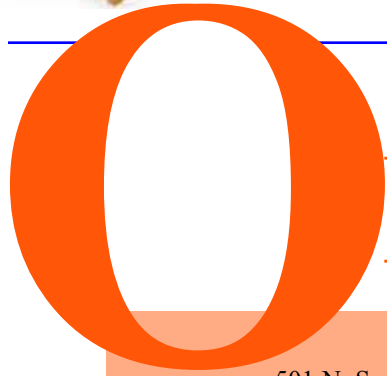




# Special Senior Issue!



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Find out where WHS seniors are planning to go 2016 Senior Survey results at a glance:

Inside this Special Senior Issue, you will find the newspaper staff's yearly survey of student plans and an explanation of how that survey was conducted. Here, find an overview of the survey of graduating seniors' plans.

Not all seniors provided responses that were easily categorized. Those are represented in the "No reply/undecided/other" category.

### South Dakota Schools

- Augustana University..... 8
- Black Hills Beauty College..... 3
- Black Hills State University..... 1
- Dakota State University..... 13
- Dakota Wesleyan University..... 2
- Globe University..... 1
- Lake Area Technical Institute..... 5
- Mitchell Technical Institute..... 1
- Northern State University..... 1
- S.D. School of Mines and Technology.. 6
- Sioux Falls Community Campus..... 2
- South Dakota State University..... 44
- Southeast Technical Institute..... 43
- Stewart School of Hairstyling..... 4
- University Center..... 2
- University of Sioux Falls..... 19
- University of South Dakota..... 63

### Out-of-state schools

- All Iowa schools..... 9
- All Minnesota schools..... 23
- All Nebraska schools..... 4
- All North Dakota schools..... 2
- Schools in other states..... 20

### Military

- U.S. Air Force..... 3
- U.S. Army..... 6
- U.S. Navy..... 3
- S.D. National Guard..... 1

### Other responses

- Specific work plans..... 24
- No reply/undecided/other..... 166

### Survey totals

- Total seniors surveyed in 2016..... 479
- Total seniors surveyed in 2015..... 554
- Change since last year..... -75

# Graduation set for Sunday at S.F. Arena

Senior class all-night party follows commencement at 10:30 p.m.

By Carson Herbert

WHS's class of 2016 will conclude their four-year journey through high school Sunday at the Sioux Falls Arena.

Graduations for the city's public high schools will begin at 11 a.m. on Sunday with the graduation for New Technology High School. Roosevelt will follow at 1 p.m.

The WHS ceremony will fall in between the other two large schools Sunday at 4 p.m.

The Lincoln graduation will wrap-up events at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Seniors are reminded to be properly dressed in formal attire. This means a collared shirt, dress pants and dress shoes for boys and appropriate dresses or suits and shoes for girls. If graduates are not equipped with the correct attire, they will be sent home. Names starting with A-K will meet at the west side of the Arena, while L-Z will line up on the east side. Parents and other well-wishers are reminded to cheer respectfully and appropriately—air horns and other noise makers should not be used. Graduates should not carry any objects, including cell phones, into the ceremony.

After all the students have been seated, superintendent Brian Maher, principal Jamie Nold and two student speakers—seniors Madeline Maloney and Hani Farah—will address the group. The event will also feature a performance by the WHS Concert Choir.

Following the speakers, each graduate will receive their diploma cover in turn. Students who wish to throw their hats in the air at the end of the ceremony should write their name in the hat, if they wish it back.

Actual diplomas (and hats, as available) will be available for pick up in the WHS registrar's office beginning at 9 a.m. June 10. Diplomas will be held back until all obligations have been met—lunch money and any other fines repaid and

books, uniforms, Chromebooks, etc. returned.

Later that night, the class of 2016 will gather one last time for the annual all-night Senior Class Party beginning at 10:30 p.m.

This special night is open to seniors only, and is designed to be a memorable final night together for the senior class with their graduating peers. Entertainment includes a hypnotist, karaoke, video games, raffles and much more. The chaperoned lock-in will run until 5 a.m. Monday.

## City Graduation Timetable

All ceremonies Sunday at the Sioux Falls Arena

11 a.m.	New Technology High School Graduation
1 p.m.	Roosevelt High School Graduation
2:45 p.m.	WHS seniors arrive at Arena to line up
4 p.m.	WHS Graduation
7 p.m.	Lincoln High School Graduation

## So you're going to graduate! Here's what you need to know:



### Purpose:

- High school graduation is an honorable and important milestone in any young person's life.
- Likewise, the commencement ceremony held to honor this achievement is one of celebration and dignity.

