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Bernie, MO - The Bernie Class of 2022 received their diplomas at a ceremony in the Bernie High School Gym on Saturday, May 14th.

Among the chairs where the graduates sat was a chair with a cap and gown on it. The class chose to honor a fallen classmate at the ceremony, John William Atkinson IV. At the beginning of the ceremony each member of the class placed a flower on the chair to the song, "I'll Live On," some wiping away tears as they did so.

"Some days we feel like there isn't a light at the end of the tunnel, but sometimes in life, if you want to see the sunshine you have to stand in the rain," stated Wyatt Nimmo.

"John John, we all wish you were here today to celebrate with us. You were a bright light in a dark world and you were loved by so many," said Nimmo in his opening remarks prior to the ceremony. "I will never forget laughing at your hilarious Youtube videos and playing Xbox with you. The entire Class of 2022 will carry you in our hearts as we take the next steps in our lives. To Big John, his dad, your courageousness and resiliency through this tragedy has been an inspiration to all who knew you. You were there every step of the way even through our basketball team's state run. You have gone out of your way to make sure we're ok, and you even convinced us to jump into a freezing lake with you."

The class also celebrated their accomplishments and offered inspiration. Salutatorian John Nimmo listed several athletic and scholastic achievements by the the class. Throughout our 4 years of high school we have compiled a varsity athletic record of 296 wins 158 loss and 7 ties because somehow it is possible to tie in volleyball. We brought home 4 District Championships in three different sports. We set a record for the most wins in a single basketball season this year at 29 wins, 2 losses, while advancing to the Final Four for the first time in over 10 years."

He then offered advice sprinkled with a little humor.

“Although the academic and athletic achievements are nice to look at, but what matters are the memories we made along the way,” said Nimmo. “For example, all the times in elementary the girls refused to get off the court because we wouldn’t let them play with us. And we agreed to let them play with us if they could beat us. Needless to say they never got to play with us.”

"Or the more recent memories when what I thought was a group of 3 weird Dexter move-in, ended up becoming some of my best friends. Memories, that is what we have made along the way."

"To my fellow classmates, I ask that you follow your dreams and do what makes you happy. Strive to be the best version of yourself. Fly through the turbulence and live life because you are all warriors. Be phenomenal or be forgotten."

Valedictorian Anna Eaton also inspired her classmates during her address.

"Life will not always go according to plan. Adversity is one of the few guarantees (behind death and taxes, as Coach Botsch would say). When you find yourself in a hang-up, it is important that you use the knowledge and experience gained within the span of your time at Bernie schools to strive towards your goals and complete your plans. Finally, Dr. Seuss leaves us with a final note of advice: You'll get mixed up, of course, as you already know. You'll get mixed up with many strange birds as you go. So be sure when you step. Step with care and great tact and remember that life's a great balancing act. Just never forget to be dexterous and deft. And never mix up your right foot with your left.

“Going into the real world can be scary. It is important to always be true to yourself and the values we’ve learned here at Bernie High,” she said. “Always remember there is a whole community of people at home ready to support you in everything you do, even if you do find yourself mixing up left and right. Help will always be there, you just have to be willing to ask for it. Don’t be afraid to mess up, instead use those mistakes as lessons and learn from them.”

After high school principal Brad Botsch read each senior’s name as the school board handed out the hard earned diplomas he stepped to the mic again for his final thoughts.

“Be kind,” Botsch said. “In a world where you can be anything, be kind.”

"Have a backbone. Don't be a pushover, or vulnerable to people who will take advantage of your generosity, your money, or your time. Know your limits and when it's time to

stand up for yourself....kindly say "no".

"Knowledge is not power. The implementation and application of knowledge is power."

Botsch offered the Class of 2022 the same advice he offered the Class of 2021.

“Know that...you really don’t have to post, tag, Snap, record ping or TikTok every aspect of your life,” he said. “Put down your phone, look other people in the eye and just have a conversation from time to time.”

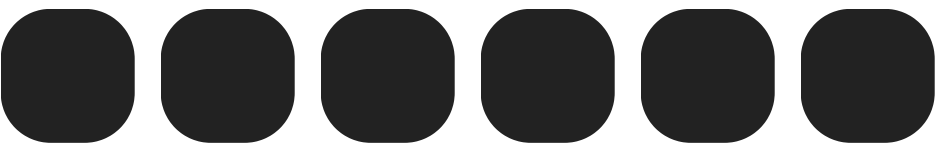
And then the time to part ways came. The Class of 2022 tossed their caps in the air. They then exchanged handshakes and hugs with both tears and laughter. It was now time to make the choice Eaton left them with at the end of address.

