



Members of the VWHS Class of 2012 throw their mortarboards in the air during graduation.

Van Wert High School Class of 2012

It was a day the 126 members of the Van Wert High School Class of 2012 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 141st 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 Julia Reichert, also performed, singing "For Good" with solo turns by Daniel Bashore and Jenna Waterman, and then "Benediction" by John Ness Beck, with soloist Alex Burchfield.

Speakers for the Class of 2012 were Madeline Blackmore, Student Body President Alex Burchfield and Class President Bob Laing.

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

The Class of 2012's graduates of distinction -- 10 of them this year -- were also honored with medallions and a group photo. This year's honorees include Daniel Bashore, Erin Dingle, Molly Gamble, Taylor Grooms, Brooke Keber, Kathryn Kline, Nathan Knodel, Linzey Rice, Kelsie Rodman and Jenna Waterman.

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

Diplomas were awarded by Markward and fellow school board members Mike Morrow, Linda Owens, Ben Cowan and Jessica Weiss.

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 “For Good” and “Benediction”.



Alex Morrow (left photo) gets a hug from her father, Board of Education member Mike Morrow, after she receives her diploma. Madeline Blackmore (right) was one of three class speakers during graduation.





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



Members of the VWHS Class of 2012 process into the gymnasium (left), while Class President Bob Laing (right) entertains his classmates with a serio-comic look at their four years of high school.



Students listen as their classmates speak during VWHS's 141st annual commencement ceremony held Sunday in the high school gymnasium.



Nathan Knodel smiles as he receives his diploma from Board member Mike Morrow (left), while Superintendent Ken Amstutz presents the Class of 2012 prior to graduates receiving their diplomas.



Students listen intently (mostly) to what is being said during Sunday's VWHS commencement ceremonies in the high school gym.



Central Insurance President Bill Purmort presents Daniel Bashore with the 2012 Black Inc. Award (left), while Board President Ken Markward addresses the Class of 2012.



The VWHS 2012 Graduates of Distinction include Daniel Bashore, Erin Dingle, Molly Gamble, Taylor Grooms, Brooke Keber, Kathryn Kline, Nathan Knodel, Linzey Rice, Kelsie Rodman and Jenna Waterman.

VWHS Class of 2012

Class Flower

Lilac

Class Colors

Purple Mountains Majesty

Class Motto

"You only live once."

Class officers

President.....Robert William Laing

Vice President.....Brittany Lynne Jurczyk

Secretary.....Joe Dalson Moonshower

Treasurer.....Kathryn Leah Kline

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADS!

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Student Body President Alex Burchfield also spoke to her classmates on Sunday.

Van Wert High School Class of 2012

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

Daniel Lee Bashore*
Luke Robert Brubaker*
Jennifer Elizabeth Carnahan*
Erin Nicole Dingle*
Devyn Nicole Font
Molly Elizabeth Gamble*
Taylor Marie Grooms*
Danielle Nicole Hitchcock*
Brooke Victoria Keber*
Kathryn Leah Kline
Nathan Bradley Knodel*
Robert William Laing*
Linzey Arlene Rice*
Kelsie Marie Rodman*
Jenna Marie Waterman*

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Kearsten Loreen Cantrell*
Matthew Peter Cucciarre
Mackenzie Taylor Elder*
Adam Joseph Foster
Kody John Everett Heitz
Brittany June Jurczyk
Gretchen Lynne Klinker*
Ashley Nicole Knittle
Kaylee Nicole Meyers
Jack Dalton Moonshower
Vincent Maurice Moreland*
Alexandra Michelle Morrow
Katie Marie Myers
Heather Alayne Nofer
Daniel Curtis Perkins
Sydney Elizabeth Riethman
Danielle Ranees Slagle
Lindsay Rae Smith
Trey Christopher Stemen*
Nathan Joe Stevens

CUM LAUDE

Elizabeth Kristin Adams
Jordan Marie Breece
Abbie Nicole Brincefield
Alexia Catherine Burchfield
Kayla Faye Butler
Cydney Lee Campbell
Thad William Davis*
Sean Dakota Dorsch
Davante Ellis Edwards

Laney Shea Ellzey
SamanthaJeanne Happeard
Aaron Matthew McClellan
Courtney Elizabeth Mercer
Joe Dalson Moonshower
Courtney P. Neuenschwander*
Tyler Wilson Norman
Katie Elizabeth Perry
Kayla Gabriella Perry
Tiffany Alicia Pierce
Alexandra Michelle Poling
Ericka Lynn Priest
Mackenzie Ann Renner
Miranda Diane Renee Rickard
Ashley Elizabeth Schnipke
Zachary Elias Spear*
Andrew Joseph Thomas
Courtney Cierra Van Horne
Alexis Kathryn Weigle

MacKenzie Leight Adams

Briana Lynn Agler
Bart Alan Barthels
Jonathon Carl Bates
Emily Rose Bickle
Desiree S.N. Blackmore
Madeline Elaine Blackmore
Shanece Nicole Branson
Zackary Michael Burk
Jacob Ryan Chavarria
Devanne Dion Closson
Tyler Phillip Coll
Devin Trey Contreras
Kaylee Lynn Contreras
Tyson Matthew Crone
Rachel Nicole Dettrow
Michael Lee Edwards
Ricki Sue Ellinger
Taylor Elizabeth Fabian
Cody Allen Hanes
James Andrew Wayne Hardman
Joshua Charles Hill
Amanda LeAnn Hire
Stephanie Elizabeth Huston
Christopher Andrew Jeffries
Derrick William Kampf
Alexander Eli Kempher

Trey Austin Orley Krick
Lindsay Michelle Lamb
Whitney Renee Liatos
Aurora Louise Longstreth
Cameron Scott Lukacz
Garrett Michael McDowell
Matthew Joshua McMichael
Brett David Mell
Courtney Emma Merkle
Trenton Shea Metzger
Nicolas Craig Miller
Gwendolyn Joy Montes
Ty Harden Moore
Ryan L. Munoz
Anthony Michael Myers
Britany Nicole Myers
Jacob Lee Myers
Katie Ann Olson
Erika Taylor Suzanne Pearson
Kyle Edward Peffley
Chad Pessefall
Chadd Dominic Phillips
Kole Jakob Phillips
Reginald Demetrius Phillips
Nathan Lewis Profit
Haley Suzanne Ramey
Austin Kenneth Reichert
Jordan Allan Ricker
Hayleigh Rose Robeson
Brandon Edward Roediger
Allison Jane Rogers
Logan Edward Rupert
Mackenzie Lauren Smith
Jennifer Nicole Snyder
Austin Kain Stephey
Alexander Michael Stump
David Alexander Thomas
Nicholas Foster Thompson
Zachary Daniel Thornell
Haley Starr Ullinskey
Chase Aaron Walker
Zachary Joseph Wood
Madison Elizabeth Woodruff
Jonathon Joseph Worline
Jackson Allyn Young

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

You made it, VWHS Class of 2012!