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Carter Grant Barnes

Carter, son of Melinda and Steve Bush, has made the most of his high school years through his involvement in football, baseball, and student council. After graduation, Carter plans to attend South East Community College in Milford, Nebraska, where he will complete his Associate's degree in Building Construction Technology. With dreams of becoming an incredible carpenter, he hopes one day to build the home he has always envisioned for himself and his future family. Carter encourages incoming freshmen to take advantage of every opportunity available, especially free college courses offered during high school, reminding them not to take anything for granted. In 10 years, he sees himself living comfortably in a home he built from the ground up, surrounded by his wife and children. One of his most unforgettable memories was making Turpin forfeit during a football game. Carter's favorite color is blue. His senior quote reads, "Losing my brother broke my heart in ways words can not explain, but it never took away my strength or my hope. Every time grief brings me to my knees, I rise with his love around me, carrying him in every breath, every step, and every dream. His story lives through me. Through my choice to keep going, to never give up, and to become someone he would look at with pride and say, 'That's my Little Brother.'"

Katie-Lynn Sophira Bullock

Katie, daughter of Chere Bullock and Jeremy Gooch, has been actively involved throughout her high school years, participating in four years of FFA, two years of basketball, one year of volleyball, and student council. Following graduation, Katie-Lynn plans to attend Paul Mitchell Cosmetology School as she works toward her dream of one day owning her own salon. She encourages incoming freshmen to always be themselves and not let the opinions of others affect who they are, while also reminding them to cherish every moment because high school passes quickly. In 10 years, Katie-Lynn sees herself happily married with children and successfully running her own salon business. While she says she is not sure yet what moment she will never forget, the memories and experiences made throughout high school will surely stay with her for years to come. Her favorite color is teal, and her senior quote is, "Not such a thing as a life that's better than yours."



Chisum Wayne Roberson

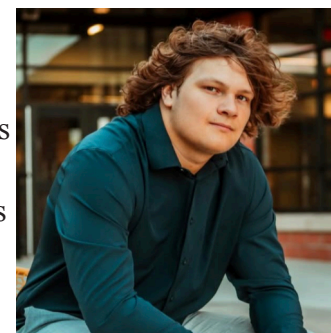
Chisum, son of KynDee and Joel Roberson, has spent his high school years actively involved in FFA while building a passion for rodeo and saddle bronc riding. After graduation, Chisum plans to attend OPSU, where he will continue pursuing saddle bronc riding at the collegiate level. He encourages incoming freshmen to never be afraid to ask questions, reminding them that learning and growing comes from being willing to seek help and guidance. In 10 years, Chisum sees himself achieving his dream of becoming a Saddle Bronc World Champion.

One memory he says he will never forget is the time spent messing around during practices with Colby Batterton, creating moments and friendships that will last a lifetime. His favorite color is blue, and his senior quote is, "Don't be afraid to go after what you want to do, and what you want to be. But don't be afraid to be willing to pay the price." — Lane Frost



Logan Spires

Logan, son of Shea and Michael Spires, has been involved in both football and wrestling throughout his high school years. Following graduation, Logan plans to attend college as he continues pursuing his goals and dreams for the future. His advice to incoming freshmen is simple but meaningful: always try your best. In 10 years, Logan sees himself following his dreams and building a successful future for himself. One memory he says he will never forget is spending time at the lake with his family, creating moments that will always stay close to his heart. His favorite color is blue, and his senior quote is, "We only have one rule, never let it cool." — Tom Hanks



Jacob Burdick

Jacob, son of Donnie and Heather Burdick, has been actively involved throughout his high school years in football, basketball, track, FBLA, FCCLA, and FFA. After graduation, he plans to pursue his dream of becoming a veterinarian, with hopes of eventually opening his own animal shelter. His advice to incoming freshmen is to not regret a single thing, as regrets can only hold you back from growing and moving forward. In 10 years, Jacob sees himself operating his own animal shelter and continuing his work with animals. One moment he will never forget is the sophomore year stock show, an experience that stands out in his high school journey. His favorite color is purple, and his senior quote is, "It's not about whether I can or not. I'm doing it because I want to." — Monkey D. Luffy

