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Texas High School

2021 TOP TEN GRADUATES

VALEDICTORIAN

Kate Elizabeth Woodard

has been named the Valedictorian for the 2021 graduating class of Texas High School. She is the daughter of Dr. Joanna Pridgen and Dr. Russell Woodard.

Kate is a National Merit Scholar, Texas Scholar, Distinguished Achievement Program graduate and Ross Perot STEM Academy graduate. She was selected to the National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society and Student Television Network Honor Society.

Kate received Academic Awards in European History AP, Physics I DC, English III AP, World Geography Pre- AP, English I and II Pre-AP, Biology I Pre-AP, Audio Visual Production DC, Engineering Design & Presentation, World History AP, Latin II and Band III DC. She earned the



Heart of the Tiger Award in Chemistry I Pre-AP and Chemistry II AP, received Maxima Cum Laude on the National Latin Exam and earned Summa Cum Laude on the National Latin II Exam.

Kate was chosen to the NASA High School Aerospace Scholars Program and the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Program.

As a member of TigerVision, she served as an Editor, Executive Producer and Website Manager. Kate received an Excellence in Best Set Design and Art Direction for "Gifted" from Student Television Network and an Honorable Mention from National Public Radio Student Podcast for "Shakespeare vs. Reality."

She was an active member of the Texas Tigers Marching Band, playing First Bass Drum and Snare Drum. Kate was a two-year member of the All-Region UIL Concert Band, received a Superior Ranking in Solo & Ensemble and was named to the Symphonic Band. She was also a member of the Calculus Club.

Kate enjoys riding horses with her family, long walks and reading Sci-Fi and Fantasy books.

She was offered scholarships from Oklahoma State University, University of Alabama, University of New Mexico, University of Oklahoma and University of Texas-Dallas.

Kate accepted the National Merit Scholar Scholarship, National Merit Recognition Scholarship and the President's Endowed Scholarship from Texas A&M University-College Station, where she will attend, majoring in Aerospace Engineering.

SALUTATORIAN

Jenna Alyse Woodard

has been named the Salutatorian for the 2021 graduating class of Texas High School. She is the daughter of Dr. Joanna Pridgen and Dr. Russell Woodard.

Jenna is a National Merit Scholar, Texas Scholar, Distinguished Achievement Program graduate and Ross Perot STEM Academy graduate. She was selected to National Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society.

Jenna received Academic Awards in Engineering Design & Presentation, Latin I Pre-AP, Percussion Ensemble I and III, Business Information Management I DC, World Geography Pre-AP, English II Pre-AP, Pre-Calculus DC, Engineering Design & Problem Solving, AP Physics C: Mechanics and US Government

& Politics AP. She also earned the Heart of a Tiger Award in Band I, Chemistry I Pre-AP and Band IV DC. Jenna earned Summa Cum Laude on the National Latin Exam for both Introduction to Latin and Latin I.

She earned the Award of Excellence in Science, was chosen to the NASA High School Aerospace Scholars Program and the Rotary Youth Leadership Award Program. Jenna completed two Independent Research Projects on music and music education in order to create a product that benefits her peers and members of the community.

She was a four-year member of the Texas High Marching Band, serving as a Percussionist and Section Leader for the THS Drumline and playing Snare Drum during marching season. Jenna earned All-Region Band honors during the past three years, qualified for State Solo & Ensemble for the past four years and was named a Texas Music Educators Association Texas Music Scholar during her junior and senior years.

She was actively involved in TigerVision, serving as a member of the Production Team for the short film, "Gifted," which won Best Art Direction/ Set Design during the Student Television Network Short Film Competition. As a Team Member for podcasting, Jenna earned a National Public Radio Student Podcast Challenge Honorable Mention.

Jenna enjoys riding horses, going on walks with her canine friends and reading.

She was offered scholarships from Oklahoma State University, University of Alabama, University of New Mexico, University of Oklahoma and University of Texas-Dallas.

Jenna accepted the Northeast Texas Air Force Association Essay Scholarship, Texas High Band Scholarship along with the National Merit Scholar Scholarship, National Merit Recognition Scholarship and the President's Endowed Scholarship from Texas A&M University-College Station, where she will attend, majoring in Aerospace Engineering.





