those who aren't as fortunate as myself.

HOW DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE A MENTOR TO OTHER STUDENTS: I feel that I am a good mentor to other students through my extracurriculars. In every extracurricular I am in, there are usually younger students or peers around my age. Whether it is supporting my teammates in cheer or track, or taking the initiative to help or lead events for student council or SOS, I feel that I am making a difference in the lives of the people I encounter, as well as my school and community, no matter how big or small that difference may be.

WHPETON HIGH SCHOOL
GRACIN KASTE
PARENT(S): KAJA & KORY KASTE

AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: I have received many awards. In sports I have a wall full of them including a quickly filling up letter. I have received accomplishments in honor choir & honor roll.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: I participate in SOS, FCA, STUCO, tennis, hockey, and golf.

FUTURE PLANS: I have had thoughts on going to study engineering as well as maybe play a sport like golf or tennis. My main 2 colleges right now would be NDSU and UND.

HOW DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE A MENTOR TO OTHER STUDENTS: I make sure to help in lots of things and be a leader. I love to help people succeed and get better.



WYNDMERE HIGH SCHOOL
KINSLEE BLADOW
PARENT(S): TIFFANY & WAYNE GALLOW AND CHRIS BLADOW

AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Honor Society, Rotary Student of the Month, Honor Roll.

ACTIVITIES INVOLVED IN: Honor Society and Blood Donor

FUTURE PLANS: Attend College for Political Science or Public Administration

HOW DO YOU FEEL YOU ARE A MENTOR TO OTHER STUDENTS:

I feel like I am a mentor to other students because I try to be respectful and responsible. I want others to know that they can rely on me when they need support or guidance. Being someone that others can count on makes me proud and encourages me to keep setting a good example.

CONGRATULATIONS 2025-2026 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

THE OBJECT OF ROTARY is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH The advancement of international understanding, good will, and peace through a world of fellowship of business and professional people united in the ideal of service.