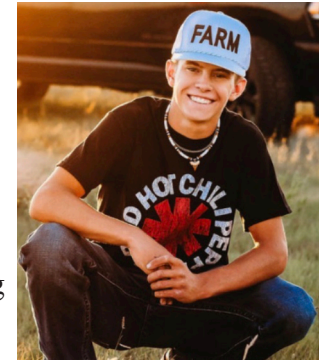


Madison Rose Varnado

Madison, daughter of Tim and Brandy Varnado, has been actively involved throughout her high school career, participating in basketball and volleyball for four years while also spending one year in FFA and student council. After graduation, Madison plans to pursue a career as an esthetician and nail technician, with dreams of eventually owning her own business and settling into her forever home. She advises incoming freshmen to stay positive, stay on top of their responsibilities, and remember that while freshman year may feel like the toughest, things will get better with time and effort. One moment Madison says she will never forget is making it to state in basketball, a memory filled with excitement, hard work, and team pride. Her favorite color is pink, and her senior quote is, "No matter where life takes me, you'll find me with a smile :)."

Gunner Mitchel Mackey

Gunner, son of Randi and Corby Mackey, has been involved in both FFA and student council during his high school years while preparing for a future of service and adventure. After graduation, Gunner plans to become a 12N Horizontal Construction Engineer in the United States Army, where he hopes to build valuable skills and experience while traveling to new places around the world. His advice to incoming freshmen is to keep an open mind and always expect the unexpected in any situation. In 10 years, Gunner sees himself exploring new places, discovering different experiences, and continuing to grow through the opportunities life brings his way. One moment he says he will never forget is when Chisum showed the group what the boys do when they go camping, creating a memory filled with laughter and friendship. His favorite color is blue, and his senior quote is, "Chasing dreams, overcoming limits, owning the moment, rising higher, senior year."



Wyatt Allen Cohoon

Wyatt, son of Kami and Jered Cohoon, has been highly involved throughout his high school career, participating in four years of football and FFA, three years of FCCLA, two years of wrestling, track, and drama, and one year in NHS. After graduation, Wyatt plans to pursue a career as an Airframe and Powerplant Technician, combining his interests in aviation and mechanics while working toward a future that allows him to travel the world. His advice to incoming freshmen is to be kind to teachers because respect goes a long way, but also to remember not to take high school too seriously and still make time to enjoy the experience. In 10 years, Wyatt sees himself working for an airline company while exploring new places around the globe. One moment he says he will never forget is freshman year P.E., a memory that still stands out among his many high school experiences. His favorite color is royal blue, and his senior quote is, "It's not about the trophy. It's about the journey." — Lightning McQueen

Addison Figgins

Addison Figgins, daughter of Brett and Crista Figgins, has been involved in FFA, NHS, and volleyball throughout her high school years while preparing for her future in education. After graduation, she plans to attend Otero Community College to pursue Early Childhood Education, with the goal of becoming a preschool teacher in a small, close-knit community. Her advice to incoming freshmen is that it's okay to outgrow people, places, and even old versions of yourself, as it is all part of growing up and finding who you are. In 10 years, Madison sees herself settled down and working as a preschool teacher, continuing to make an impact in the lives of young children. One moment she says she will never forget is watching the years of growth in those around her and seeing classmates develop into individuals with their own dreams and goals. Her favorite colors are light pink and forest green, and her senior quote is, "The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." — Pablo Picasso





Jett Thayne Konkell

Jeff, son of Travis Konkell and Bethany Cooper, has been actively involved throughout high school in FFA, Knowledge Bowl, football, wrestling, and track. After graduation, he plans to pursue a future in ranching and construction, combining hard work and hands-on skills in both fields. His advice to incoming freshmen is simple: never look back. In 10 years, Jett sees himself living in a nice home with a beautiful wife and building a strong life for his future. One moment he will never forget is going to the state wrestling tournament during his freshman year, an experience that set the tone for his high school journey. His favorite color is rose gold, and his senior quote is, "Keep in mind that many people have died for their beliefs; it's actually quite common. The real courage is in living and suffering for what you believe." — Christopher Paolini

