

# PAHS The Highest Honor: Valedictorian

By Emma Greggo / Green Echo

PEN ARGYL - Krista Warfle has achieved the great accomplishment of becoming the Pen Argyl Class of 2019's valedictorian by years of hard work and dedication.

"I studied and tried my hardest at all tests and assignments; mostly it was God though because he gave me the brain I have, and self-motivation, friends and family motivated me when I didn't feel like doing any work. I never really gave up on the goal of being valedictorian." Warfle said.

Warfle will be attending Liberty University on a valedictorian scholarship, which is a full ride scholarship. She is looking forward to attending Liberty University in the fall, and is "looking forward to getting a Christian education where my faith is integrated into every class."

Warfle played soccer for three years, has ran track and field for four years, and ran cross country for three years. Her favorite class has been anatomy because she always loved the material they were learning.

When hearing about becoming valedictorian, Warfle said, "my reaction was just kinda like 'oh, so that happened' and then I went back to stressing about AP."

Warfle continues, "AP classes were extremely difficult and all the work that came with them (balancing work, sports, homework, Mini-Thon, etc)."

As a freshman, Warfle wished she knew to relax more, and to try not to overstress on everything. "Every semester matters so try your hardest from the beginning. Also take a chill pill because failing a test isn't the end of world. Also appreciate what we have, I spent way too much time complaining about how Pen Argyl doesn't have this or that (mostly air conditioning) but there are people everywhere that don't even have the opportunity for an education, so don't forget to step back and remember that we are not the center of our world"

It is always a good idea to have a system that you use to get your work done quickly, and effectively. Warfle says hers is color coding, and the time management skills that help her thrive, "I color coded my folders and notebooks so each class had a color; also I used a planner. I love my planner. I don't manage my time very well and often feel the need to procrastinate, but I still get everything done eventually."

Even though Warfle has achieved this amazing accomplishment, she is still very humble about her success. Warfle said, "I feel good to know my hard work paid off. My parents definitely provided needed motivation and

my friends were encouraging as well. Most importantly though God since he gave me my brain and determination

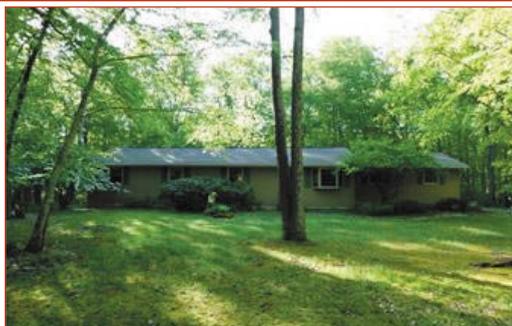
to get good grades. The most challenging was convincing myself to study when I did not feel like it."



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Rebecca Stinson

## Salute the Salutatorian

By Cade Kichline

PEN ARGYL - very year, a Pen Argyl senior is awarded the title of salutatorian for being at the top of their class with the valedictorian. The honor of this year's salutatorian goes to Rebecca Stinson.

Rebecca Stinson said, "I was excited to learn I was the salutatorian. It's been a lot of work throughout the years. Achieving this has given me pride in all the work I've done over the years." As much as every year of school counts, senior year is incredibly vital. Acing tests, doing homework, important exams, deciding what to do post-high school, and doing a load of work to make that decision possible.

For Stinson, the past year has been just that: a load of work.

"I worked a lot over the year. I spent a lot of time studying over being social. For me, AP Literature has been the most difficult," Stinson said.

In order to achieve salutatorian and get through the year, Stinson says there was a lot of, "studying and paying attention in class." Sometimes when the going gets rough, you have others to pick you up. Family and friends will always be by your side to help you along the way.

"There are days where you're just super stressed. My family is always helpful and encouraging, keeping me going," Stinson said. Another form of motivation is self-improvement and wanting to improve yourself.

"I wanted to better myself," Stinson said. Of course, it was not all work. There is also time for hanging out with friends, attending community events like sports or school dances, or extracurriculars like Band and Orchestra.

"The easiest part of the year has been music class," Stinson said. After graduating, Stinson plans to attend Bucknell University, a private liberal arts university in Lewisburg.

"I plan to enroll in Bucknell and major in biomedical engineering," Stinson said. Along with enrolling in Bucknell and being awarded salutatorian, Stinson was also awarded a scholarship. She was awarded the Dean's Scholar.

Outside of school, Stinson continues to enjoy playing music and listening to it, along with participating in her troop and trying to squeeze in other activities.

"Mostly music, a lot of that. I'm also in a girl scout troop. I like to read, but there's not a lot of time to," Stinson said.

Being here at Pen Argyl for four years, Stinson has learned a lot. From the various subjects and electives to important life lessons and morals, along with making fond memories "My favorite class is split between lab physics and AP Euro. Two teachers who helped me a lot were Mrs. Horvath and Miss Campbell.