“Today is the day! Your mountain is waiting. So...get on your way,” she said, quoting Dr. Seuss. She then finished with a line of her own. “Or don’t, the choice is yours. Thank you.”

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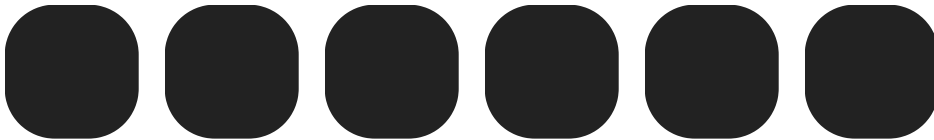
Abigail Rash, Hannah Summers, Susan Wells, and Aslyn Wirz.

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Pictured: The Class of 2022 Sr. Beta Club Members are Sajah Ballard, Annie Banken, Kennedy Bess, Sydney Bess, Natalie Bolin, Makayla Boyt, Sophia Chasteen, Javier Coleman, Maci Comfort, Taylor Condict, Abigail Dement, Alyssa Frizzell, Grace Hanner, Gerica Harris, Adota Hutchcraft, Andie Kruse, Lexie Laramore, Shyann Larsen, Rachel Lin, Toni Long, Makenzie Mahy, Jerra Malone, Magi McBride, Miller McLaughlin, Berkley Moreland, Avery Neely, Carter Pennington, Culci Pullen, Camden Riley, Natalie Sells, Dylan Sitze, Allison Thurlkill, Ayden Walters, Bailey Whitaker, Tori White, and Mia Williams.

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Bloomfield High School Held Its Class of 2022 Graduation on Saturday

Bloomfield, MO - On Saturday, May 14th, the Bloomfield High School held the Class of 2022 graduation ceremony with a total of 51 students. The Senior Choir performed the National Anthem and the welcome was given by Mrs. Toni Hill, Superintendent of the school district.

Class of 2022 President, Mr. Will Robison, came to the stage to give the opening remarks, but first wanted to recognize a very special guest, Mr. Boyd Fry.

"Before I get to my opening remarks, I would like to take a second and introduce a special guest of the Class of 2022," stated Robison. "60 years ago to the day, Bloomfield High School graduated the class of 1962. Mr. Fry was a senior in 1962; however his father was in the Air Force and he had to leave two weeks before graduation so he could drive his mother and sister to New York City. Then they boarded a ship to be with his father in Morocco."

"Since he didn't get to walk across the stage with his class and considering his father's and his family's sacrifice to serve our great country, we are pleased to have him back to give him this opportunity to walk across the stage and receive his diploma." With that being said, he introduced Mr. Fry to the audience and they gave him a standing ovation.

Robison then gave his opening remarks and pro-tips that will hopefully make the graduate's lives a little better.

"Well we made it! For 13 years we have attended the state requirement called school to get to this moment. Personally, I am grateful that this is the one formal school event that we all get to wear a hat!"

Robison went on to say that parents, grandparents, and teachers have all helped shape them into adults and what great memories each of them will carry with them forever.

"What great memories we have made together throughout our 13 years of government enforced education," Robison continued. "But really what do YOU want to be when you grow up?"

"In elementary, many of us said things like a firefighter or an astronaut, and just like that, here we are. I hope to see many of you on news achieving greatness in the world of outer space. Many of you know what your life will look like in six months, but many of us do not and despite what it seems like, I've heard that is ok. Doors will be closed, and doors will be opened, so don't be afraid to walk through them. As you plan and think about the future, I have a small piece of advice. Instead of "what do I want to be when I grow up," ask yourself "WHO do I want to be when I grow up". Twenty years from now, do you want to be the best parent you can be? or the best nurse you can be? or the best friend that you can be? This is the only path to true happiness and success."

Here are a few Pro-Tips he gave to his classmates: 1. Show me your friends, and I'll show you your future; 2. You're better off to have two or three true friends than 10 fake ones; 3. Be a problem solver, not a problem creator; 4. Brush your teeth at least twice a day, and floss and use mouthwash too; 5. Have faith. Isaiah 58:11 "Where God guides, He provides.

"Although you may have not been ready for life just 60 seconds ago, I now feel that you are all ready for everything that life has to offer. I would like to thank each and everyone of you for 13 great years of life together. This is Will Robison signing off. Peace out BHS!"

High School principal, Mr. Jason Karnes, recognized seven individuals who have dedicated their last two years of high school career, attending Sikeston Career & Technology Center. They are Garrett Cohen (Criminal Justice), Nathan Haught (Criminal Justice), Skylar Howard (Radio/TV Broadcasting), Lane Sisson (Welding), Skyler Smith (Auto Mechanics), Tanner Taylor (Carpentry), and Kylie Wheelis (Child Development Care).