### Boys should wear:

- Collared shirts and preferably a tie (no t-shirts).
- Dress pants (no jeans or shorts).
- Dress shoes (no flip-flops or sandals, tennis shoes or bare feet).

### Girls should wear:

- A dress or dress pants/dress suit (no jeans or shorts).
- Dress shoes (no flip-flops, tennis shoes or bare feet).
- Please do not wear a corsage on your robe.

### Caps and tassels:

- Caps are to be as issued (not added to) and worn flat.
- Tassels are worn on the right side until you receive your diploma. As you cross the stage, move it to the left.

### When you arrive:

- Line up at the Arena by 2:45 p.m.
- Graduates with last names A-K will line up on the west side of the Arena.
- Last names L-Z will line up on the east side.

## Seniors enjoy special night at formal prom

By Maddie Wiley

April 23 seniors got dressed up for the night they will never forget.

Senior prom is a sign that the end of the year is coming, and that the seniors attending, along with their dates, are almost ready to leave the halls of WHS for the last time.

The night usually starts for most couples with picture taking and dinner reservations followed by the Grand March and dance at WHS.

This year's circus-themed dance featured a DJ, a photo booth, a fortune teller and loads of circus decorations.

The evening is organized by the senior events committee who works hard all year long

on prom and other senior-related projects.

Committee member junior Maddie Vanderfeen said the night was a success.

"We worked extra hard this year to make prom the best it could be," Vanderfeen said. "The snacks and the decorations were very well thought-out, and I was very pleased with how the night went."

Senior Jacob Skogstad, who attended the prom, said he looks back on the night with fond memories.

"It is a night you think of for a long time, and it did not disappoint," Skogstad said. "Everything fell into place and was better than I expected it to be."



Photo courtesy Reagan Henderson

DRESSED UP—Juniors (L-R) Kaitlyn Fischer and Kelsi Kearney and seniors Maddie Wiley, Anna Goodhope and Jade Visker pose for a picture following dinner at The Ode to Food and Drink at Cherapa Place prior to prom.

# SENIOR SURVEY

## Senior Survey reveals post-graduation plans

**Tyra Luella Aasen**  
 •Southeast Technical Institute-Sioux Falls  
 “My favorite memory of WHS is of being with all my friends, laughing during lunch, and also learning so much in photography class.”

**Sabah AbibHassan Abdullahi**

**Narayani Adhikari**

**Niraj Adhikari**  
 •University of Sioux Falls  
 “My favorite memory of WHS is of homecoming. My advice to underclassmen is to work hard and do your homework on time.”

**Viviana Dut Akot**  
 •University of South Dakota-Vermillion  
 “My advice to underclassmen is to take AP classes! It might sound scary, but it really helps prepare you for college. Always remember to have fun and make lasting memories.”

**Angel Adaeze Akurienne**  
 •Gustavus Adolphus-Minnesota  
 “My favorite memories of WHS are of every time I got to perform on stage. My advice to underclassmen would be to step out of your comfort zone and don't be afraid to get involved.”

**Kevin Josue Aleman Fuentes**  
 •University of South Dakota-Vermillion  
 “One of my favorite memories at WHS is when we won the 2015 state football championship.”

**Jordan C. Allen**

### Survey of 479 potential graduates conducted by newspaper staff

Each spring the Orange & Black staff surveys the graduating class at WHS to find what each senior plans for after graduation.

This information is collected from a volunteer, non-scientific survey of all class members. The Orange & Black also asked seniors to provide their favorite memory and a piece of advice to underclassmen. Some of these are also included in the survey results.

On pages 2-7 are the results of the

survey. After the name of each student, listed alphabetically, students indicated what school, branch of the military or work opportunity they plan to pursue next year.

All quotes and information were edited for style, space, grammar and taste considerations. Seniors who left items blank or did not return a survey may not have their names listed or have incomplete information. The responsibility for the accuracy of the informa-

tion rests solely with the respondents.

The list of graduating seniors was as accurate as possible as of our survey date, April 1. We apologize for any oversights.

The survey includes all graduates and potential graduates who are eligible to receive a WHS diploma, including some who are currently enrolled at other sites.

