

**SENIOR
ACHIEVEMENT
AWARDS**

THE MUSTANG RIDE OUT



Thursday, May 23, 2019

PCHS Gymnasium

Alexander J. Holmes
Christian T. Huitema
Elizabeth F. Johnson
Jonathon A. Kaczmariski
Molly C. Keegan
Reilly E. Kristin
Madeline A. McIver
Gavin L. McNamara
Logan T. Meyle
Joshua A. Moore
Canyon R. Morse
Alexander S. Nguyen
Brooke N. Oakley
Katherine Pardue
Makayla R. Patty
Samuel Potts
Jahyden J. Price
Ana E. Prior
Kelly A. Rogers
Brenna P. Sackett
Julia Sainz
Jackson J. Saline
Jack H. Simpson
McKenna A. Smith
Kirby P. Snow
Kamren D. Staples
Chelsea D. Strother
Kylie J. Sunman
Halie A. Theodore
Jenna M. Tyler
Ross W. VanKirk
Audrey M. Vella
Garrett M. Wagon

Natalie A. Wojcik
Elise M. Wolfe
Rylee M. Zigterman
Connor Zwierzchowski

Luke R. Cunningham
Lena A. Damson
Abigail E. Dunlop
David D. Eisenhardt
Ream M. El-Kachin
Alex J. Franklin
Vivek S. Ganapa
Jeremy A. Hook
Derrick S. James Jr
Ryann A. Jaqua
Jack L. Juday
Nicholas C. Klaiber
Katelyn P. Klemett
Sydney E. Laurencig
Alexia M. Mccluskey
Kenny Mei
Caleb J. Merasco
Colin M. Northuis
Justin A. Oberheim
Allison M. Porter
Leslie G. Powers
Leonie Reif
Jared W. Reilly
Samuel J. Sears
Alejandra Silva Carrasco
Daniel J. Stephan
Anna M. Stratton
Lihaquat A. Subair
Audrey Vermeulen
Madison L. Vlick
Nicholas L. Wheeler
Cassidy S. Whelham
Andrew G. Witt

Anna Zoeller

Senior Bronze Cords

(3.00 - 3.39 G.P.A.)

Karim H. Ahmed
Griffin H. Baker
Andres E. Bautista
Noah W. Beatty
Caitlynn M. Birkmeier
Sidney R. Block
Anika R. Booker
Chase M. Bronkema
Kylie J. Brown
Andrew A. Calderaro
Colin J. Camp
Isiac J. Chavez
Jennica K. Christianson
Abbey L. Conway
Rebecca E. Cottrell
Justin A. Dailey
Kadin Decker
Jennifer L. Donohue
Jacob C. Dorman
Kyla E. Drewyor
Jason G. Erhardt
Kaitlyn N. Findlay
Madeline F. Finstrom
Sharmane A. Flanders
Gunnar A. Fredericks
Jacob D. Gernon
Emma K. Golichowski
Blake A. Hively

Welcome

We appreciate your assistance in helping us recognize academic improvement and excellence among the students of Portage Central High School.

We are here today to honor some exceptional Seniors, but we would also like to acknowledge the contributions of some very exceptional parents and teachers. The success achieved by these young people can be directly connected to your support and encouragement.

Thank you for all you have done, and please enjoy the ceremony.

Sincerely,

Portage Central High School Administration

Eric Alburtus

Jason Frink

Kim Lummis

Joe Wallace

Sana Syed
Carolina M. Teixeira
Saketh Thota
Lucas W. Townsend
Hrishikesh Vaddineni
Megan K. Vande Giessen
Wade R. Varney
Michael D. Verduzco
Clara G. Voetberg
Noura Warsi
Samuel J. Weber

Senior Gold Cords
(3.70-3.99 G.P.A.)

