



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 Amtutz 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 gott 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

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