*Survey compiled by Orange & Black editor Hannah Smith with help from other members of the newspaper staff.*

“My favorite memories at WHS are of spending time with my friends at school activities and cheering for our Warrior teams, as well as having open lunch and going out with friends. I also enjoyed having class with Mrs. Alison TerHorst and all of the activities we did in her class.”

**Yordy Barrera-Mendoza**  
 •Work  
 “My advice to underclassmen would be to take all required classes in the first years of high school so that way you can have four P.E. classes during your senior year.”

**Anika Faye Bartels**  
**Princess Monconjay Baryogar**  
 •Southeast Technical Institute-Sioux Falls  
 “My favorite memory at WHS is of homecoming. I love seeing the teachers come out on the floor to try and shape ‘WHS’ with their bodies.”

**Madison Rose Bauman-Holec**  
 •South Dakota State University-Brookings  
 “My advice to underclassmen is to avoid slacking your freshman year. Make friends, cherish the time, keep your grades up, and don't forget to have fun.”

**Koy John BearsTail**  
**Trenton Joseph Bechler**  
 •Globe University-Sioux Falls  
 “My favorite memories at WHS are of the sports I played. We always had the most fun in baseball and bowling.”

**Minnesota State University, Mankato**  
 “My favorite memory at WHS is of performing every year at Beach Bash and homecoming. My advice to underclassmen is to find a group of friends to experience your four years with.”

**Zachary Blaine Almont**  
 •Work  
 “My favorite memory at WHS is of competing in the Warrior Olympics. My advice to underclassmen is to work hard and keep your grades up.”

**Tarek Alobaidi**  
 •University of South Dakota-Vermillion  
 “My advice to underclassmen is to do your homework during school so that you can enjoy your weekends.”

**Fabrizio Alvarez-Castellon**  
 •U.S. Army  
 “My favorite memories at WHS are of homecoming. My advice to underclassmen is to work hard and show up to school every day.”

**Wilder Orlando Alvarez-Castellon**  
 •U.S. Air Force  
 “My favorite memories of WHS are of going to Beach Bash and all of the pep rallies, as well as being a part of the best student section in the state.”



“Some of my best friends and memories are all because I put myself out there and tried new things.”

-Kate Anderson

**Jenson James Amdahl**  
 •Dakota Wesleyan University-Mitchell  
 “My favorite memory at WHS is of winning a state football championship with all of the guys I worked so hard with for all four years.”

**Kate Elizabeth Anderson**  
 •University of Kansas  
 “My advice to underclassmen is to get involved! Some of my best friends and memories are all because I put myself out there and tried new things.”

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**Michael James Beebe**  
 •Attend a school in Sioux Falls  
 “My favorite memories at WHS are of being with friends and meeting new ones. My advice to underclassmen is to help others.”

**Eden Gezahegne Bekele**  
 •University of South Dakota-Vermillion  
 “My favorite memories of WHS have come from serving as a tutor through the ‘Shoes and Boots’ program.”

**Jesse A. Belrose**  
 •South Dakota State University-Brookings  
 “I would tell underclassmen that they should study hard, work hard, and not procrastinate. Make new friends and enjoy your time at WHS, as well.”

**Morgan Daye Benson**

**Samrawit Berhanie**  
 •South Dakota State University-Brookings  
 “My favorite memories of WHS are of my friends and all of the people I met at WHS.”

**Bo Daniel Berke**  
 •Work-self-employed  
 “My favorite memories of WHS are of football. I would tell underclassmen to do their work.”

**Brady Keith Berke**  
 •University of South Dakota-Vermillion  
 “My favorite memory of WHS is when DECA went to Kansas City. I would tell underclassmen that it isn’t about how hard you get hit, it’s about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward.”

**Shelby Lynn Betzing**

**Sawyer Andrew Bills**

**Demetri Jamar Bishop**

**Radhika Biswa**  
 •Augustana University-Sioux Falls

Falls

**Purni Maya Biswa**  
 •Southeast Technical Institute-Sioux Falls  
 “My favorite memories of WHS are of meeting new students. My advice to underclassmen is to work hard.”

**Ashok Biswa**  
 •Southeast Technical Institute-Sioux Falls  
 “My advice to underclassmen would be to work hard if you want to succeed in what you

“My favorite memories of WHS are of all the laughs I’ve had along the way.”

