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Welcome to the Brainerd High School Scholarship Recognition Program,

This event is a wonderful celebration of our graduating seniors of the Brainerd High School Class of 2023. This year's seniors have faced a number of historic challenges during the past three school years, but have not allowed that to stop them from doing great things! Tonight's program will highlight the great accomplishments of our seniors and yet also give recognition to the wonderful community members and organizations who support our graduates. The accomplishments highlighted tonight come in the areas of academics, arts, athletics, activities, and service. These awards represent years of hard work and commitment to many programs in our school and community. In addition to highlighting our seniors, this program gives Brainerd Public Schools an opportunity to thank our community, and also show our graduating seniors what wonderful support we have! The support provided comes in many ways: financial, education, time, and energy. It is due to this tremendous support our seniors have experienced success, and with the scholarship awards tonight they will continue on their pathway to postsecondary education. The opportunities for them are endless!

Thank you to the individual community organizations that select scholarship recipients and to the many community volunteers who reviewed applications through an extensive blind-review process. A special thank you to our Brainerd Public Schools Foundation for providing ongoing support for all public school programs and students within our district. This night would not be possible without our strong community and tremendous support from parents; thank you for the continued support of the Brainerd Public Schools, and especially Brainerd High School. Finally, best wishes to the seniors of the Brainerd High School Class of 2023 - may you continue to do great things and always be proud to be a WARRIOR!

Stay WARRIOR STRONG; and congratulations to our award recipients!

Andrea Rusk

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Brainerd High School Principal



Scholarship Recognition Ceremony

Wednesday, May 3, 2023



Welcome

Andrea Rusk, Brainerd High School Principal

Heidi Hahn, Superintendent of Brainerd Public Schools

Brainerd Public Schools Foundation

Jessica Gangl, Brainerd Public Schools Foundation Executive Director

Presentation of Scholarships & Recognition

Brainerd Public Schools Foundation Scholarships

Community & External Scholarships

Military Awards & Certificates

Awards & Recognition

Closing Remarks

Andrea Rusk, Brainerd High School Principal

Thank You

A very special shout out to the Class of 2023. You have endured and have overcome. We are excited to see where your next steps take you!

"Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else." -Fred Rogers

Brainerd High School · Class of 2023



The Brainerd Public Schools Foundation



Founded in 1987, the Brainerd Public Schools Foundation's (BPSF) mission is to enhance opportunities for quality academics, arts, activities and athletics for student of the Brainerd Public Schools. Each year BPSF awards numerous scholarships to graduating seniors. Students must complete an electronic Brainerd High School general scholarship application to be eligible to receive a BPSF hosted scholarship. BPSF is proud to be awarding \$180,890 in scholarships this year! **CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023!**

| BPSF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD | STUDENT | AMOUNT |
|--|--------------------|---------------|
| Aitkin Rebekah Lodge Scholarship | Isabelle Roskop | \$650 |
| Alan Cibuzar Memorial Scholarship | Joseph Otto | \$1,000 |
| Alexis Laughton Prayer for Peace Scholarship | Daniel Kropp | \$500 |
| Alpha Delta Kappa Beverly Jondahl Scholarship | Gethsemene Hiltner | \$400 |
| Alpha Delta Kappa Bonnie Cumberland Scholarship | Josie Kappes | \$600 |
| Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority Scholarship | Mariah Alderson | \$500 |
| American Legion Post 255 Al Broman Memorial Scholarship | Madeleine Archer | \$1,000 |
| American Legion Post 255 Frank Vadnais Memorial Scholarship | Maxwell Holmstrom | \$1,000 |
| American Legion Post 255 Henry C Mills II Memorial Scholarship | Rowen Schwendeman | \$1,000 |
| American Legion Post 255 Steve Eide Memorial Scholarship | Ellie Jensen | \$1,000 |
| Arlo V. Renschler Memorial Scholarship | Kyler Vandeputte | \$600 |
| Baxter Elementary PTO Scholarship | Lily Bauman | \$300 |
| Baxter Elementary PTO Scholarship | Kolbie Bernu | \$300 |
| Baxter Lions Club Scholarship | Gracelyn Dickinson | \$1,035 |
| Baxter Lions Club Scholarship | Lucas Inwards | \$1,035 |
| Baxter Lions Club Scholarship | Kamryn Rausch | \$1,035 |
| Baxter Lions Club Scholarship | Aden Yost | \$1,035 |
| Beatrice Henderson-Sundquist Memorial Scholarship | Hadassah Aker | \$500 |
| Bob Johnson Memorial Art Scholarship | Eli Schultz | \$700 |
| BPSF 4A Academics Scholarship | Carlia Boggs | \$1,000 |
| BPSF 4A Academics Scholarship | Alexandra Mann | \$1,000 |
| BPSF 4A Activities Scholarship | Isabelle Johnson | \$1,000 |
| BPSF 4A Activities Scholarship | Jada Klecatsky | \$1,000 |
| BPSF 4A Arts Scholarship | Emilee Ament | \$1,000 |
| BPSF 4A Arts Scholarship | Harison Woodman | \$1,000 |