Glenn William Cogburn

Glenn, son of Colby Cogburn and Beritt Odom, has been involved in FFA and FBLA throughout his high school years while exploring interests that connect to his future goals. After graduation, he plans to pursue a career as a journalist. His advice to incoming freshmen is that it is never that serious, encouraging them not to overthink the small things and to enjoy their high school experience. In 10 years, Glenn hopes to have a decent and stable life while continuing to grow in his career and personal goals. One moment he says he will never forget is "all of them," reflecting on the many experiences that shaped his time in high school. His favorite color is purple, and his senior quote is, "The time has come, for the reason of this world to change." — Kentaro Miura



Brennan Dale Rothman

Brennan, son of Eden and Nick Rothman, has been actively involved in FBLA, basketball shooting sports, and NHS, and has also participated in FFA, FBLA, and leadership summit throughout his high school career. After graduation, he plans to study business at the University of North Carolina (UNC), working toward building a strong foundation for a future career in the business field. His advice to incoming freshmen is to not take things too seriously, but to know when it is time to lock in and focus. In 10 years, Brennan hopes to be out of college with a steady and successful job. One moment he will never forget is competing at the Cotopaxi tournament during his junior year, an experience that stands out in his high school journey. His favorite color is black, and his senior quote is, "Never say it cannot be done."

Emily Tylynn Rosengrants

Tylynn, daughter of Tyler and Laura Rosengrants, has been actively involved in volleyball, FCCLA, NHS, and drama club throughout her high school years. After graduation, she plans to study Business and Accounting at UCCS, with goals of building a successful and fulfilling career in the future. Her advice to incoming freshmen is simple: don't cheat on your math test. In 10 years, Emily hopes to be building a life she is proud of, traveling the world, and, as she puts it, "I BETTER be rich." One moment she will never forget is the bond her class shared and all the laughs they experienced together while growing up. Her favorite color is periwinkle blue, and her senior quote is, "A bombshell has left the villa."



Bian'Ka Rosalina Ausmus

Bian'Ka, daughter of Christina and Ryan Ausmus, has been involved in FFA, FCCLA, and FBLA throughout her high school career while working toward her future goals in the medical field. After graduation, she plans to become an ultrasound technician, building a career focused on helping others and working in healthcare. Her advice to incoming freshmen is to stay on top of their work and keep up with responsibilities from the start. In 10 years, Bian'Ka sees herself owning a home and living happily with her two dogs. One moment she says she will never forget is when Carter broke the light in the gym, a memory that stands out among her high school experiences. Her favorite color is purple, and her senior quote is, "If you're brave enough to say goodbye, life will reward you with a new hello!" — Paulo Coelho



Thomas Avery Schmidt

Thomas, son of Sheila Aldrich and Ray Schmidt, has been involved in FBLA, Knowledge Bowl, basketball, track, and cross country throughout his high school years while building a strong foundation for his future. After graduation, he plans to attend the School of Mines to earn a degree in mechanical engineering, with goals of working in a general engineering firm. His advice to incoming freshmen is to complete their work as early as possible to stay ahead and reduce stress. In 10 years, Thomas sees himself established in a successful engineering career. One moment he will never forget is Glenn hitting a white-line buzzer beater in basketball, an unforgettable highlight of his high school experience. His favorite color is purple, and his senior quote is, "Strive for progress not perfection, perfection is the enemy of progress." — Winston Churchill

Mason Carol Ann Martinez

Mason, daughter of Velta and Trevor Martinez, has spent her high school years focused on learning and building toward her future goals. After graduation, she plans to pursue a job and begin working toward independence and stability. Her advice to incoming freshmen is simple: be nice. In 10 years, Mason sees herself owning her own home and continuing to build a life she can call her own. One moment she says she will never forget is spending time hanging out with friends, enjoying the everyday memories of high school life. Her favorite color is pink, and her senior quote is, "I don't know where I'm going, but I'm on my way."



The Springfield Class of 2026 proudly represents teal and gold as its class colors, symbolizing both strength and unity. The class motto, "The rest is still unwritten" by Natasha Bedingfield, reflects the idea that each senior is still shaping their own story and future beyond high school. The class flower is the hibiscus, representing beauty, growth, and resilience. This year's Valedictorian is Gunner Mackey, and the Salutatorian is Thomas Schmidt, both recognized for their dedication and academic achievement. The graduating class includes a total of 16 seniors, each contributing their own unique experiences and memories that have helped define their time together.