-Keirstin Blom

**Margaret Marie Bowie**  
 •University of South Dakota-Vermillion  
 “My advice to underclassmen is to never let anyone treat you like you’re 2011 Kylie Jenner. You are 2015 Kylie Jenner! Also, get involved.”

**Brianna Bradley**  
 •Clark Atlanta University-Georgia  
 “My favorite memories at WHS are of participating in the plays. I didn’t know



need for popularity or certain friends. You will find friends wherever you go, so do what you love.”

**Emily Renae Byllesby**  
 •University of Minnesota, Mankato  
 “My favorite WHS memory is of being part of two bowling team championships as well as cheering on the best football team by screaming in the best student section in the state!”

**Tristin KimberlyJo Carlton**

**Alayna Justice Chastain**

**Steven Dy Chheng**

**Ajit Chhetri**

**Mamta Chhetri**  
 •University of South Dakota-Vermillion  
 “My favorite memory of WHS is of homecoming my freshman year.”

**Ashleigh Meyjin Chov**  
 •University of South Dakota-Vermillion  
 “My favorite memories are of joining so many activities and broadening my horizons. This helped me meet new people and become more outgoing.”

**Travis John Christensen**

**Ryan Jacob Christie**  
 •South Dakota State University-Brookings  
 “My favorite WHS memories are of going on the jazz band trips. My advice to underclassmen is to get your work done and have fun while you can.”

**Caitlyn Nicole Christy**  
 •University of South Dakota-Vermillion  
 “My favorite memories of WHS are of chilling with the squad in the library and playing in the WHS orchestra.”

**Rosita Contreras**

**Codi Rae Cook**  
 •University of South Dakota-

Vermillion  
 “I would tell underclassmen that dating will be a waste of time during high school. There is too much drama and you guys won’t last. So, just make memories and great friends instead.”

**Stephen Tyler Cordell**  
 •Dakota State University-Madison  
 “Some of my favorite WHS memories are of working long hours in order to eventually earn a state championship in football, as well as winning the Warrior Olympics with all of my day-one friends.”

**Antonio Daniel Corria**  
 •University of South Dakota-Vermillion  
 “My advice to underclassmen would be, like the great Wiz Khalifa said, ‘work hard, play hard.’”

**Chan’te MaykaylaShaye Cortez**

**Keenahn Charles Coyle**  
 •University of Sioux Falls  
 “My favorite WHS memories are of homecoming, Beach Bash, and football and basketball games.”

**Danny R. Crosley**

**Rachel Rosemary Nicole Cruse**  
 •Attend Brigham Young University-Utah after serving an 18-month church mission  
 “My favorite memory of WHS is of the 2015 Oral Interpretation State Competition. The song ‘You Make Me Wanna Die’ by The Shivas will never be the same again.”

**Kevin Anthony Cruz**  
 •Southeast Technical Institute-Sioux Falls  
 “My advice to underclassmen is to save all of your money so that you can have funds for a business.”

**Samantha Evelyn Curry**  
 •University of South Dakota-Vermillion

“My favorite memory of WHS is of meeting my future roommate, senior Ashleigh Chov. I also enjoyed becoming close friends with senior Diane Haiar.”

**Adam Kyler Daly**  
 •University of South Dakota-Vermillion  
 “I would tell underclassmen that you can always re-do homework.”

**Kieu My Thi Dao**  
 •McNally Smith College of Music-Minnesota  
 “My favorite WHS memories are of anything that involved marching band and drumline.”

**Jared Michael Darland**

**Alexsiy Yuriovich Davidyuk**  
 •Dakota State University-Madison  
 “My advice to underclassmen is to do something you love to make high school more fun and less dreadful. For me, it was starting the WHS disc golf club.”

**Jade Allison Davis**  
 •Undecided  
 “My advice to underclassmen is to respect the upperclassmen.”

**Nathan Douglas Day**  
 •Lake Area Technical Institute-Watertown  
 “My advice to underclassmen is that when there is ice outside, you’re going to fall. Don’t be embarrassed—get up and keep walking.”

**Nyanbee Deah**

“If it’s raining outside, you’re going to get wet.”

-Alex Derr

**Michael Daniel Deaver**  
 •University of South Dakota-Vermillion  
 “My favorite memory from high school is of eating Kellogg’s Apple Jacks cereal for breakfast every morning. Fact: Apple Jacks are the best cereal ever. If you have a different opinion, it is wrong.”