Damon Rhett Young

the son of Mike Young and the late Kristian Robertson, graduated third.

He is an AP Scholar with Honors, Texas Scholar, Ross Perot STEM Academy graduate and Distinguished Achievement Program graduate. Rhett was selected and served as Vice-President for Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society and President of National Honor Society. Additionally, he was selected to Quill & Scroll International Honorary Society for High School Journalists and the National Scholastic Press Association Honor Roll.

Rhett received Academic Awards for Highest Average in AP Calculus AB, AP Physics C: Mechanics, AP Chemistry, AP Biology, English IV DC and completed an Independent Research Project.

As a four-year member of the THS Tigers Varsity Tennis Team, he earned titles for District Mixed Doubles Champion, District Runner-Up for Mixed Doubles and District Boys Doubles Champion. Rhett was named Regional Qualifier for Mixed Doubles in 2018 and 2019 and brought home Third Place in Regionals during his senior year.

He served as Student Body Treasurer for Student Council, Energy & Environment Chairman for THS Leadership, Sports Editor for the Tiger Yearbook and Secretary for the Calculus Club.

Rhett enjoys hunting and spending quality time with family and friends.

He was offered scholarships from Texas Christian University, University of Mississippi, Auburn University, University of Georgia, University of Arkansas and Clemson University.

Rhett accepted the National Honor Society Scholarship, John P. Littmann Service Scholarship, THS VIPS Scholarship and a scholarship from University of Oklahoma, where he will attend, majoring in Biology & Pre-Medicine.



Nathaniel Joseph Morriss

the son of Angela and Steve Morriss, graduated fourth.

He is an AP Scholar with Distinction, Texas Scholar, Ross Perot STEM Academy graduate and Distinguished Achievement Program graduate. Nathan was selected to Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society and National Honor Society.

He received the Award of Excellence in Mathematics and Academic Awards in Art Design DC, Algebra II Pre-AP, Human Geography AP, Chemistry I Pre-AP, BIM DC, US History DC, Accounting II DC, US Government DC and Physics I AP.

Nathan was a four-year member of the TigerSharks Swim Team as well as a Club Swimmer. He served as a Varsity State Alternate for two years, Regional Finalist for three years and received, for two consecutive years, the Total Commitment Award for not missing a single 6:00 a.m. practice.

Nathan was selected to Texas Boys State and was an active member of Student Council, serving as a Freshman Delegate to the State Convention, Sophomore Vice President, Junior Co- Vice President and Senior Secretary. Through his involvement in THS Leadership, he has committed 1,100 total volunteer hours to various charitable organizations. Nathan served as Vice President of the Calculus Club and was named Tiger Times Newspaper Staff Writer of the Year.

He is an Eagle Scout with Palms and is a graduate of Leadership Texarkana Today's Youth Tomorrow's Leaders. Nathan is a Youth Small Group Leader at Williams Memorial United Methodist Church. He enjoys fitness and the outdoors.

Nathan was offered scholarships from Oklahoma State University, Southern Methodist University and Texas A&M University-College Station.

He accepted the Boys Scouts of America-Trails End Scholarship, Dusty Waldrep Leadership Scholarship, THS VIPS Scholarship, TASSP Teens Serving Texas Scholarship, Friends of West Bowie County Scholarship, Marvin E. Brewster Scholarship and Burger King Scholarship. Nathan will attend Rice University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.



Jane Elizabeth Rounds

daughter of Becky and Jason Rounds, graduated fifth.

She is a Texas Scholar, Ross Perot STEM Academy Graduate and Distinguished Achievement Program graduate. Jane was selected to National Honor Society, Quill & Scroll International Honorary Society for High School Journalists, National Scholastic Press Association Honor Roll and Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society, serving as an Officer for two years.

She received an Academic Award in Leadership, was a member and officer for Rosebud Junior Garden Club and served as Copy Editor and Editor-In-Chief for the Tiger Yearbook. Jane was chosen as Class President each year at Texas High and through her involvement in THS Leadership and Student Council earned more than 1,000 community service hours.

