

# **ACADEMIC / ACTIVITY AWARDS**

**2020-2021**

**Meridian High School**



# Perfect Attendance!



Perfect Attendance  
August 19, 2020  
to  
May 18, 2021

- **Taelyn Filipi**
- **Christian Guenther**

# Near



- Shaysah Burkhart .75
- Lane Barton .87
- Erin Kujath .87

Missed less than one day

# Academic Letter



The Academic Letter may be earned each year when a student meets certain qualifications.

1) The student must earn at least a 93 % (92.5) or above average for the following lengths of time:

9<sup>th</sup> grade – 3 quarters

10<sup>th</sup> grade – 3 semesters

11<sup>th</sup> grade – 4 semesters

12<sup>th</sup> grade – 6 semesters

2) At least one of the semesters listed in the semester requirements must be during the current school year.

3) In order for a quarter or semester to be counted towards the requirements listed above, the student must take at least four academic core classes.

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade – 6 semesters

- Lane Barton
- Kezia Connealy
- Delaney Homolka
- Erin Kuath
- Corin Paul
- Mackenzie Rau

## 11<sup>th</sup> grade – 4 semesters

- Brynn Holtmeier
- Allyson Kort
- Kenna Placek
- Kimberly Schropfer
- Erika Schwisow

## 10<sup>th</sup> grade – 3 semesters

- Bailey Holtmeier
- Jessica Karenbauer
- Kailyn Paul
- Kaylee Pribyl
- Amber Vinsonhaler
- Jaslyn Ward

## 9<sup>th</sup> grade - 3 quarters

- Kolton Kumpf
- Kaira Niederklein
- Kymber Schwisow
- Jaala Stewart
- Evelyn Woitalewicz



The President's Education Awards Program consists of a certificate signed by the President and the Secretary of Education.

These awards are given to students who are graduating from Elementary School (6<sup>th</sup> grade), Middle School (8<sup>th</sup> grade) and High School (12<sup>th</sup> grade) that meet the following criteria:

- 1) a grade point average of 90% or above, **and**
- 2) 85% or above in reading or math achievement tests on state achievement tests. For high school seniors, an ACT score of 26 or above may also be considered.

**THE 2021 PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING EDUCATIONAL ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE GOES TO:**

### Seniors

- Lane Barton (M)
- Kezia Connealy (M, R)
- Erin Kujath (R)

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Zotar Conaway (M, R)
- Taelyn Filipi (R)
- McKenzie Hofstetter (M, R)
- Samuel Thomas (M, R)

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Kendall Filipi (R)
- Maddox Haake (R)
- Isaac Thomas (R)



The following students have met the criteria of **1)** a grade point average of 90% or above, and **2)** recommendations from teachers who feel the student reflects outstanding achievement of growth, hard work, and commitment in any areas.

**Presidential Academic**  
**Achievement Award goes to:**

**12<sup>th</sup> grade**

- Mackenzie Rau

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- Shaysah Burkhart
- Tucker Simms

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade**



To qualify for this award, you must be on the honor roll with a 93% (92.50) or above the first three quarter of the school year and have all A's for the first three quarters.

**High Honor Roll Award**

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- Lane Barton
- Kezia Connealy

**High Honor Roll Award**

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- Brynn Holtmeier
- Allyson Kort

**High Honor Roll Award**

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**High Honor Roll Award**

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- Evelyn Woitalewicz

**High Honor Roll Award**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- Shaysah Burkhart
- Taelyn Filipi
- McKenzie Hofstetter
- Samuel Thomas

**High Honor Roll Award**

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- Olivia Schafer



To qualify for this award, you must be on the honor roll with a 93% (92.50) or above **the first three quarter of the school year.**

### **Honor Roll Award – 12<sup>th</sup>**

- Erin Kujath
- Corin Paul
- Mackenzie Rau

### **Honor Roll Award – 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Kimberly Schropfer
- Erika Schwisow

### **Honor Roll Award – 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Alyssa Haake
- Bailey Holtmeier
- Jessica Karenbauer
- Kailyn Paul
- Kaylee Pribyl
- Amber Vinsonhaler

### **Honor Roll Award – 9<sup>th</sup>**

- Kolton Kumpf
- Kaira Niederklein
- Kymber Schwisow
- Jaala Stewart

### **Honor Roll Award – 8<sup>th</sup>**

- Zotar Conaway
- Maria Dimas
- Wyatt Dunn
- Braxtyn Rut
- Tucker Simms
- Jaylee Sobotka
- Cooper Wolfe

### **Honor Roll Award – 7<sup>th</sup>**

- Luke Seeman
- Colby Smith
- Kyan Sones
- Jenna Woitalewicz



This isn't just an empty pot  
There's something you should know,  
Inside was once a tiny seed  
That just like you, did grow.

