

THE WATCHDOG

2022 | SPRING EDITION

Watchdog
FOUNDATION



2022 Graduation

On Saturday, May 14, 2022, at 2 pm, the Beresford School District recognized 51 graduating seniors. Assistant Principal, Mr. Geoffrey Gross, presided over the ceremony. The Beresford High School choir performed *Unfinished Songs* by Diane Warren. The Beresford High School band performed Best of *Journey* arranged by Paul Murtha in addition to the traditional processional and recessional selections.

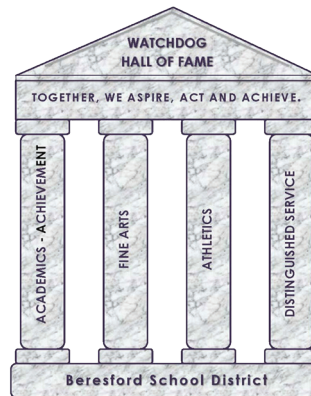
During the ceremony, **Isabel DeLay** (Student Body President), **Anna Atwood** (Valedictorian), and **Lucy Farley** (Salutatorian) delivered messages of hope and resiliency to all in attendance. Eighteen Beresford High School seniors earned a South Dakota Board of Regents' Scholar Diploma. Six seniors graduated with Highest Honors (4.00 & Above GPA), 12 students graduated with High Honors (3.50-3.99 GPA), and 16 seniors graduated with Honors (3.00-3.49 GPA).

Shanna Rae Christensen Memorial Scholarship



The David and Susan Christensen family, in memory of their daughter Shanna Rae, set up a special scholarship fund called the Shanna Rae Christensen Memorial Scholarship. The fund agreement was set up with the South Dakota Community Foundation as a sub-fund of the Watchdog Education Foundation, and an affiliated fund of the Beresford Area Foundation.

The scholarship is for Beresford High School seniors whose intended plans for post-high study are in the area of special education, rehabilitation, or nursing. The senior must have two letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to character and activity involvement. The senior must have a 3.00 GPA or higher, demonstrate good moral



Watchdog Hall of Fame

The 5th Watchdog Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 7 pm (Bridges of Beresford). At 6 pm, inductees, friends, family, and community members will partake in a

catered banquet. On behalf of the Beresford School District, Watchdog Foundation, Beresford Area Arts, and Beresford Athletic Booster Club, we are excited to welcome the following individuals into the Watchdog Hall of Fame: **Marvin Wastell** (Academics), **Paul Runyan** (Fine Arts), **Karla (Rick) Deuter** (Athletics), **Shelly Kennedy** (Athletics), and **Brian Field** (Distinguished Service). More so, we are proud to announce the induction of the **1977 Girls' Basketball team**.

The 7 pm ceremony is open to the public. If you would like to join us for the banquet, please contact Dustin Degen by email (Dustin.Degen@k12.sd.us) or mail (301 W Maple St, Beresford, SD 57104) for ticket prices and menu details.



Looking to nominate someone for the Hall of Fame? Fill out our [form here!](#)

character, and be involved in the community, church, and/or school activities. Work and/or volunteer experience with special needs children is preferred but not required.

Congratulations to our 2021-2022 scholarship winners: **Anna Atwood**, **Lucy Farley**, and **Brynn Nelson**.



Visit our [website](#) for details about scholarship award winners!

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Distinguished
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August

- The Beresford School District's first day of school was August 25, 2021. The District welcomed 719 students to elementary, middle, and high school.
- Fall activities launched and the BHS dance team participated in and won first place at their inaugural competition in Gregory, South Dakota.



September

- During Homecoming week, the student body crowned Anna Atwood (Queen) and Chase Lyle (King). Members of the Royal Court included: Isabel DeLay, Lucy Farley, Brynn Nelson, Sarah Sveeggen, Isaac Ward, Ashton Tjaden, Isaiah Richards, and Max Orr. In a hotly contested competition, the new Mascot was named, "Roger."
- The following individuals were inducted into the Watchdog Hall of Fame: Dr. Brenda Sternquist, Dr. Tom Van Lent, Mrs. Jane (Kennedy) Carlson, Mr. Jim Babb, Mr. Keith Larson, and Mr. Robert Frieberg. The 1979 and 1980 Watchdog Football teams were also inducted.
- On Friday, September 24, 2021, the 4th Watchdog Marching Band Festival took place in Beresford. Seventeen bands attended the festival.



October

- The BHS band won 1st place at the Festival of Bands in Sioux Falls, South Dakota (Class A).
- Derek and Dustin Maas qualified for State Golf. Derek Maas medaled and placed 12th.
- The cross country team (Boys) won the varsity and junior varsity divisions at the Big East Conference Meet. Top Varsity Boys finishers were Cameron Wells (1), Andrew Atwood (2), Tommy Cordell (7), and Gage Lyle (15). Ella Merriman (3) was the top female finisher for the Watchdogs. The boys cross country team placed 7th at state. Andrew Atwood (12) and Cameron Wells (22) medaled at the state meet.
- The dance team competed in Pom and hip-hop at the SDHSAA State dance Competition in Brandon Valley. The squad took home 2nd place in the Grand Championship in their inaugural season.
- The football team ended a 29-year playoff win drought with a last-second victory over Mount Vernon /Plankinton (27-24). The Watchdogs traveled to Aberdeen to face Aberdeen Roncalli in the 2nd round of the playoffs. After a 0-0 finish in regulation, the Watchdogs prevailed 7-6 when the defense stopped the opponents on their two-point conversion attempt. The season ended with a 28-21 loss to Bridgewater-Emory/Ethan in the quarterfinals.
- The volleyball team advanced to the Region 4A Volleyball Semifinals by defeating Tea 3-2 in the 1st round of Region 4A play. The Watchdogs fell to the Elk Point-Jefferson Huskies in the semifinals.