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Maliky Angel Esparza

Maliky, son of Shalon Hair and Jose Esparza, has been involved in football, yearbook, wrestling, track, and FFA food science throughout his high school years while building skills toward his future career. After graduation, he plans to pursue graphic design, with hopes of one day working in Colorado helping create shirt designs. His advice to incoming freshmen is to avoid doing things last minute, reminding them that procrastination only makes things more difficult. In 10 years, Maliky sees himself continuing his work in graphic design, creating and contributing to design projects he enjoys. One moment he will never forget is a hallway incident with his friend Maddox while heading to lunch—what started as him thinking the door was being held open ended with him running into it and accidentally cracking the glass in a moment he won't forget.

Jocelynn Tedder

Jocelynn Tedder, daughter of Matt and Brittany Tedder, plans to attend Wichita State University in Wichita, Kansas, where she will pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Throughout high school, she has been highly involved in volleyball, basketball, cheerleading, Service and Leadership Team, National Honor Society, Student Council, W-Club, Knowledge Bowl, FCCLA, The National FFA Association, Modern Band, Newz 27 and Eagles' Nest News, and CREW youth group, reflecting her strong commitment to both academics and extracurricular activities. Her advice to incoming freshmen is to work hard, stay organized, and keep grades up, while also remembering to enjoy the experience and not stress too much. In 10 years, Jocelyn sees herself as a Registered Nurse working in a rural healthcare setting, giving back to the community that she values deeply, especially after her experience working as a Certified Nursing Assistant and seeing the need for healthcare staff in rural areas. One moment she will never forget is the collection of everyday high school memories—time spent with friends, prom, bus rides to games, and all the small moments that made high school feel like family.

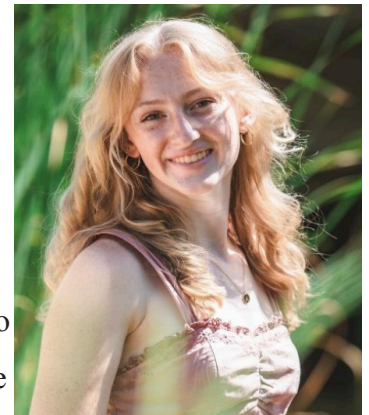


Reece Mundell

Reece Mundell, daughter of Justin and Desirae Mundell, plans to attend the University of Colorado Boulder, where she will pursue a degree in Biology and Integrative Physiology. Throughout high school, she has been actively involved in volleyball, basketball, track, National Honor Society, Service and Leadership Team, Student Government, FCCLA, Walsh Busy Bees 4-H, Knowledge Bowl, W-Club, and Cycling Club, reflecting her dedication to both academics and extracurricular activities. Her advice to incoming freshmen is to try everything, because you never know what you might discover a passion for along the way. In 10 years, Reece sees herself working as a physical therapist specializing in pediatrics, combining her interests in science, health, and helping others. One moment she will never forget is attending FCCLA Nationals in Seattle, an experience that stands out as a highlight of her high school journey.

Averi Kunselman

Averi Kunselman, daughter of Cameron and Kristi Kunselman, plans to attend the University of Wyoming, where she will pursue a Bachelor's degree in Human Nutrition and Food, followed by a Master's degree in Dietetics. After completing college and a dietetics internship, she hopes to become a clinical dietitian. Throughout high school, she has been involved in Service and Leadership Team (SLT), FCCLA, National Honor Society (NHS), Knowledge Bowl, CREW, volleyball, basketball, and track, showing her dedication to both academics and activities. Her advice to incoming freshmen is to prioritize assignments when balancing work, reminding them that completing homework first before studying for tests can make a big difference. In 10 years, Averi sees herself working as a clinical dietitian, ideally near Baca County or in Wyoming, while also building a life that includes a home, pets, a better vehicle, a Vespa, and continued involvement in her community. One moment she will never forget is the long bus rides home from games this year, which became meaningful memories shared with teammates and friends.