Jeffrey A. Babcock
Paige R. Berry
Zachary E. Bowman
Michael Brady
Jenna L. Braford
Alexis B. Brodie
Riley K. Burns
Ethan L. Campbell
Ruta Cinite
Carter A. Colosky
Megan N. Dando
Bo Deen
Alexa Delon
Kaylyn F. Earl
Harrison M. Fitts
Abigail M. Gazi
Nathaniel B. Heid
Travis T. Henderson

Alexa J. Hubbard
Ryan J. Jackson
Aubrie G. Jarvie
Caitlin A. Johnson
Schyler B. Lindahl
Jordan M. Mace
Jakob J. Maynard
Ian McCurdy
Konnor J. McLeod
Bradley S. McNamara
Alexander T. Nemeth
Cameron M. Nosal
Amos V. Pentikainen
Samantha R. Poliak
Luke E. Polus
Anthony R. Pullo
Jessie M. Rietsma
Michaela E. Simino
Emma C. Smith
Summer B. Smith
Sherry L. Sokolowski
Annemarie C. Stacey
Kiley R. Tiller
Cristian N. Vasquez
Alyshia L. West
Skai V. Williams

Senior Silver Cords
(3.40 - 3.69 G.P.A.)

Brenden C. Buchanan
Daaren A. Bukhari
Thomas L. Chen

Matthew R. Fackler
 Shannon M. Farrell
 John F. Foley
 Oshun L. Freitas
 Kathryn A. Fulton
 Mackenzie J. Ginter
 Marta Gonzalez Teresa
 Elliot S. Greathouse
 Lucas L. Guy
 Dylan C. Gwyn
 Alana C. Hague
 Kendall N. Hannemann
 Samantha C. Hawn
 Macy K. Hayward
 Leon M. Heilmann
 Simona A. Hendl
 Brynn E. Henry
 Jorge Hernandez Serrano
 Carter R. Highhouse
 Grace M. Hovda
 Kaitlyn R. Hufford
 Belen Ingles Granero
 Jocelyn E. Jaeger
 Alexis R. Johnson
 Michael S. Keeler
 Mariana J. Koffend
 Abigail J. Lane
 Pamela Lewin Mejia
 Jack X. Liu
 Maxwell D. Longman
 Ethan T. Lucas-Belitz
 Mackenzie L. Lundin

Jenna M. MacKellar
 Saaketh M. Medepalli
 Jason D. Mih
 Giulia Milcovich
 Owen Miller
 Bradyn R. Mills
 Mary Mitchell
 Reilly E. Moore
 Kaitlin O. Morgan
 Kaoru E. Murai
 Abigail M. Nawrocki
 Kellie Newland
 Cassandra K. Paige
 Grayson D. Plew
 Veeresh Rajendran
 Myles Ream
 Gregory T. Redlon
 Zoe E. Reyes
 Lauren M. Rorabaugh
 Nathalie F. Sampson
 Amelia Schultze
 Connor Schultze
 Julia C. Semler
 Sheldon Shen
 Ethan B. Simmering
 Luke M. Singer
 Arundeeep Singh
 Maddison R. Sloniker
 Ty A. Smith
 Julia A. Snook
 Mikaela R. Stephan
 Tara B. Sullivan

Program

Welcome_____Eric Alburtus
 Student Council President_____Bradyn Mills
 Acknowledgements_____Eric Alburtus

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Closing Remarks _____Eric Alburtus

Influential Educators

Jason Badders
Tim Halloran
Nick Hosler
Laura Huff
Lisa Jepson
Sidney Rank
Nate Turner

Art

Sharmane Flanders
Grace Hovda

Business

Alex Franklin
Jason Mih
Cameron Nosal
Nathalie Sampson

English

Jackson Bergman
Zachary Carpenter
Owen Crocker
Kathryn Fulton
Brady Mills
Kaoru Murai
Amelia Schultze