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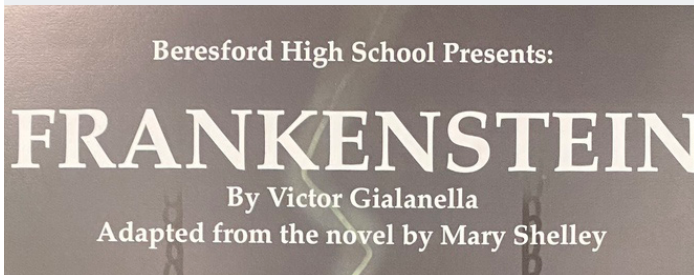
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November



BHS students performed the play, Frankenstein.



The Beresford School District hosted a Veterans Day program on November 11, 2021. High School National Honor Society members provided a soup and pie luncheon for the Veterans before the program.



December



Beresford-Alcester-Hudson wrestlers Tavyn Valder (1-0) and Reese Olson (2-0) both won their 1st matches in Yankton (both by fall). Valder and Olson made history as the 1st female wrestlers in program history.

January



BHS students performed William Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew." Alondra Ibarra won a Superior for her Costume Design and Eva Schaap won a Superior for her Marketing Design at the State One Act Play Festival.



Agriculture education and FFA students practiced servant leadership by making metal poppies for the Ladies VFW Auxiliary, creating Valentines for the residents of Bethesda, and creating a memorial bench for the family of Casey Paul Bonhorst.



February



Beresford Alcester-Hudson had eight wrestlers qualify for state wrestling: Tavyn Valder, Reese Olson, Kanin Klentz, Jovey Christensen, Robert Watkins, Jensen Christensen, Aaron Larson, and Landon Schurch. Tavyn Valder and Reese Olson placed at the SDHSAA State Tournament held in February, in Sioux Falls. Valder placed 8th in the 113# girls bracket. Olson placed 7th in the 132# girls bracket.



In the State Art Wars competition, the Watchdogs were represented by Pedro Hernandez-Mejia, Ashley Ramos, Ashlynn Rozeboom, Addy Wills, and Katelyn Regehr. Rozeboom (Sculpture) and Wills (Drawing) each earned 2nd place.



Seven BHS students earned a State FFA Degree: George Neuman, Tate Johnson, Sarah Sveeggen, Mercedes Hebert, Lacey Mockler, Dylan Stenen, and Caden Aasheim.



The following students earned a State Proficiency: Tate Johnson, Caden Aasheim, Blake Jensen, Gayden Johnson, Lacey Mockler, Ryan Sveeggen, Macy Quartier, and Jackson Hofer.



Beresford's National Honor Society, FCCLA, and FFA chapters organized a soup fundraiser for Garrett Hartsock. The community raised \$4,500 to help the family.



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The SDHSAA State Visual Arts Gallery Team placed 3rd at state. Team members included Kelsie Knutson, Sarah Sveeggen, Alondra Ibarra, Ciara Neuman, Derek Maas, Addy Wills, Marshall Lyle, Marti Deen, Grace Norling, and Keely Merrigan. Team members earned various individual awards: 1st place -Kelsie Knutson (Ceramics), 1st place -Addy Wills (Oil/Acrylic Painting), 2nd place -Addy Wills (Watercolor Painting), 2nd place -Derek Maas (Traditional Cultural), 3rd place -Grace Norling (Crafts), 3rd place -Marshall Lyle (Multimedia/ Graphic Design), and 3rd place -Keeley Merrigan (3Dimension).



May



The Beresford Athletic Booster Club celebrated the year with it's annual banquet on May 5, 2022.



The Beresford School District celebrated senior academic accomplishments on May 9, 2022.



Senior students organized and conducted the community Baccalaureate service on May 11, 2022.



The BHS graduation took place on May 14, 2022. Student speakers were Student Body President -Isabel DeLay, Valedictorian -Anna Atwood, and Salutatorian -Lucy Farley. Fifty-one BHS students participated in the ceremony.



April



Zach Boden, Jaxsen Tadlock, and Aaron Larson were the first BHS track athletes to participate in the javelin.



The Drama and Choir Departments presented the musical "Emma."



BHS inducted Andrew Atwood, Levi Gillespie, Seth James, Ryan Sveeggen, Gaval Valder, Landon Schurch, Michael Shegrud, Sarah Ebert, Cassandra Twedt, Robert Watkins, Ellie Nothdurft, Kathryn Regehr, Maiya Muller, Lillian Traxler, Annie Farley, Jayden Carlson, Tessa Henderson, Cameron Strom, Larissa Lyle, Ashley Ramos-Hernandez, and Ciara Neuman into the National Honor Society.



#1 Watchdog Fan: Roger Krause



The Beresford Community celebrated Roger's 80th birthday before track and field day on May 11, 2022.

Scholarship Recipients

Build Dakota Scholarship: Sierra Johnson

Showdown USD/SDSU Scholarships: Anna Atwood, Chase Lyle, Tausha Ramos-Hernandez, Isaiah Richards, Lacey Mocker, Kara Niles

Roger Price Scholarships: Anna Atwood, Lucy Farley, Gage Lyle, Christian Mayberry, Lacey Mocker, Dylan Stenen

Avera Health Scholarships: Lucy Farley, Kara Niles

Elizabeth (Westra) Yerdon Memorial Scholarship: Lucy Farley, Kara Niles

Alan Ende Memorial Scholarship: Anna Atwood, Gage Lyle, Lacey Mocker, Carter Sveeggen

Robert Chadwell Memorial Scholarship: Trajen Bautista, Mykenzie Farley

Bob (Hinrich) Dolan Memorial Scholarship: Lucy Farley

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