Mrs. Jenifer Ragins then announced the A+ Recipients. Those students must have completed all of the A+ requirements. These students have maintained a 2.5 GPA or higher, 95% attendance, completed 50 hours of mentoring, 20 hours of community service, and scored proficient or advanced on the Algebra 1 EOC. They are Molly Below, Garrett Cohen, Abigail Conner, Aidan Cowart, Macie Davidson, Andrew DeVore, Emilie Hancock, Rosa Hester, Dawson Hill, Ashlynn Hudgens-Sills, Shane Hull, Alyssa Jarrell, Joseph Lane, Nathan Lockhart, Mattison Pennington, Karsynn Phillips, Hayleigh Poe, Austin Pratt, Will Robison, Abbigayle Siler, Lane Sisson, and Michael Webb.

Principal Karnes recognized the Top 10 Seniors: Hayleigh Poe, Austin Pratt, Rosa Hester, Karsynn Phillips, Ely Stoker, Aidan Cowart, Molly Below, Abigail Conner, Will Robison, and Joseph Lane.

Austin Pratt, Salutatorian, gave his address to the Class of 2022. "Well, Look around, we did it guys. Friends, instructors, family, and extended family. I'm glad you are all here. I wish I could say "let's make this quick," but sadly I'm too awesome to fit an entire speech in a small package. I will, however, spare you from the usual repeated stuff you have already heard today."

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He gave a shout out to someone who was so close to getting this sash (his salutatorian sash) that it was a difference of thousandths on our GPA. Can we all give a round of applause to Rosa Hester? Rosa, I still consider this a tie for second place. Official rules can kiss it, you earned it!"

The one thing he wanted to leave his fellow classmates was this, "I want to share today is IT IS OKAY NOT TO BE PERFECT! We have been screwing up on things our entire lives, what makes us all think adulthood is gonna change that? We may change, we may become "mature", whatever the heck that means, but we will still screw up. We will make mistakes. We will get unsatisfactory grades on history tests. We will still get second place (pointing to his sash). But we won't be the only ones."

Hayleigh Poe, Valedictorian, gave her address next. "It's an absolute honor to be standing here today speaking for the amazing class of 2022."

She gave great advice. "I genuinely believe that it is never too late to start living your dream, to do what brings you the purest form of joy. In this next chapter of our lives, we need to focus on allowing ourselves to be happy because we seldom allow ourselves that in liberty. It is what society needs the most of, a smile, a good deed, even something as simple as chocolate cake on the weekends."

She thanked everyone for the memories and said it was even better than a high school musical. "Go out and face the world in true Wildcat fashion. Show them what you've got because I know it's going to be great. Until next time guys."

Students were recognized for their scholarship. (Those scholarships will be listed in a separate article on the ShowMe Times). The class of 2022 earned a total of \$501,300.00 in scholarships and the A+ Program and a variety of organizations and institutions, including local organizations and sponsors.

The students were given one last opportunity to hug and say their goodbyes to the song by Hannah Montana - "I'll Always Remember You"

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The certification of the Class of 2022 was stated by Mrs. Hill, diplomas were distributed and the closing remarks were done by Dawson Hill, treasurer of the class.

Dawson read a poem to the class then thanked them.

"On behalf of the Class of 2022, I would like to thank all of the teachers, parents, and friends who helped us make it here today. Without all of you we wouldn't be the people we are now. To close out my speech today I am going to paraphrase a quote from kid president. If it ain't gonna make the world a better place just don't do it. Class of 2022 it is our time and I love you all!!! Farewell!"

"it has been a pleasure to serve as your principal the last four years. I have enjoyed working hand in hand with you this year and I look forward to hearing about your accomplishments as you enter the next chapter of your life," commented Karnes. "Always remember you are a special part of this school district and community, and we wish you well in whatever your next chapter holds."

The Class of 2022 stood and faced the audience before leaving in a recessional.

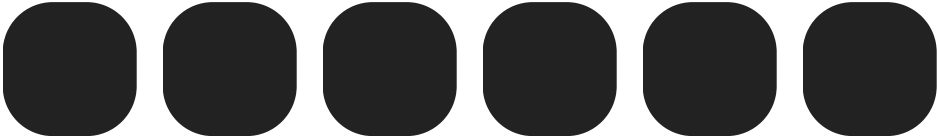
Graduating seniors are Gabriel Adkins, Shilynn Bader, Molly Below, Mason Bennett, Marian Black, Persephone Bradley, Matthew Cazee, Garrett Cohen, Abigail Conner, Aidan Cowart, Macie Davidson, Gavyn DeBeaux, Andrew DeVore, Alaina Dockins, Hannah Faries, Rollins Gigaroa, Alyssa Goins, Dalli Griffin, Emilie Hancock, Nathan

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