Just like the flowers, we watched you  
blossom

Your beauty all around

We planted seeds of knowledge  
And love to all around.

Just like the roots that grow so deep  
To weather wind and rain,  
We wish you luck in all you do  
Abundance will be your gain.



## Senior Class Renaissance Award

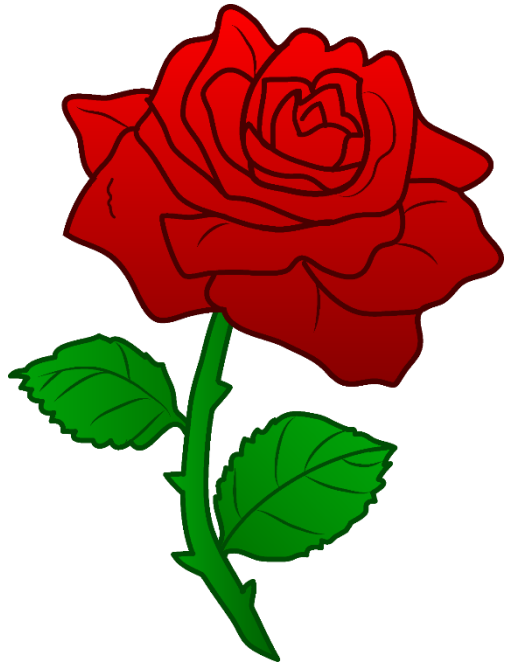
### 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semesters (Both)

- Lane Barton
- Delaney Homolka
- Erin Kujath
- Corin Paul
- Mackenzie Rau

### 2<sup>nd</sup> semester (ONLY)

- Kezia Connealy
- Samantha Lee
- Kala Most

*Media  
Recognition*



*Omaha World-Herald*

*2021 All-Academic*

- Lane Barton
- Kezia Connealy

*2021 Class Acts*

*Lincoln Journal*

- Lane Barton
- Kezia Connealy

*Believers &*

*Achievers*

- Lane Barton
- Mackenzie Rau

*Wendy's High*

*School Heisman*

- Lane Barton

## *Journal Star Academic All-State*

### **Seniors**

- Lane Barton
- Erin Kujath
- Corin Paul

### **Juniors**

- Brynn Holtmeier
- Allyson Kort
- Drew Niederklein
- Kimberly Schropfer
- Erika Schwisow
- Keagan Sones

## *CRC Academic All Conference*

Kezia Connealy– Silver



## **PSAT Test (85% & above)**

Not given in 2021

## **Pre-ACT Tests – Sophomore (26 & above)**

- Kailyn Paul
- Amber Vinsonhaler

## **ACT Tests – Juniors (26 & above)**

Allyson Kort

Brynn Holtmeier

## **ACT Tests – Seniors (26 & above)**

- Kezia Connealy





## **Gallery of the Stars**

## **Duke Talent Search – 7<sup>th</sup> Graders**

### **UNL - Big Red Stars**

### **Outstanding 8<sup>th</sup> graders**

Samuel Thomas (Leadership/Academics)

Wyatt Dunn (Diversity/Adversity)



