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Faith Christian School Graduating Class of 2019

By Michael Ortoski

Roseto - On Friday, June 7th, at Slate Belt Nazareth Baptist Church in Pen Argyl, Faith Christian School held commencement for their Class of 2019.

Twelve students received diplomas during the ceremony. Faith Barbara Stewart was awarded Valedictorian of the class and Aaron Andrew Smith Salutatorian.

Student Class: Isaac Casey, Zachary Justin Charles, Elizandra Ester Coca, Amy Elizabeth Cooper, Ryan Nicholas Feenstra, Kyle Wilson Leining, Ciara Michelle Long, Jessica Rae Shirey, Aaron Andrew Smith, Faith Barbara Stewart, David Samuel Trout.

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Valedictorian Taryn Geiger



Nicola Kaye receives Portland High School Memorial Scholarship

Bangor High School Graduating Class

By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - For the first time in the 134 years of school history Bangor held their commencement ceremony at the Northampton County Community College Gymnasium to allow more room for the families and friends to attend the event.

The event started with military recognition given by Principal Alen Munford giving to the graduating students who will be serving our country. The Invocation was given by Jenna Learn, Class Secretary and the welcome by class President Akash Sareen. Valedictorian of the class was Taryn Geiger and Salutatorian was awarded to Hannah Bledsoe.

Mark Blau part of the class of 69' that were being acknowledged on their 50 anniversary gave the commencement Address.

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Salutatorian Hannah Bledsoe



Haylee Klinge receives The Stewart & Virginia Wolf Memorial Scholarship



Class President Akash Sareen



Mark Blau who gave the commencement Address

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Bangor Graduation

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Blau opened up his speech by holding up a pair of jeans and telling the graduating class that they can thank his class of '69 for being able to wear jeans to school, they were the first to do it, December 1968.

Blau also reminded the students to never forget where you came from. In words of wisdom he reflected on a Dr. Martin Luther King speech on Band Leaders and ended his words telling the class of 2019 to "Go Lead The Band."

Two of the largest scholarships were awarded during the ceremony. The Stewart & Virginia Wolf Memorial Scholarship of \$20,000 was presented to Haylee Klinge by Jim Gloria and his wife Angeline Wolf Gloria on behalf of the Totts Gap Institute.

The Portland High School Memorial Scholarship of \$16,000 was awarded to Nicola Kaye.

Below is an article from Deanna Ruzanski Executive Director of The Bangor Area School District Educational Foundation Inc. on their scholarships that were awarded.

Bangor Area School District Educational Foundation Awards \$45,000 in Scholarships to Graduates of the class of 2019.

Between this year's award ceremony and commencement, The Bangor Area School District Educational Foundation, a non-profit organization that operates independently from the school, awarded graduating seniors with \$45,000 in scholarships. This amount is an increase of \$17,000 over last year's amount of \$28,000 because of the addition of the Portland High School Memorial Scholarship made available thanks to the generous donations of the alumni and friends of Portland High School, most notably the late Michael Moreken.

This year's recipients include:

Haylee Klinge - The Stewart & Virginia Wolf Memorial Scholarship - \$20,000

Nicola Kaye - Portland High School Memorial Scholarship - \$16,000

Hannah Rydell - Antonio Trigliani Memorial School Achievement Award - \$1,000.00

Tara Geiger - Antonio Trigliani Memorial School Achievement Award - \$1,000.00

Anthony Bushmin - Antonio Trigliani Memorial School Achievement Award - \$1,000.00

Alicia Henion - Antonio Trigliani Memorial School Achievement Award - \$1,000.00

Seth Diorio - Edythe Trigliani Citizenship, Scholarship, and Leadership Award - \$1,000.00

Grillin Krouse - Edythe Trigliani Citizenship, Scholarship, and Leadership Award - \$1,000.00

Abigail Lacour - Portland School Alumni Award - \$1,000

Jenna Learn - Russell Nicholson Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00

Morgan Shriver - Russell Nicholson Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00

Douglas Toth - Russell Nicholson Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00

Hannah Frankenfield - Kate Sabatine Memorial Scholarship - \$500.00

The Bangor Area School District Educational Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit educational organization that operates independently from the district and school board. Founded in the Spring of 1997, The Foundation's mission is to support learning for the children and adults of the Bangor Area School District by funding activities and culturally enriching programs, community events, student scholarships, teacher grant projects and academic awards. The Foundation oversees the financial aspect of various scholarships that are presented to district students each year. The Foundation is also responsible for funding various enrichment experiences such as Cyndi the SynDaver, an outreach program presented in conjunction with the Da Vinci Science Center as well as teacher grant programs, all of which are made available through donor contributions and fundraising efforts of The Bangor Area School District Educational Foundation, Inc. Should you be interested in learning more, sponsoring a scholarship or making a general donation, please visit our website at basdef.org or contact Executive Director Deanna Ruzanski at director@basdef.org.

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