She was a four-year member of the Lady Tigers Soccer Team, serving as Captain and Freshman Team MVP. Jane was named District Sophomore of the Year, Second Team All-District during her junior year, First Team All-District during her senior year and to the THSCA First Team Texas Girls Soccer Academic All-State Team.

As a four-year member of the Texas High Varsity Tigers Tennis Team, she earned the District Spring Tennis Championship title for four years and the Regional Doubles Quarterfinalists for two years. Jane was a member of THS Team Tennis, where they were named District Champions, Regional Quarterfinalist, Regional Semi-Finalists and Area Qualifiers. She also received the John Watson Award.

Jane was offered scholarships from University of Oklahoma and University of Mississippi. She accepted the Jared Scott Beach Memorial Scholarship and a scholarship from University of Arkansas-Fayetteville, where she will attend, majoring in Pre-Physical Therapy.



Nicolai Khalel Ang

the son of Marjorie and Travis Simpler, graduated sixth.

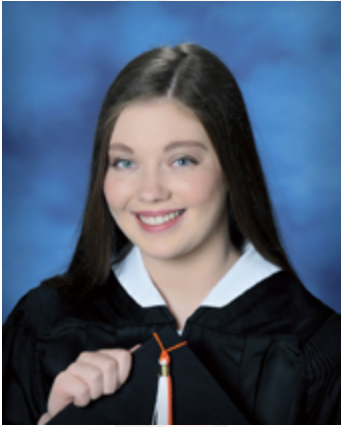
He is a Texas Scholar, Ross Perot STEM Academy graduate and Distinguished Achievement Program graduate. Nicolai was selected to Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society and National Honor Society.

He received Academic Awards in AP Calculus BC, AP English III, US History DC, AP Psychology, Algebra II Honors, AP World History, AICE General Papers, French I, Geometry Honors, AP Environmental Science and Orchestra I, II & III.

Nicolai was a member of the THS Symphonic Band, earning All-Region Orchestra Principal Violinist, Regional UIL Solo & Ensemble Superior Rating on Viola and an Excellence Rating on String Quartet. He was also twice awarded the District Level Solo & Ensemble Superior Rating on Viola, District Superior Rating on Cello Duet and was named All-District Orchestra Third Chair Violinist.

Nicolai enjoys cooking, baking, drawing, playing viola and music composition.

He was offered a scholarship from Rochester Institute of Technology. Nicolai will attend University of Texas-Austin, majoring in Biomedical Engineering.



Catherine Joanne Rounds

the daughter of Becky and Jason Rounds, graduated seventh.

She is a Texas Scholar, Ross Perot STEM Academy graduate and Distinguished Achievement Program graduate. Cate was selected to Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society, Quill & Scroll International Honorary Society for High School Journalists and National Scholastic Press Association Honor Roll. She was Public Relations Officer for National Honor Society and served as Vice President for two years for the International Thespian Society.

Cate received the Award of Excellence in Theatre Arts, an Academic Achievement Award in One-Act Play and Eye of the Tiger Award in US Government and Politics AP. As a four-year member of Tiger Theatre Company, she was a two-time National Qualifier for International Thespian Society, was a four-year member for UIL One-Act Play and earned District All-Star Cast Honorable Mention. Cate

held the highest GPA in the company and earned the highest ranking as an International Honor Thespian.

She was a three-year member of the Tiger Times newspaper staff, serving as Co-Editor-in-Chief, Culture Editor and Staff Writer. Cate received five Best in Texas Awards from the Texas Association of Journalism Educators and four Interscholastic League Press Conference Awards.

She was selected to perform with an ensemble at the annual New York Pops concert at Carnegie Hall and has participated for four years performing with multiple Tony-Award winning Broadway performers. Cate has been selected for three years to be part of The Performing Arts Project at Wake Forest University. Her passion is musical theatre and the performing arts.

Cate was offered scholarships from Illinois State University, Indiana University, Long Island University-Post, Missouri State University, Southeast Missouri State University, Texas Christian University, Texas State University, University of Arizona, University of Evansville, Viterbo University and Western Connecticut University. She accepted The John Thomas Scholarship and a scholarship offer from University of Northern Colorado, where she will attend, majoring in Musical Theatre.