**Fairbury Optimists All-Around  
Outstanding Youth Recognition -  
Seniors**

Delaney Homolka  
Erin Kujath  
Samantha Lee  
Mackenzie Rau

**Elks Teenagers of the Month**

- Lane Barton
- Kezia Connealy

**Elks Scholarship Winner**

- Lane Barton

**Elks Senior**

- Lane Barton
- Kezia Connealy
- Delaney Homolka
- Mackenzie Rau

**Elks Junior**

- Brynn Holtmeier
- Allyson Kort
- Kimberly Schropfer
- Erika Schwisow



# Class Officers

## Class of 2021 - Seniors

President – Ashley Hummer

Vice President – Delaney Homolka

Secretary – Erin Kujath

Treasurer – Kezia Connealy

## Class of 2022–Juniors

President – Erika Schwisow

Vice President – Kimberly Schropfer

Secretary – Brynn Holtmeier

Treasurer – Drew Niederklein

## Class of 2023 - Sophomores

President – Kaylee Pribyl

Vice President – Dylan Peterson

Secretary – Jesus Nuñez

Treasurer – Jaslyn Ward

## Class of 2024 - Freshmen

President – Kymber Schwisow

Vice President – Mario Escobar

Secretary – Kaira Niederklein

Treasurer – Evelyn Woitalewicz

## Class of 2025 - 8<sup>th</sup> grade

President – Taelyn Filipi

Vice President– McKenzie Hofstetter

Secretary– Samuel Thomas

Treasurer– Samuel Thomas

## Class of 2026 - 7<sup>th</sup> grade

President – Justin Bartels

Vice President– Kyan Sones

Secretary– Olivia Schafer

Treasurer– Colby Smith

## **Senior Members** (inducted 4-2019)

Lane Barton - Treasurer

Delaney Homolka - President

Erin Kujath – Vice President

## **2019-20 Members** (Inducted 4-2020)

Brynn Holtmeier – Public Relations

Erika Schwisow - Secretary

Kezia Connealy – Senior Member

Allyson Kort - Junior Member

Drew Niederklein – Junior Member

Kimberly Schropfer – Junior Member

## **2020-21 New Inductees** (Inducted 4-2021)

Mackenzie Rau – Senior

Keagan Sones – Junior

Alyssa Haake – Sophomore

Bailey Holtmeier – Sophomore

Kailyn Paul – Sophomore

Kaylee Pribyl – Sophomore

Amber Vinsonhaler - Sophomore

# **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**







## High School Quiz Bowl

- Jeremiah Barnts
- Alyssa Haake
- Edward Haverluck
- Kailyn Paul
- Amber Vinsonhaler
- Peyton Norine-deMonburn
- Evelyn Woitalewicz

## Junior High Quiz Bowl

- JD Adam
- Samuel Thomas
- Rebecca Vinsonhaler
- Hadden Woods
- Landon Griggs
- Luke Seeman



# **Agricultural Education 2020-2021**

## **Senior FFA Member/s**

- Erin Kujath

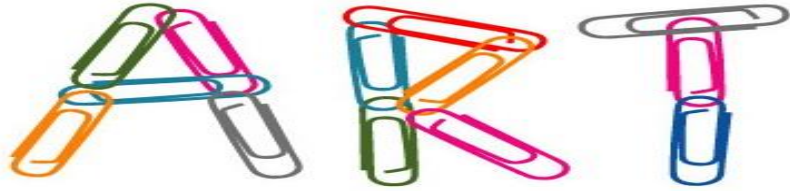
## **Officers**

- President: Erika Schwisow
- Vice President: Erin Kujath
- Secretary:
- Treasurer:
- Reporter: Chase Bartels
- Sentinel: Brayden Rut
- Parliamentarian: Bailey Holtmeier



## **FBLA Officers     2020-2021**

- President – Brynn Holtmeier
- Vice President – Delaney Homolka
- Secretary – Kailyn Paul
- Treasurer – Erika Schwisow
- Reporter – Tyleiah Gooding
- Historian – Evelyn Woitalewicz
- Parliamentarian – Peyton Norine-  
deMonbrun



### **Art 7**

Landon Griggs  
Olivia Schafer  
Colby Smith  
Kyan Sones  
Dawson Specht

### **Art 8**

Shaysah Burkhart  
Taelyn Filipi  
McKenzie Hofstetter  
Samuel Thomas  
Cooper Wolfe

### **Art I**

Schyler Schwisow

### **Art II**

Shanesah Burkhart  
Alyssa Haake  
Andon Sales  
Lana Santacroce  
Amber Vinsonhaler  
Angelo Herrera  
Wyatt Scheets