**Brady Allen DeBelts**  
 •South Dakota State University-Brookings  
 “My advice to underclassmen is to try your best at whatever you’re skilled at. Get involved even if it’s something you don’t feel too strongly about.”

**Christian Lawrence Derby**

**Lucy Marie DeReu**  
 •Stewart School of Hairstyling-Sioux Falls  
 “My favorite memories from WHS are of my freshman year when everyone is scared of everything. I made so many new friends and met cool teachers.”

**Anyieth YohannaChol DeRieg**  
 •University of South Dakota-Vermillion  
 “My favorite WHS memories are of being involved in SALSA and attending all of the football and basketball games.”

**Alex Joseph Derr**  
 •South Dakota State University-Brookings  
 “My advice to underclassmen would be if it’s raining outside, you’re going to get wet.”

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# Four staff members announce retirement

## WHS loses 139 years of experience at end of current school year

By Hannah Smith

Four WHS staff members recently announced their retirement from WHS and were honored at the annual HonorFest, organized by the WHS Renaissance Committee on May 20.

Retiring staff members will leave WHS with a mark of commitment, compassion, and experience, as their dedication to the students and other staff members at WHS touched countless students.

Teachers who have publicly announced retirement at the end of this school year include:

### Jeanne Green

English teacher Jeanne Green has taught for 35 years, the last 10 with the Sioux Falls School District at WHS where she has primarily taught English Language Learners.

Green's favorite teaching memory is having the opportunity to learn from students who have come from around the world. Green said she is looking most forward to sleeping in and spending time at her retirement home in

Wisconsin next year.

### Brian Hermanson

Physical education teacher and coach Brian Hermanson has been teaching for 32 years, all in the Sioux Falls School District.

Hermanson, a 1977 graduate of WHS, has spent the last 11 years teaching at his alma mater.

Some of his favorite memories include the extraordinary school spirit that is always present and supporting students in all activities.

In retirement, Hermanson said he is looking forward to new challenges in coaching and spending more time with family and friends.

### Doug Rinken

Science teacher Doug Rinken has taught for 33 years, 25 of those in the Sioux Falls School District.

Rinken has spent the last 20 years at WHS, where some of his favorite memories include meeting all of the great people that are part of the school. He said he will miss all of the great friends he has made over the years.

Rinken said he is most looking forward to traveling to watch his son play college golf, spending more time with his wife, kids and grandchildren and just maybe spending a little more time hunting and fishing.

### Sandra Schlenker

Family and consumer science teacher Sandra Schlenker has been teaching for 39 years, 30 of those with the Sioux Falls School District.

Schlenker has taught at WHS for the last 23 years, where some of her most cherished memories include being able to spend quality time with students, the great staff of WHS, and the extended WHS community as she was involved in a journey of learning and stretching minds of students and colleagues alike.

In retirement, Schlenker said she is looking forward to having the opportunity to share more moments with family members, friends, neighbors and people she has yet to meet, along with more opportunities for volunteer work.



Photo by Maham Shah

**EXPERIENCE COUNTS**—Retiring teachers (L-R) Brian Hermanson, Doug Rinken, Jeanne Green and Sandra Schlenker after they were recognized at HonorFest May 20.

## Principal Jamie Nold leaves WHS to become assistant superintendent



Photo by Amelia Klein  
**A STAR**—Principal Jamie Nold shows off the traditional star quilt presented to him by the Okiciyapi Native American Club at HonorFest May 20. Nold will leave WHS at the end of the school year.

By Addison Sannes and Taylor Nase

Principal Jamie Nold announced at a faculty meeting Feb. 25 that he will continue his career in the Sioux Falls School District as the new Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services next school year.

Prior to being named WHS's head principal 10 years ago, Nold served as the assistant principal at Lincoln for five years and was also a math instructor in Sioux

Falls and Watertown before that.

Superintendent Brian Maher said he is excited to work more closely with Nold.

"Jamie brings a wealth of administrative experience, knowledge of the district and passion for educational excellence to this position," Maher said. "During his time with the Sioux Falls School District, Jamie has assumed many leadership roles in the district and in the community."

Nold has formed many long lasting

relationships with the students and staff.

"Let there be no question I will miss WHS," Nold said. "I have spent 15 great years as a teacher, coach and principal at the building. I have had the privilege to have built incredible relationships with students, staff and parents. I look forward to continuing my work with all the Sioux Falls Schools."

Current assistant principal Dan Conrad has been named to replace Nold next year.

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