



**Members of the VWHS Class of 2011 throw their mortarboards in the air during graduation.**

# Van Wert High School Class of 2011

It was a day the 150 members of the Van Wert High School Class of 2011 had been looking forward to for at least the last four years, as graduation day finally arrived for them.

Sunday's commencement exercise was the 140th at Van Wert High School.

After graduates processed to the strains of Edward Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance," played by the VWHS Band under the direction of Robert Sloan, the band then played "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The VWHS Concert Choir, under the direction of Tonia Gamble, also performed, singing "When You Believe" with solo turns by Rachael McCroskey and Nate Simson and then "Benediction" by John Ness Beck, with soloist Rebecca Davis.

Speakers for the Class of 2011 were Renee Chen, Megan Lawson and Class President Ryan Todd.

All three exhorted their classmates to make the most of their futures, while also sharing memories of the past four years at VWHS.

The Class of 2011's graduates of distinction -- the largest so far in the six years of the program's existence, were honored with medallions. They include Courtney Barna, Katie Bono, Jayde Connor, Rebecca Davis, Amanda Kesler, Kristen Lantz, Megan Lawson, Ashley Mohr, Jordan Mohr, Erin Patterson, Ben Price, Rebecca Ries, Jenelle Sperry, Ryan Todd and Kevin Yeung.

After presentation of the class by Superintendent Ken Amstutz, Board of Education President Mike Morrow spoke briefly to the class.

Diplomas were awarded by Morrow and fellow school board members Marylou Smith, Kenneth Markward, Kenneth Mengerink and Linda Owens.

Students then sang the Van Wert High School alma mater to the tune of "Carmen, Ohio" and then tossed their mortarboards, according to tradition.

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Members of the VWHS Concert Choir performed during graduation exercises held Sunday at the high school gymnasium. Songs included "When You Believe" and "Benediction".



Corey Clifton (left photo) receives congratulations from his father, VWHS Principal Bill Clifton, after he receives his diploma. Megan Lawson (right) was one of the three class speakers during graduation.





**The VWHS Symphonic Band, under the direction of Bob Sloan, plays “Pomp and Circumstance” as the graduates file into the high school gym.**



**Ryan Todd (left) and Renee Chen were two of the three student speakers at the 140th Van Wert High School commencement ceremonies on Sunday in the high school gym.**



**The audience at Sunday's VWHS graduation ceremonies gives the Class of 2011 a standing ovation.**



**Raegan Baxter smiles as she receives her diploma from VWCS Board President Mike Morrow in the photo at left, while Superintendent Ken Amstutz presents the Class of 2011 prior to their receiving diplomas.**



**Taylor Ford smiles for the camera, while other members of the Class of 2011 are a little less animated during VWHS commencement ceremonies on Sunday.**



**Van Wert grads stand after processing in on Sunday (left) while Board President Mike Morrow addresses the graduates prior to diplomas being handed out.**



The VWHS 2011 Graduates of Distinction include Courtney Barna, Katelyn Bono, Jayde Connor, Rebecca Davis, Amanda Kesler, Kristen Lantz, Megan Lawson, Ashley Mohr, Jordan Mohr, Erin Patterson, Ben Price, Rebecca Ries, Jenelle Sperry, Ryan Todd and Kevin Yeung. (photo by Brent Gibson/Gibby's Photography)

### **VWHS Class of 2011**

#### **Class Flower**

Tiger Lily

#### **Class Colors**

Baby Blue

#### **Class Motto**

"This has gotta be the good life."

#### **Class officers**

**President**.....Ashley Mohr

**Vice President**.....Kevin Yeung

**Secretary**.....Katelyn Bono

**Treasurer**.....Renee Chen

Graduation  
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# Van Wert High School Class of 2011

## **SUMMA CUM LAUDE**

Courtney Jean Barna\*  
Katelyn Marie Bono\*  
Jayde Idelle Connor\*  
Rebecca Nicole Davis\*  
Lindsay Nicole Greve\*  
Jonathan C. Haggis\*  
Amanda Nicole Kesler\*  
Kristen Michelle Lantz\*  
Megan Nicole Lawson\*  
Ashley Taylor Mohr\*  
Jordan Glenn Mohr\*  
Erin Leigh Patterson\*  
Benjamin Edward Price\*  
Rebecca Erin Ries\*  
Jenalle Layne Sperry\*  
Ryan Michael Todd\*  
Kevin Yeung\*