Family & Consumer Sciences

Rebecca Cottrell
Kathryn Fulton
Jessie Rietsma

Megan Seeley
Hannah Terry
Natalie Wojcik

Mathematics

Jackson Bergman
Graham Butler
Zachary Carpenter
Owen Crocker
Macy Hayward
Owen Miller
Kaoru Murai
Ethan Simmering
Hrishikesh Vaddineni
Michael Verduzco

Music

Band

Graham Butler
Dunham Clark
Owen Crocker
Jackson Crouse
Michael Keeler
Ian McCurdy
Brady Mills
Julia Snook

Choir

Samuel Breuer
Kylie Brown

Orchestra

Ingrid Piper

Julia Snook

What issues currently exist in the healthcare systems of the developing nations of Africa, and how are organizations working to eradicate these issues?

Mikaela Stephan

In what ways was Project Paperclip of the Cold War similar to Nazi experiments of WWII between the people, the experiments, and the wars?

Sana Syed

Does the presence of hormones in males and females impact heart rate after a period of light exercise?

Carolina Teixeira

To what extent is Animal Assisted Therapy able to provide optimal results for patients suffering from PTSD?

Lucas Townsend

How does the man-made chemical in road salt, Sodium chloride, affect the growth of Lemna minor in freshwater lakes?

Hrishikesh Vaddineni

How did television affect the use of nonviolence from 1955 through 1969 in the United States?

Wade Varney

To what extent does altering the surface area of a parachute affect the eventual terminal velocity?

Noura Warsi

In what ways has the usage of social media propaganda by the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority, over the past ten years, influenced the American opinion of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict?

Senior Platinum Cords

(4.0+ G.P.A.)

Alyssa E. Aiello
Evan M. Backer
Ryan M. Bare
Jacob N. Beauprez
Alicia M. Becerra-Faus
Sophie A. Bench
Jackson Bergman
Sarah Bergman
Samuel W. Breuer
Aram E. Brubaker
Zachary J. Bumgarner
Alexandra P. Buss
Graham T. Butler
Grace N. Campbell
Zachary Carpenter
Xandy Bryan M. Cassem
John S. Ciccantell
Dunham D. Clark
Joseph P. Coleman
Ivan Corcuera Loya
Gaia Crobu
Owen M. Crocker
Caleb L. Crooks
Jackson P. Crouse
Sydney L. Davidson
Irene P. De Andres Segovia
Kaitlyn G. Deming
Suyash S. Dixit
Alejandro P. Dopp
David A. Esposito

Owen Crocker

To what extent does a varying temperature affect the speed of sound when an aircraft is breaking the sound barrier?

Alexa Delon

To what extent has the Mexican Government taken preventive measures to avoid a tragedy like the Hermosillo ABC Daycare Fire Incident?

Kaitlyn Deming

In what ways did the Mercury 13 change the views of women in space travel?

Mackenzie Ginter

Does social media usage have a negative impact on young women's self-esteem?

Lucas Guy

What is the effect of grass, hard and clay court surface on a tennis ball bounce?

Alana Hague

In what ways were the successes of the African American women involved in the Space Race only possible due to a coincidental and miraculous timeline of events, and individual aid occurring during the lifetimes of Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson?

Simona Hendl

How could the implementation of a policy similar to the United States' Immigration Act of 1990 help Japan reform its long-standing economic recession, now labeled as 'The Lost 20 Years'?

Michael Keeler

In what ways does Glazunov's Concerto for Alto Saxophone convey Glazunov's emotions?

Abigail Lane

Does animal assisted therapy have more of a biological or emotional effect on stress management?

Pamela Lewin Mejia

What are the different implications of blood doping in the world of sports today?

Owen Miller

What is the optimal amount of carbohydrates to eat and when should they be consumed prior to aerobic exercise, to maintain a safe and steady blood sugar in a Type 1 diabetic?

Grayson Plew

Why are concussions causing a decrease in male participation of certain youth sports and what can we do to change it?

Zoe Reyes

To what extent is nonverbal communication innate or learned?