### **Art III**

Kenna Placek  
Kaitlyn Pollock

### **Art IV**

Mackenzie Rau  
Lindsey Brant



## Actions Day

No competition due to COVID



## Ground Water Festival 2021

Did not have due to COVID 19

## Completion of ENRICHMENT

- Lane Barton
- Kezia Connealy
- Mackenzie Rau



SUCCESS

In  
BUSINESS

Accounting I & II

Info Tech II

Creative Design

Media Production

Info Tech I

Personal Finance



## **English 12**

Corin Paul

Mackenzie Rau

## **English 11**

*Brynn Holtmeier*

*Allyson Kort*

*Kenna Placek*

*Kimberly Schropfer*

*Erika Schwisow*

## **English 10**

Alyssa Haake

Bailey Holtmeier

Jessica Karenbauer

Kailyn Paul

Kaylee Pribyl

Jaslyn Ward

## **English 9**

Kolton Kumpf

KyMBER Schwisow

Evelyn Woitalewicz

## **Introduction to Speech**

Kailyn Paul – Sem 1

Ricci Cross – Sem 2

Shanesah Burkhart – Sem 2

Schyler Schwisow – Sem 2

## **HP Literature**

Brynn Holtmeier

# I math

## Trigonometry

- Allyson Kort

## Calculus

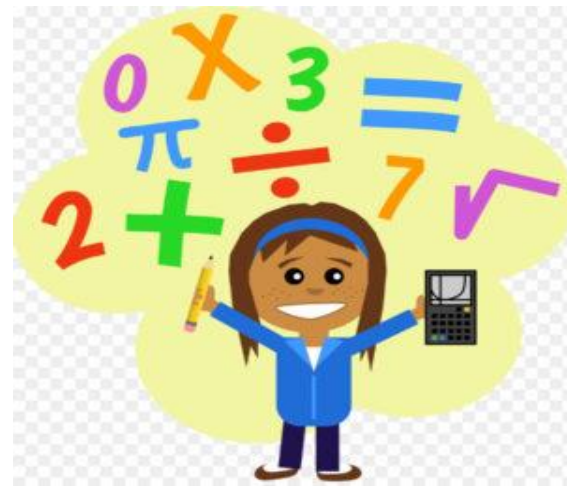
- Kezia Connealy

## Algebra II

- Bailey Holtmeier
- Kaylee Pribyl

## Algebra I

- Taelyn Filipi
- McKenzie Hofstetter
- Samuel Thomas



## Geometry

- Kymber Schwisow
- Evelyn Woitalewicz

## Middle School Math Competition

8 - Taelyn Filipi

8 - McKenzie Hofstetter

8 - Samuel Thomas

7 - Olivia Schafer

7 - Luke Seeman

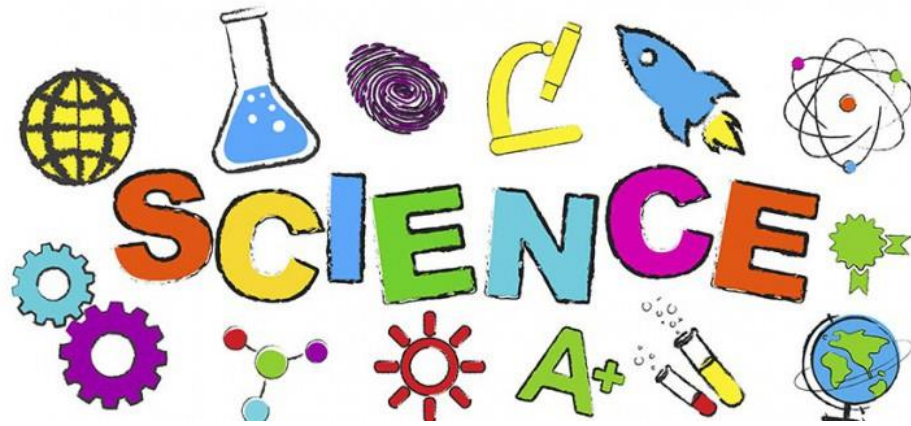
7 - Jenna Woitalewicz

6 - Kendall Filipi

6 - Maddox Haake

6 - Isaac Thomas





### **Life Science – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- Olivia Schafer
- Luke Seeman
- Kyan Sones
- Evelyn Woitalewicz