| BPSF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD | STUDENT | AMOUNT |
|---|---------------------|---------------|
| BPSF 4A Athletics Scholarship | Molly Hagelie | \$1,000 |
| BPSF 4A Athletics Scholarship | Henry Hopkins | \$1,000 |
| BPSF CTE Scholarship | Blake Collins | \$1,000 |
| BPSF CTE Scholarship | Kyler Vandeputte | \$1,000 |
| Brainerd Basketball Association Scholarship | Jonathan Benson | \$1,000 |
| Brainerd Basketball Association Scholarship | John Pecarich | \$1,000 |
| Brainerd Basketball Association Scholarship | Malina Schiller | \$1,000 |
| Brainerd Basketball Association Scholarship | Katherine Stadum | \$1,000 |
| Brainerd Noon Sertoma Scholarship | Avrie George | \$1,000 |
| Brainerd Noon Sertoma Scholarship | Nathan Lokken | \$1,000 |
| Brainerd Trades and Labor Assembly Scholarship | Isaiah Jillson | \$500 |
| Brandon Dahl Memorial Scholarship | Thomas Diemer | \$950 |
| Bremer Bank of Brainerd Scholarship | Gabrielle Chalupsky | \$500 |
| Brighter Days Foundation Scholarship | Anthony Cash | \$1,500 |
| Brighter Days Foundation Scholarship | Shelby Isom | \$1,500 |
| C. Elmer and Lillian Anderson Memorial Scholarship | Sophia Robin | \$1,500 |
| Chef's Association Scholarship | Alison Bachman | \$450 |
| Class of 1945 Scholarship | Emma Burnard | \$575 |
| Class of 1946 Scholarship | Chase Koop | \$575 |
| Class of 1954 Scholarship | Carmen Churchill | \$550 |
| Class of 1969 Scholarship | Lexi Fanjoy | \$600 |
| Class of 1972 Scholarship | Keaton Haglin | \$500 |
| Class of 1976 Scholarship | Matigan Holst | \$800 |
| Clayton Haglin Memorial Scholarship | Ben Korhonen | \$650 |
| Clem & Vi Koering Memorial Scholarship | Katherine Stadum | \$6,000 |
| Clifford & Gwendolyn Greenwalt Memorial Scholarship | Hailey Erlandson | \$2,000 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Ella Anderson | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Jayley Andresen | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Alexis Aspinwall | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Nathan Bakken | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Emma Balsley | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Paige Beyer | \$1,500 |