Nathalie Sampson

Is the US violating an incarcerated citizen's rights by limiting access to an education?

Amelia Schultze

To what extent did the United States Sanitary Commission improve the medical and social conditions during the American Civil War?

Connor Schultze

To what extent did the American media influence the shift of the American public following the Tet Offensive?

Julia Semler

Is autobiographical memory a true memory system?

Ethan Simmering

How does the angle of a truss affect the load borne?

Ty Smith

What is the psychological effect of playing at home in college basketball games?

Physical Education

Jennica Christianson

Adam Davis

David Eisenhardt

Joshua Harrison

Tray Jackson

Derrick James Jr.

Alexis Johnson

Nathen Lason

Logan Meyle

Katrina Morris

Kellie Newland

Tara Sullivan

Science

Jackson Bergman

Alexandra Buss

Zachary Carpenter

Simona Hendl

Owen Miller

Gregory Redlon

Nathalie Sampson

Julia Snook

Hrshikesh Vaddineni

Michael Verduzco

Social Studies

Jackson Bergman

Jenna Braford

John Ciccantell

Dunham Clark

Jackson Crouse

Kaitlyn Hufford

Mariana Koffend

Logan Meyle

Reilly Moore

Amelia Schultze

Carolina Teixeira

Elise Wolfe

Technology & Applied Science

Jackson Crouse

Gregory Redlon

Cody Santek

World Languages**American Sign Language**

Kellie Newland

French

Bryan Cassem

Harrison Fitts

Pamela Lewin Mejia

Kaoru Murai

Julia Snook

Spanish

Jackson Bergman

Graham Butler

John Ciccantell

Alejandro Dopp

Simona Hendl

Kaitlyn Hufford

Saaketh Medepalli
Julia Sainz
Nathalie Sampson
Julia Semler
Sherry Sokolowski

Academic Improvement

Leanne E. Abdulqader
Griffin H. Baker
Brandon T. Bradeen
Andrew L. Buddemeier
Jacob A. Cipriano
Emily G. Coonfer
Jonathan Dearman
Jennifer L. Donohue
Kyleigh S. Farrington
Christian L. Heinzman
Tray A. Jackson
Jadyn T. Kline
Jennifer G. Larkin
Maxwell M. Lovell
Nicholas R. McNees
Brooke N. Oakley
Abigail D. Powers
Ana E. Prior
Julia Sainz
Megan H. Seeley
Olivia L. Seelman
Skyler C. Sorenson
MaKayla M. Staley
Carina B. Steele
Kylie J. Sunman

Hannah M. Terry
Andrew J. Thelen
Cassandra R. Topp
Keely S. VanderHorst
Garrett M. Wagnon
Bronson Wyman

National Merit and Achievement Finalists

Suyash Dixit
Hrshikesh Vaddineni

Portage Education Foundation Scholarships

Laura C. Dunlop Memorial Scholarship:
Lucas Guy

Dwight Hodgkin Endowed Scholarship:
Kaoru Murai

Sue Nelmes Scholarship:
Abigail Lane

Pat Johnson Endowed Scholarship:
Simona Hendl

Joyce A. Vliek Endowed Scholarship:
Reilly Kristen

Mustang Awards

Evan Backer
Griffin Baker
Andres Bautista
Sophie Bench
Jackson Bergman
Paige Berry

Veeresh Rajendnon
Nathalie Sampson
Michaela Simino
Julia Snook
Mikaela Stephan
Sana Syed
Carolina Teixeira
Lucas Townsend
Hrshikesh Vaddineni
Megan VandeGiessen
Audrey Vermeulen
Noura Warsi
Rylee Zigterman

Community Service Awards

Pin

(50+ hours during the senior year)

Jeffrey Babcock
Austin Barnes
Alexis Brodie
Lucas Guy
Brynn Henry
Briana Lawson
Hillary Leung
Abigail Nawrocki
Kellie Newland
Julia Semler
Michael Verduzco
Elise Wolfe

IB Diploma Candidates & Their Extended Essay Topics

Alyssa Aiello

Is the responsibility for the salary disparity between men and women in the United States professional soccer teams the result of political inequality in the United States?