### **Earth Science – 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

- Shaysah Burkhart
- Taelyn Filipi
- McKenzie Hofstetter
- Samuel Thomas

### **Physical Science – 9<sup>th</sup> grade**

- Kolton Kumpf
- Kymber Schwisow
- Evelyn Woitalewicz



### **Biology – 10<sup>th</sup> grade**

- Kailyn Paul
- Kaylee Pribyl

### **Physics**

- Brynn Holtmeier
- Allyson Kort

### **Practical Science**

- Lindsey Brant

### **Physiology**

- Kezia Connealy

# Jefferson County Spelling Participants and Winners



- Samuel Thomas – 1<sup>st</sup> Place
- Tucker Simms – 8<sup>th</sup> Place
- McKenzie Hofstetter
- RJ Paul
- Anthony Specht
- Rebecca Vinsonhaler
- Landon Griggs
- Coby Huls
- Luke Seeman
- Jenna Woitalewicz
- Melony Pollock - Alternate



## **American History**

- Emilee Aldrich
- Allyson Kort

## **Am. Government**

- Kezia Connealy
- Mackenzie Rau

## **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies**

- Olivia Schafer
- Luke Seeman

## **8<sup>th</sup> Grade American History**

- Taelyn Filipi
- Samuel Thomas

## **World History**

- Kailyn Paul
- Amber Vinsonhaler

# STUDENT COUNCIL

## Student Council 2020-2021 Officers

President – Kezia Connealy

Vice President – Delaney Homolka

Secretary – Erika Schwisow

Treasurer – Kim Schropfer

Historian – Allyson Kort

Public Relations – Brynn Holtmeier

## Senior Class

- Senior Rep – Lane Barton
- Senior Rep – Kezia Connealy
- Senior Rep – Delaney Homolka
- Senior Rep At-Large– Lindsey Brant
- Senior Rep At-Large – Mackenzie Rau
- Foreign Exchange - None

## Junior Class

- Junior Rep – Kimberly Schropfer
- Junior Rep – Erika Schwisow
- Junior Rep – Brynn Holtmeier
- Junior At-Large – Allyson Kort
- Junior At-Large – Brayden Rut

# STUDENT COUNCIL

(Continued)

## Sophomore Class

- Sophomore Rep – Bailey Holtmeier
- Sophomore Rep – Kaylee Pribyl
- Soph Rep At-Large – Edward Haverluck

## Freshmen Class

Freshmen rep – Kymber Schwisow

## Junior High

8<sup>th</sup> grade Rep – Taelyn Filipi

8<sup>th</sup> grade Rep – Samuel Thomas

7<sup>th</sup> grade Rep – Justin Bartels



# CHEERLEADER



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- Kala Most, Captain
- Mo’Nae Moody, Co-captain
- Emily Aldrich
- Ricci Cross
- Lana Santacroce
- Schyler Schwisow
- Ashauna Davis
- Tyleiah Gooding
- Peyton Norine de-Monbrun

# Dance



- Mo'Nae Moody
- Kala Most
- Kezia Connealy
- Delaney Homolka
- Nylah Moody
- Erika Schwisow
- Emilee Aldrich
- Kymber Schwisow
- Evelyn Woitalewicz

**2020-2021 Letter Winners**

**– One Act**

**Seniors**

Lane Barton  
Delaney Homolka  
Ashley Hummer  
Mo’Nae Moody  
Kala Most  
Corin Paul

**Juniors**

Angelo Herrera  
Brynn Holtmeier  
Allyson Kort  
Brayden Rut  
Wyatt Scheets  
Kim Schropfer  
Erika Schwisow

**Most Promising  
Actor/Actress**

Tyleiah Gooding

**Sophomores**

Alyssa Haake  
Kailyn Paul  
Andon Sales  
Schyler Schwisow  
Amber Vinsonhaler

**Freshmen**

Tyleiah Gooding  
Peyton Norine de-Monbrun  
Evelyn Woitalewicz

**Most Improved Actor/Actress**

Wyatt Scheets

**Outstanding Performer**

Brynn Holtmeier  
Andon Sales

**Nuñez Award**

Lane Barton  
Brayden Rut



Meridian Drama presents  
“A Wrinkle In Time”