| BPSF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD | STUDENT | AMOUNT |
|--|---------------------|---------------|
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Hannah Kounkel | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Ashtyn Kubista | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Grace Loney | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Samuel Mattson | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Jazzlyn McNaughton | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Ellie Mills | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Maggie Neptune | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Myra Neumann | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Isabelle Olson | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Gretchen Paysse | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Cadence Porisch | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Julia Rademacher | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Malina Schiller | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Emma Storm | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Cayden Sumption | \$1,500 |
| Crow Wing Power Scholarship | Anna Tupy | \$1,500 |
| CTC Scholarship | Rosabella Loschko | \$500 |
| Daniel, William, & Mark Wheeler Memorial Scholarship | Madisyn Halverson | \$850 |
| Deerwood Bank College Scholarship | Joslin Ray | \$750 |
| Deerwood Bank Technical College Scholarship | Noah Hines | \$750 |
| Derrick Hanson Memorial Scholarship | Alexis Lugo | \$150 |
| Don Adamson Memorial Scholarship | Cole Riffle | \$650 |
| Don Johnson Memorial Scholarship | Alexis Lugo | \$150 |
| Donna Whalen Memorial Scholarship | Eli Owen | \$250 |
| Dr. Gene Bierhaus Athletic Scholarship | Hannah Hayes | \$900 |
| Dr. Rudd Thabes - Suzanne Ribbel Scholarship | Isaiah Germann | \$500 |
| Duane Doucette VFW Athletic Scholarship | Eric Eidenshink | \$350 |
| Elaine Veit Memorial Fund | Joslin Ray | \$300 |
| Everett Nelson Music Scholarship | Emily Ehlert | \$600 |
| Federated COOPS Scholarship | Christian Gunderson | \$2,000 |
| First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship | Anika Aho | \$250 |
| First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship | Alison Bachman | \$250 |

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|--|--------------------|---------------|
| First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship | Rowen Schwendeman | \$250 |
| First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship | Cayden Sumption | \$250 |
| First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship | Allyson Werhan | \$250 |
| First Western Bank & Trust Scholarship | Meghan Wirtz | \$250 |
| Garfield Elementary Scholarship | Cadence Atwater | \$500 |
| Gary Gorman Memorial Scholarship | Kylie Skaaland | \$150 |
| Gene Sundberg Pilot's Scholarship | Steven Selisker | \$1,000 |
| Good Samaritan Society Scholarship | Elizabeth Anderson | \$300 |
| Good Samaritan Society Scholarship | Paris Blood | \$300 |
| Gordy Langness Scholarship | Joshua Larson | \$750 |
| Gordy Langness Scholarship | Iyana Pickar | \$750 |
| Harrison Elementary Scholarship | James Eck | \$300 |
| Harvey Shew Memorial Scholarship | Kylie Skaaland | \$200 |
| Hershey Family Scholarship | Martin Wagner | \$20,000 |
| Irene M. Rugloski Memorial Scholarship Fund | Paige Beyer | \$800 |
| Jake Haapajoki Wiffle Series Scholarship | Emma Kvalevog | \$500 |
| Jan Koski Memorial Scholarship | Tiffany Borg | \$300 |
| John A. Benson Memorial Scholarship | Anika Aho | \$850 |
| John A. Benson Memorial Scholarship | Dawson Ringler | \$850 |
| Jon Jelacic Memorial Athletic Scholarship | Caleb Lange | \$1,000 |
| Judy Bialka Memorial Scholarship | Keegan Davidge | \$550 |
| Kuhn Krueger Memorial Scholarships | Chloe Marohn | \$300 |
| Larry Strand Memorial Scholarship | Kellan Cousino | \$250 |
| Leonard "Ole" Howard Memorial Scholarship | Riley Schackman | \$250 |
| Linda Ann Gustafson Memorial Scholarship | Jada Klecatsky | \$250 |
| Lowell Elementary PTA Scholarship | Rilee Borders | \$300 |
| Lowell Elementary PTA Scholarship | Paige Yeager | \$300 |
| Mac Carkhuff Athletic Memorial Scholarship | Iyana Pickar | \$1,100 |
| Mark Embretson Memorial Scholarship | Sawyer Hennessey | \$750 |
| Matthew Gaffney Memorial Scholarship | Anna Carper | \$350 |
| Maynard Ketterling Memorial Athletic Scholarship | Camdyn Marohn | \$400 |
| Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union Scholarship | Zane Jacobi | \$500 |