Maddox Gourley

Maddox Gourley, son of Blake and Chelsea Gourley, has been actively involved throughout high school in football, track, basketball, baseball, SLT, W-Club, Knowledge Bowl, FCCLA, esports, Baking Club, and TSA Video, reflecting a wide range of interests and experiences. After graduation, he plans to pursue a career in aviation, specifically focusing on cargo flying, with the goal of building a future in the skies. His advice to incoming freshmen is to not work so hard that you forget to have fun, reminding students to find balance between responsibility and enjoying their high school years. In 10 years, Maddox sees himself flying a “pretty awesome plane” as he continues working in aviation. One moment he will never forget is the time he and a good friend accidentally broke a window, a memory that stands out among many shared experiences with classmates.

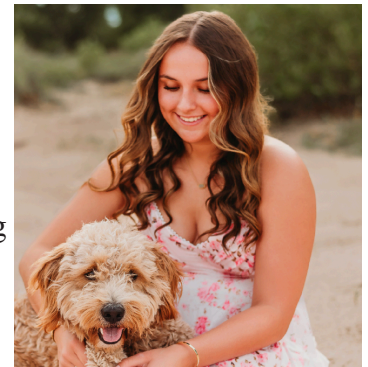


Yaneidi Calzada

Yaneidi Calzada, daughter of Saul and Marisela Calzada, has been actively involved throughout high school in volleyball, basketball, Student Leadership Team, W-Club, Eagle Outfitters, yearbook, Student Council, and Bike Club. After graduation, she plans to attend Amarillo College to earn an Associate’s Degree in Photography and Film Production, building toward a future in the creative arts. Her advice to incoming freshmen is to choose friends who lift you up and positively influence your high school experience. In 10 years, Yaneidi sees herself working in photography and film production, continuing to grow her skills and pursue her passion for visual storytelling. One moment she will never forget is decorating homecoming floats with her class, a memory filled with teamwork, creativity, and school spirit.

Audrey Caddick

Audrey Caddick, daughter of Chris and Amy Caddick, plans to attend Amarillo College to pursue an Associate’s Degree in Radiography, with the goal of becoming a radiation therapist. Throughout high school, she has been involved in FCCLA, NHS, SLT, STUCO, volleyball, basketball, and track, reflecting her strong participation in both academics and extracurricular activities. Her advice to incoming freshmen is to get involved and spend time with friends, emphasizing the importance of both participation and connection during high school. In 10 years, Audrey sees herself working as a radiation therapist, building a career in healthcare and helping patients through her field. One moment she will never forget is not a single event, but rather the collection of memories made with her classmates throughout high school, which she values as some of her most meaningful experiences.



Samuel Wright

Samuel Wright, son of Shade and Marie Wright, plans to attend Amarillo College to pursue a degree in water purification, with goals of building a future in a field focused on environmental and community health. Throughout high school, he has been involved in FCCLA, STUCO, SLT, NHS, football, basketball, track, and baseball, showing strong commitment both in the classroom and in athletics. His advice to incoming freshmen is to spend time with friends and enjoy the high school experience while it lasts. In 10 years, Samuel sees himself living in a nice home and starting a family. One moment he will never forget is all of the sports practices shared with his teammates and coaches, which made a lasting impact on his high school journey.



Ty Hoffman

Ty Hoffman, son of Tucker and Sharalee Hoffman, plans to attend Garden City Community College to pursue a degree in Agriculture Equipment Technology. Throughout high school, he has been involved in football, wrestling, baseball, FFA, and student council, reflecting a strong commitment to both athletics and agricultural leadership. His advice to incoming freshmen is to not procrastinate and to get work done ahead of schedule. In 10 years, Ty sees himself back in Walsh working at American Implement, giving back to the community that has invested in him. One moment he will never forget is going elk hunting with his uncle, a memory that stands out as a meaningful personal experience from his high school years.



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County 2026 graduates!

Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance have led you to this incredible milestone. As you step into your next chapter, may you continue to grow, lead, and make a positive impact in your communities. We are proud of each and every one of you and wish you success, happiness, and good health in all your future endeavors.

Congrats from Keshian, Maria, & Adria!

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