**Outstanding Crew Member**

Corin Paul



# 2020-2021 Speech Letter Winners



## Seniors

- Lane Barton
- Kala Most
- Corin Paul

## Juniors

- Brynn Holtmeier
- Brayden Rut

## Sophomores

- Alyssa Haake
- Kailyn Paul
- Schyler Schwisow
- Amber Vinsonhaler

## Freshman

## Beginning Speaker

- Kailyn Paul
- Amber Vinsonhaler
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## Most Improved Speaker

- Kala Most

## Outstanding Speaker

- Brynn Holtmeier

★ State Speech  
Brynn Holtmeier



**MUSIC**

**National School Choral**

**Award:**

- Samantha Lee

**John Philip Sousa Award:**

- Delaney Homolka

**Meridian Outstanding  
Performer Award:**

## Lettering Choir:

### Seniors

- Samantha Lee
- Kala Most
- Corin Paul
- Mo’Nae Moody
- Ashley Hummer

### Juniors

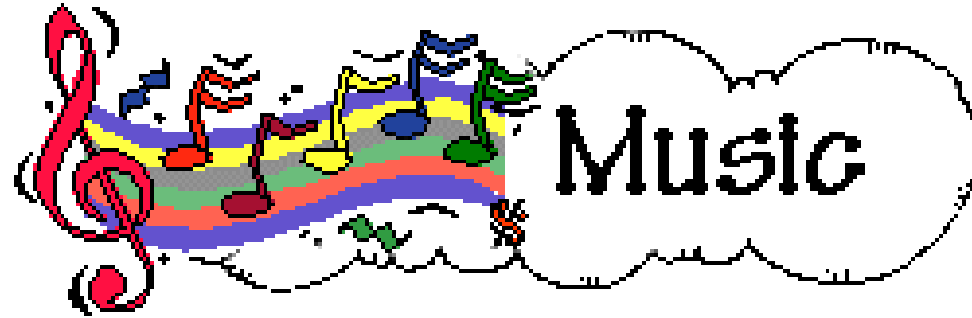
- Emilee Aldrich
- Tyler Lopez
- Kenna Placek

### Sophomores

- Kailyn Paul
- Lana Santacroce

### Freshmen

- Ashauna Davis
- Tyleiah Gooding
- Evelyn Woitalewicz



## Lettering Band:

### Seniors

- Lane Barton
- Kezia Connealy
- Delaney Homolka
- Samantha Lee
- Kala Most
- Corin Paul

### Juniors

- Ally Kort
- Erika Schwisow

### Sophomores

- Amber Vinsonhaler

### Freshmen

- Jackson Huls
- Kymber Schwisow

## Class D All-State Band

## Meridian Jr. High Honor Clinic

COVID 19 Pandemic No Clinic

**CRC Honor Clinic**  
**Band**

**CRC Honor Clinic**  
**Choir**

- Kala Most
- Samantha Lee
- Kailyn Paul
- Evelyn Woitalewicz

**Superiors at MUDECAS**  
**Music**

- Kala Most and Kailyn Paul (duet)
- Amber Vinsonhaler



**Superiors at District Music**

- Tyleiah Gooding
- Evelyn Woitalewicz
- Kailyn Paul & Kala Most (Duet)
- Samantha Lee
- Kala Most
- Erika Schwisow & Delaney Homolka (Duet)
- Amber Vinsonhaler

**Fresh-more Vocal Clinic**

- Shanesah Burkhart
- Ricci Cross
- Evelyn Woitalewicz
- Ashauna Davis
- Lana Santacrocce
- Tyleiah Gooding

**Singing Youth of NE**

COVID 19 Pandemic No Clinic

# MUSIC MATTERS!



## *CRC JH Vocal Clinic*

- Jenna Woitalewicz
- Shaysah Burkhart
- Samuel Thomas
- Rebecca Vinsonhaler
- RJ Paul

## *State FFA Choir*

- Erika Schwisow
- Kailyn Paul



To all our Meridian students  
from all your teachers.

Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful -  
Joshua Marine

This quote could not be more fitting due to the Pandemic (COVID 19). Personally knowing the adversity all students have overcome and where you are today I know you will be successful in your personal and professional lives. I wish nothing but the best to everyone.

Mr. Kort