BPSF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

| | STUDENT | AMOUNT |
|--|-------------------|---------|
| Mid Minnesota Federal Credit Union Scholarship | Jacob Schlegel | \$500 |
| Nisswa Women's Club Scholarship | Emily Bastian | \$1,500 |
| Nisswa Women's Club Scholarship | Beau Lindley | \$1,500 |
| Nisswa Women's Club Scholarship | Leif Rustad | \$1,500 |
| Patricia Marchel Memorial Scholarship | Elizabeth Joque | \$250 |
| Phyllis Cooksey Memorial Scholarship | Marcella Dircks | \$250 |
| Reese/Webb Memorial Scholarship | Amanda Trusty | \$500 |
| Roy & Mildred Sargent Family Scholarship | Isabella Chaussee | \$1,275 |
| Roy & Mildred Sargent Family Scholarship | Cally Robertson | \$1,275 |
| Ruth Padgett Memorial Scholarship | Abigail Paulson | \$450 |
| School Board & School Administrators Scholarship | Isaac Martin | \$250 |
| Smile Scholarship | Hailey Cronquist | \$1,000 |
| Smile Scholarship | Cullen Davis | \$1,000 |
| Stewart C. Mills, Sr. Memorial Scholarship | Bailey Clausen | \$1,400 |
| Stewart C. Mills, Sr. Memorial Scholarship | Mason Kuepers | \$1,400 |
| Stewart C. Mills, Sr. Memorial Scholarship | Keaton Walkowiak | \$1,400 |
| Tamie Swanson Memorial Scholarship | Molly Wieland | \$4,000 |
| Tammy Bluth Memorial Scholarship | Violet Goodwin | \$300 |
| This One's For Hop Scholarship | Layla Longo | \$500 |
| Tyler L. Spaulding Scholarship | Karlton Anderson | \$2,000 |
| William Dammann Athletic Scholarship | Evelyn Helsene | \$450 |

How do I claim my BPSF scholarship award?

AFTER your first semester of college is complete (grades are posted), you can submit your online request for payment.

You will need:

1. Your college's Financial Aid Office mailing address
2. Student ID number
3. Unofficial college transcript showing end of semester posted grades with your name printed as part of the document

****Please mail a thank-you note directly to the scholarship donor within 30 days.**** Donor thank you information can be found in your scholarship award packet. (Red letter)

If you have questions, please call BPSF at 218.454.6923 or email jessica.bpsf@gmail.com



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WHAT ELSE DOES BPSF DO?

The Brainerd Public Schools Foundation supports the district and students in a variety of ways; including scholarships, grants, special projects, hosting events/fundraisers, the Warrior Store, and connecting donors to school needs. BPSF is proud to announce nearly \$50k was awarded during our two 4A Grant cycles in 2022/23. The Foundation sponsors innovative projects requested by Brainerd Public Schools educators and coaches that will enrich and enhance the fine education our students are receiving in our district through the 4As: arts, academics, athletics, and activities. Learn more: BPSF.org

The Warrior Store

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Community & External Scholarships

Many local and statewide organizations, businesses and individual donors generously sponsor scholarships for Brainerd Public Schools seniors. The following students filled out an Application, separate from BPSF, for each of these community & external scholarships.

| COMMUNITY or EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD | STUDENT | AMOUNT |
|---|-------------------|----------|
| Alpha Chapter #23 Order of the Eastern Star | Joslin Ray | \$2000 |
| Alworth Memorial Scholarship | Tristyn Arndt | \$20,000 |
| Alworth Memorial Scholarship | Emily Bastian | \$20,000 |
| Alworth Memorial Scholarship | Ethan Diede | \$20,000 |
| Alworth Memorial Scholarship | Hannah Drietz | \$20,000 |
| Alworth Memorial Scholarship | Caitlyn Garnhardt | \$20,000 |
| Alworth Memorial Scholarship | Elijah Hallgren | \$20,000 |
| Alworth Memorial Scholarship | Zane Jacobi | \$20,000 |
| Alworth Memorial Scholarship | Ellie Jensen | \$20,000 |
| Alworth Memorial Scholarship | Julia Rademacher | \$20,000 |
| Alworth Memorial Scholarship | Kamryn Rausch | \$20,000 |
| Alworth Memorial Scholarship | Cole Riffle | \$20,000 |
| Alworth Memorial Scholarship | Jacob Schlegel | \$20,000 |
| Brainerd Blue Line Boosters Scholarship | Paige Beyer | \$750 |
| Brainerd Blue Line Boosters Scholarship | Molly Hagelie | \$750 |
| Brainerd Blue Line Boosters Scholarship | Chase Koop | \$750 |