Evelyn Grace Patterson

daughter of Katherine Weber and Ty Patterson, graduated eighth.

She is a Texas Scholar, Ross Perot STEM Academy graduate and Distinguished Achievement Program graduate. Evelyn was selected to Quill & Scroll International Honorary Society for High School Journalists, Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society, National Honor Society, International Thespian Society and National Scholastic Press Association Honor Roll.

She was a four-year member of the Texas HighSteppers, serving as Junior and Senior Lieutenant. Evelyn is a three-year award recipient of Highest HighStepper GPA and received the Best Technique Award during her senior year.

She was actively involved in THS Leadership, Student Council and Texas High Publications, serving as Editor-in-Chief of the Tiger Yearbook.

Evelyn is a Registered Yoga Instructor, with a 200-hour certification, and

enjoys travelling.

She was offered scholarships from Texas A&M University-Texarkana, University of Colorado-Boulder, University of Mississippi and University of Oklahoma.

Evelyn will attend the University of California-Berkeley, majoring in Business.



MaryGrace Elizabeth McAfee

daughter of Melinda & Erubiel Basurto and Chip McAfee, graduated ninth.

She is an AP Scholar with Honor, Texas Scholar, Ross Perot STEM Academy graduate and Distinguished Achievement Program graduate. MaryGrace was selected to National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society.

She received the Award of Excellence in Social Studies, an Academic Award in Spanish III Pre-AP and the Heart of the Tiger Award in AP US History and AP European History.

MaryGrace was active in the DECA program where she served as a local Officer, was a District Finalist in Tourism & Hospitality and a Regional and State

Finalist in Team Entrepreneurship.

She was a three-year member of the THS Cheer Team, serving as Game Day Leaders and Senior Squad Leader for the Varsity Team.

MaryGrace was a member of the UIL Social Studies Academic Team, Calculus Club, Student Council and AP Ambassadors. She served as Vice President for the THS Political Society, Historian for the History Club and ran one year of Cross Country & Track.

MaryGrace enjoys dancing, cheering, history and the great outdoors.

She was offered scholarships from Henderson State University, Ouachita Baptist University, University of the Ozarks and University of Central Arkansas.

MaryGrace accepted the Donaghey Honors Scholarship from University of Arkansas-Little Rock, where she will attend, majoring in Biology & Pre-Medicine and serving as a member of the UALR Dance Team.



Charlotte Norma Jeanne Hueter

daughter of Charlotte and Dr. John Hueter, Jr., graduated tenth.

She is a Texas Scholar, Ross Perot STEM Academy graduate and Distinguished Achievement Program graduate. Charli was selected to Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society and National Honor Society.

She received the Award of Excellence in English, is a NASA Junior Aerospace Scholar, participated in The Perry Initiative for Women in Engineering & Medicine and completed an Independent Research Project on "Energy Drinks, Caffeine and Hydration."

Charli was a member of UIL Writing, Lady Tigers Varsity Golf Team, Varsity Cheer Team, Varsity Tennis Team, Varsity Color Guard, and Rosebud Junior Garden Club. She served as Chairman for the Red Cross Blood Drive, Treasurer for the Guitar Club and was Class Vice President.

Charli received the Girls Scout Gold and Silver Awards for her service and volunteer efforts. She is an Acolyte for Sacred Heart Catholic Church, a published author for a collection titled, "Dream Catchers" and volunteers with Angels for the Aged. Charli enjoys participating in 5K charity events, musical composition and writing.

She was offered scholarships from New York University-Shanghai, University of Central Arkansas, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and Southern Methodist University.

Charli accepted the St. James Day School Martha Bell Head of School Scholarship, Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society Scholarship, Texarkana Council of Garden Clubs Scholarship, Charles & Norma Sorsby Belonie Scholarship, John & Lenora Winkelmann Hueter Estate Scholarship and a scholarship from University of Texas-Austin, where she will attend, majoring in Biology & Pre-Medicine.

Congratulations 2021 Graduates!

May the sky be your only limit.



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