## **MAGNA CUM LAUDE**

Raegan E. Baxter\*  
Janine R. Burgos  
Renee Ashley Chen  
Alexandra Czajkowski\*  
Tiffanie Renee Davis\*  
Emily Nicole Fast\*  
Austin Corwin Fleming  
Katelyn Anne Gamble\*  
Anthony Laurel Hauter\*  
Jacob Alan Hood  
Stephanie Renee Krugh\*  
Sarah Nicole Mengerink  
Tyler Leann Metzger\*  
Lindsey Marie Mosier  
Nathaniel Jay Simson  
Kory Creston Smith\*  
Logan Eugene Stuckey  
Darcy Regan Terhark\*

## **CUM LAUDE**

Toni Anne Aquiviva  
Kirby Blake Doidge  
Darci Jo-Lyn Dull  
Kala Lynn East  
Gary Leandro Espinoza  
Brooke D. Grieshaber  
Madison Renee Hernandez  
Cory Allen Hirschy  
Zachary David Keirns  
Ashley Roberta McCarter  
Rachael Lynn McCroskey  
Brittany Kay Price  
Adam Loyle Saylor  
Allison Elizabeth Spray

Brandt Alan Taylor  
Victoria Lynn Thompson  
Clint Austin Walser  
Matthew Allen Weible  
Amelia E. Wiseman  
Alexa Nicole Zeeff  
Bryan Edward Zinsmaster

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Katelynn Nichole Arn  
Ariel Annise Baker  
Taylor Nicole Bear  
Alexis Danielle Beck  
Ryan Craig Beck  
Breann Shanice Boaz  
Seth Jacob Bolenbaugh  
Shelby Renee Bolenbaugh  
Tia Jade Bowden  
Zachary James Brooks  
Hayley Dennee Brown  
Malorie Elizabeth Brown  
Elanie Kay Byer  
Christian A. Catchings  
Nicholas Paul Channell  
Corey William Clifton  
Jordan David Conn  
Jordan A.D. Dettrow  
Kevin James Dorsch  
Tanner Louise Droll  
Elisa Kay Dunlap  
Jonathan M. Erlich  
Haley Lynn Ehram  
Alissa Ann Evans  
Samantha Renee Fiegel  
Jan-Kees Cornelis Fokker  
Taylor Lynne Ford  
Ryan David Gabrio  
Cory Michael Garber  
Bubba William Lee Gheen  
Amanda Cristine Hartman  
Cory Allen Helstad  
Christopher Scott Howell  
Erica Marie Huggins  
Tobin Jacob Joseph  
Brittany Michelle Kallas  
Drew Alan Kenny  
Kristofer Luke King  
Jeffrey Alexander Kinner  
LaChele Marie Klausing  
Devin Tanner Laemmle  
Samantha Jean Laney  
Taylor Renee Leaser  
Ericca Salone Lehman

Jennifer Rose Longstreth  
Dylan Tyler Marquart  
Connor Donovan Massillo  
Kurstie Kaye Maxwell  
Zachary McGinnis  
Briana Nicole Mercer  
Peter Lowell Merkle  
Taylor Kendall Methot  
Kory Brian Money  
Tyler Caleb Money  
Cody Lee Monroe  
Sharell Ravonne Moore  
Alonzo James Munoz  
Elaine Nguyen  
Nicholas Daniel Norris  
Tyler Eugene Paige  
Amber Lynn Proctor  
Tylor Ann Pruden  
Dalton Crawford Raines  
Cameron Alexander Ray  
Lucas Richard Riley  
Kimberly Renae Rison  
Donald Erin Robar Jr.  
Shane Mitchel Robenalt  
Dakota Jaymz Rodger  
Cody Joseph Rolston  
Zachary Glenn Shytle  
Vincent John Silette  
Christopher O'Neal Simpson  
Donald Ivan Sites  
Morgan Anne Smelser  
Erika Renee Smith  
Eric Lynn Speer  
Lucas Alan Strick  
Stephan Michael Sullivan  
Mark Allen Taylor  
Christopher Eugene Thatcher  
Chase Alexander Tuttle  
Alexander Joseph Unterbrink  
Kayla Michelle Waldron  
Austin Ray Walker  
Caleb Zacharia Weible  
Haylie Diane Welker  
Kaleb Vance Whitcraft  
Morgan Rene Williams  
Dakota Lee Mae Wood  
Cody Allen Younker  
Jacob Allen Younker  
Cierra Lynne Zeigler  
Taylor Marie Zsiros  
Seth Allen Zuber

\*Indicates graduates receiving an honors diploma  
Honor cords were purchased through the Renaissance Program