| COMMUNITY or EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD | STUDENT | AMOUNT |
|---|---------------------|---------------|
| Brainerd Blue Line Boosters Scholarship | Brody Lund | \$750 |
| Brainerd Chapter MN Deer Hunters Association Scholarship | Mason Kuepers | \$500 |
| Brainerd Chapter MN Deer Hunters Association Scholarship | Brody Lund | \$500 |
| Brainerd Chapter MN Deer Hunters Association Scholarship | Isabelle Roskop | \$1,000 |
| Brainerd Elks Lodge #615 Student of the Month Scholarship | Elijah Hallgren | \$250 |
| Brainerd Wrestling Club Scholarship | Isaiah Jillson | \$1000 |
| Brainerd Wrestling Club Scholarship | Martin (Gus) Wagner | \$1000 |
| Education Minnesota Brainerd Scholarship | Jayley Anderson | \$1,000 |
| Education Minnesota Brainerd Scholarship | Emma Balsley | \$1,000 |
| Education Minnesota Brainerd Scholarship | Emily Bastian | \$1,000 |
| Education Minnesota Brainerd Scholarship | Ellie Jensen | \$1,000 |
| Garrison Area Scholarship | Malina Schiller | \$1,000 |
| Glen Gustafson - Sports Booster (CLC) Scholarship | Marcello Getty | \$500 |
| Glen Gustafson - Sports Booster (CLC) Scholarship | Natalie Otto | \$500 |
| Heather Star Habeck Memorial Scholarship | Semme Hiltner | \$250 |
| Kiwanis Educational Foundation Scholarship | Malina Schiller | \$700 |
| Nisswa Elementary Parent Teacher Organization Scholarship | Izzy Olson | \$1,000 |
| Nisswa Elementary Parent Teacher Organization Scholarship | Malina Schiller | \$1,000 |
| Northern State University | Lily Haglin | Scholarship |
| Red Cross Scholarship | Karlton Anderson | \$1,000 |
| Red Cross Scholarship | Alexandra Mann | \$750 |
| Red Cross Scholarship | Sophia Robin | \$750 |
| Sertoma Sunrise Club Liftathon At-Large Scholarship | Anika Aho | \$500 |
| Sertoma Sunrise Club Liftathon At-Large Scholarship | Ella Anderson | \$500 |
| Sertoma Sunrise Club Liftathon At-Large Scholarship | Caleb Lange | \$500 |
| Sertoma Sunrise Club Liftathon At-Large Scholarship | Grace Loney | \$500 |
| Sertoma Sunrise Club Liftathon At-Large Scholarship | Malina Schiller | \$500 |
| Sertoma Sunrise Club Liftathon Stephen G. Nunnink MPPO | Brenna Deason | \$1,000 |
| STRIVE/Rotary Club of Brainerd Scholarship | Elliott Anderson | \$200 |
| STRIVE/Rotary Club of Brainerd Scholarship | Gregory Coop | \$200 |
| STRIVE/Rotary Club of Brainerd Scholarship | Levi Deuth | \$200 |
| STRIVE/Rotary Club of Brainerd Scholarship | Owen Gunter | \$200 |