Jackson Bergman

To what extent do anthocyanins increase the growth and development of Wisconsin Fast Plants while exposed to acid rain?

Paige Berry

To what extent does the salinity of water affect the angle of refraction?

Alexandra Buss

To what extent can Dracaena indivisa remove gaseous formaldehyde and VOCs from its environment?

Graham Butler

How do the stylistic features of Duke Ellington's jazz classics contribute to the popularity of his music?

Xandy Bryan Cassem

Is emotional masking detrimental to interpersonal relationships?

John Ciccantell

What alternative fuel technology offers the most sustainable long-term option for replacing conventional gasoline powered automobiles in the state of Michigan?

Joseph Coleman

To what extent did George Washington prevent a constitutional crisis from occurring between Congress and the military during the Newburgh Conspiracy of 1783?

Walker / Mulay Student Activities Awards

Samuel Breuer
Xandy Bryan Cassem
Dunham Clark
Owen Crocker
Jackson Crouse
Kathryn Fulton
MacKenzie Ginter
Simona Hendl
Michael Keeler
Abigail Lane
Brady Mills
Abigail Nawrocki
Grayson Plew
Amelia Schultze
Nicholas Wheeler

Scholar Athletes

Smith Award

Alana Hague
Ryann Jaqua
Jennifer Larkin
Jenna MacKellar
Heidi Schwartz
Julia Semler

Fletcher Award

Alex Franklin
Elliot Greathouse
Kristofer Hodgson
Michael Ketteman
Maxwell Longman

Jason Mih
Owen Miller
Grayson Plew
Samuel (Eli) Potts Jr.
Samuel Weber

Community Service Awards

Blue Cord

(200+ hours while in high school)

Ryan Bare
Sam Breuer
Aram Brubaker
Alexandra Buss
Graham Butler
Thomas Chen
Kaitlyn Deming
Alejandro Dopp
Shannon Farrell
Mackenzie Ginter
Alana Hague
Simona Hendl
Alexa Hubbard
Jocelyn Jaeger
Michael Keeler
Abigail Lane
Sydney Laurencig
Jack Liu
Reilly Moore
Kaoru Murai
Alexander Nemeth
Samantha Poliak
Leslie Powers

Jenna Braford
Alexis Brodie
Zachary Bumgarner
Riley Burns
Graham Butler
Zachary Carpenter
Xandy Bryan Cassem
John Ciccantell
Dunham Clark
Joseph Coleman
Rebecca Cottrell
Owen Crocker
Sydney Davidson
Kaitlyn Deming
Alex Franklin
Kathryn Fulton
Jacob Gernon
Lucas Guy
Alana Hague
Nathaniel Heid
Simona Hendl
Kaitlyn Hufford
Ryan Jackson
Ryann Jaqua
Michael Keeler
Reilly Kristin
Abigail Lane
Briana Lawson
Schyler Lindahl
Maxwell Longman
Jenna MacKellar
Saaketh Medepalli

Owen Miller
Brady Mills
Mary Mitchell
Reilly Moore
Abigail Nawrocki
Kellie Newland
Grayson Plew
Gregory Redlon
Roe Reyes
Jessie Rietsma
Lauren Rorabaugh
Brenna Sackett
Nathalie Sampson
Amelia Schultze
Heidi Schwartz
Megan Seeley
Julia Semler
Sheldon Shen
Michaela Simino
Julia Snook
Annemarie Stacey
Carolina Teixeira
Kiley Tiller
Lucas Townsend
Wade Varney
Michael Verduzco
Noura Warsi
Nicholas Wheeler
Natalie Wojcik
Elise Wolfe