| COMMUNITY or EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD | STUDENT | AMOUNT |
|--|------------------|---------------|
| STRIVE/Rotary Club of Brainerd Scholarship | Hannah Hillan | \$200 |
| STRIVE/Rotary Club of Brainerd Scholarship | Orion Lemieux | \$200 |
| STRIVE/Rotary Club of Brainerd Scholarship | Cellica Lockwood | \$200 |
| STRIVE/Rotary Club of Brainerd Scholarship | Aidan Norgard | \$200 |
| STRIVE/Rotary Club of Brainerd Scholarship | Carli Rodriquez | \$200 |
| STRIVE/Rotary Club of Brainerd Scholarship | Adrian Seibert | \$200 |
| STRIVE/Rotary Club of Brainerd Scholarship | Jourdan Voigt | \$200 |
| STRIVE/Rotary Club of Brainerd Scholarship | Layla Wallace | \$200 |
| STRIVE/Rotary Club of Brainerd Scholarship | Mackinzee Young | \$200 |
| STRIVE/Rotary Club of Brainerd Scholarship | Owen DeRosier | \$500 |
| STRIVE/Rotary Club of Brainerd Scholarship | Keaton Haglin | \$1,000 |
| STRIVE/Rotary Club of Brainerd Scholarship | Chase Hager | \$1,500 |
| University of MN—Iron Range Scholarship | Kyle Duff | \$12,000 |

Military Awards & Certificates

The following students are being recognized by the various military branches for their academic, athletic, and musical accomplishments or their commitment to serve their country through the armed forces.

| MILITARY AWARD or CERTIFICATE | STUDENT | AWARD |
|--|-------------------|------------------|
| Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award | Gavin Hoelzel | Certificate |
| Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award | Katherine Stadum | Certificate |
| Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award | Caitlyn Garnhardt | Certificate |
| Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award | Zane Jacobi | Certificate |
| Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award | Karlton Anderson | Certificate |
| Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award | Elizabeth Joque | Certificate |
| Federal Active Duty Marine Corp | William Thomes | \$92,000+ |
| Federal Active Duty US Army | Cecilia Callahan | \$92,000+ |
| MN National Guard | Allyson Werhan | \$92,000+ |
| MN National Guard | Harison Woodman | \$92,000+ |
| Army ROTC Scholarship | Maxwell Holmstrom | \$99,444 |
| Federal Active Duty US Navy | Dylan Yeary | \$92,000+ |
| United States Naval Academy | Izzy Olson | Full Scholarship |

Awards & Recognition

The following students are being recognized for their academic achievement, leadership, and/or volunteerism in school and community activities.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

| AWARDS & RECOGNITION | STUDENT | AWARD |
|--|------------------|-------------|
| BHS Student Council Executive Board—President | Gavin Hoelzel | Recognition |
| BHS Student Council Executive Board—Vice President | Abigail Benson | Recognition |
| BHS Student Council Senior Delegate | Madeleine Archer | Recognition |
| BHS Student Council Senior Delegate | Carly Boggs | Recognition |
| BHS Student Council Senior Delegate | Cassidy Grimsley | Recognition |
| BHS Student Council Senior Delegate | Lily Haglin | Recognition |
| BHS Student Council Senior Delegate | Ellie Jensen | Recognition |
| BHS Student Council Senior Delegate | Isabelle Johnson | Recognition |
| BHS Student Council Senior Delegate | Alexandra Mann | Recognition |
| BHS Student Council Senior Delegate | Myra Neumann | Recognition |
| BHS Student Council Senior Delegate | Po Simon | Recognition |
| BHS Student Council Senior Delegate | Allyson Werhan | Recognition |
| BHS Senior Class Cabinet Co-President | Mariah Alderson | Recognition |
| BHS Senior Class Cabinet Co-President | Izzy Olson | Recognition |
| BHS Senior Class Cabinet Vice President | Maggie Neptune | Recognition |
| Key Club Governing Board—President | Karlton Anderson | Recognition |
| Key Club Governing Board—Vice President | Abigail Benson | Recognition |
| Key Club Governing Board—Secretary | Hannah Moddes | Recognition |
| Key Club Governing Board—Treasurer | Alexandra Mann | Recognition |
| Key Club Governing Board—Co-Editor | Bridget Wells | Recognition |
| Key Club Governing Board—Co-Editor | Claire Dano | Recognition |
| Key Club Governing Board—Webmaster | Kaya Anderson | Recognition |
| Key Club Governing Board—Committee Chairperson | Rio Neifert | Recognition |
| Key Club Governing Board—Committee Chairperson | Sophia Robin | Recognition |
| Key Club Governing Board—MinnDak Lieutenant Governor | Elijah Hallgren | Recognition |

GOAL ACHIEVED! The Brainerd Public Schools Foundation worked to raise the funds needed to buy 2,020 high-interest classroom library books for our K-8 classrooms during the 2020 school year! Studies show when kids have quick access to books they love to read, they will have greater academic success! Thank you to all who helped make this “Dream Big” initiative a success!



Recognition—National Honor Society

The National Honor Society is a nationwide organization for high school students in the United States. Selection is based on four criteria: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

Karlton Anderson

Elijah Hallgren

Maggie Neptune

Madeleine Archer

Hannah Hayes

Isabella Olson

Emma Balsley

Gethsamane Hiltner

Joseph Otto

Emily Bastian

Gavin Hoelzel

Gretchen Paysse

Abigail Benson

Henry Hopkins

Cadence Porisch

Gabrielle Chalupsky

Jordan Hunnicutt

Julia Rademacher

Isabella Chaussee

Zane Jacobi

Joslin Ray

Cullen Davis

Ellie Jensen

Cally Robertson

Ethan Diede

Hannah Kounkel

Sophia Robin

Hannah Drietz

Grace Loney

Malina Schiller

Kyle Duff

Alexandra Mann

Rowen Schwendeman

Alexandria Dwyer

Chloe Marohn

Katherine Stadum

Hailey Erlandson

Samuel Mattson

Molly Wieland

Molly Hagelie

Ellie Mills

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Thank you to all of our amazing fund holders and BPSF supporters. Because of your commitment to our students and the Brainerd Public Schools, we are able to award increased funds each year. You are making a difference for our kids and their futures. Congratulations to all of the award recipients! We are so proud of you.

Jessica Gangl
Executive Director





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2021/22 DREAM BIG HIGHLIGHT

The BHS weight room was approaching 30 years of age and the equipment pre-dated the room. The floor was cracking, machines were run down, and the room was cluttered. The weight room lacked the open space and functionality needed to properly train today's students and athletes. Jason Freed, BHS Social Studies Teacher and Head Football Coach, took on the role of Project Lead to completely renovate the weight room into the new Warrior Strength Center. The BPSF board started a dollar for dollar matching gift campaign to help raise the necessary funds. Within a few short weeks, BPSF was able to hand over a check to support the project totaling just over \$21,000! In a video thanking BPSF for their support, Coach Freed said, "The first thing you'll notice is a ton of space, brand new floors, and inlaid platforms. We have 20 rack systems allowing us to be way more functional. We can now have 90- 100 kids working out at a time. They have their own spot and have no need to leave... Well over half of the student body at BHS uses the Warrior Strength Center on a daily basis between athletics and phy-ed" and couldn't thank all of the individuals and businesses that supported this project enough. #WARRIOR PROUD #ITTAKESAVILLAGE




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THE BIG EVENT 02.04.2023

The Brainerd Public Schools Foundation (BPSF) is very excited to announce the 10th Annual Big Event, a celebration of the Brainerd Public Schools Foundation, was a blooming success! A crowd of over 200, got down together on February 4th, 2023 when we planted seeds of generosity in support of our schools. The FARM FRESH theme prompted creative costumes and a lot of laughs! Our second year at The Gather on Three event center at The Woods didn't disappoint and guests enjoyed the local celebrities that performed and line dancing at the conclusion of the event.

WE DID IT! YOU DID IT! Our committee, sponsors, auction donors, educators, Brainerd Public Schools staff, our local businesses, and our community members. We all did it, together and raised over \$75k for BPSF programs! This includes \$1200 raised by attendees for the "Battle of the Books" program; which will be hosted by the Friends of the Brainerd Public Library this summer for local 3rd through 7th graders.



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Contact Jessica to set up a BPSF Scholarship Fund, Legacy Fund, support our 4A Grant programs, donate to the Dream Big project, or to get involved with one of our committees or events!

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