



Tales of DeSales

Salute to the Class of 2023

In this issue, we want to take time to celebrate our graduating class of 2023. Whether they started in the Walla Walla Catholic Schools as a preschooler, or in high school, all of these talented young women and men have contributed greatly to the core values of this school system. Congratulations on all your accomplishments and we wish you all the best as you move into the next phase of your lives.

Taryn Cox has been a member of the Walla Walla Catholic Schools ever since she was three years old at the Early Learning Center. During her time at DeSales, she participated in Knowledge Bowl, being this year's team captain, and the National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society. Just recently, she was name Salutatorian for the Class of 2023. She was part of the Wa-Hi Soccer team her freshman and sophomore years, and has shown cattle as her "sport" all throughout high school. Taryn has been a member of 4-H for 9 years and has held numerous officer positions, as well as being a member of the Western States Junior Red Angus Association Board of Directors as an Assistant Marketing and Social Media Manager. She enjoys showing her cattle, traveling, and being outside. After graduation, Taryn will be attending Kansas State University to major in Agricultural Business with a pre-law focus. She is also considering attending law school. Good Luck Taryn!



Dylan Grant is headed to Washington State University to study International Business in the fall. She has been part of the Walla Walla Catholic Schools since kindergarten. She was this year's secretary of the school's ASB cabinet and is a member of the National Honor Society. She has also been a member of the Desales softball team for three years and serves as team captain this year. Dylan enjoys traveling with her family and skiing during the winter. She is also planning on joining the WSU skiing team. Good Luck Dylan!



**Awards Assembly
Honoring Seniors...**

May 31 at 12:45 p.m.

DeSales Gym

Baccalaureate Mass

June 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Assumption Church

Graduation

June 3 at 7:00 p.m.

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Emmalyne Jimenez's hobbies include running, art, music, writing, reading, and being with her family. At DeSales, she played volleyball for two years, basketball for all four years, and track for five years, having the chance to play up as an 8th grader. She also ran cross country for Wa-Hi for two years where she qualified for state. Emmalyne has been part of the Walla Walla Catholic Schools since Pre-K. Besides all of her athletic accomplishments, she has helped in two school plays as a tech crew member, was part of the band and Students For Life for one year, and a member of the National Honor Society for two years. In the fall, Emmalyne will be attending Spokane Falls Community College to run cross country, indoor track, and track, and is planning on studying business and marketing. Emmalyne's infectious smile and incredible kindness to others will be one of her greatest legacies at DeSales. Good luck and God bless, Emmalyne!



***'Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.'** -Winston Churchill*

(Senior Class quote)

Timothy Gogl is planning on beginning his propaedeutic year in Cor Christi on Gonzaga University's campus in the fall. His hobbies include spending time with his family, playing cards and board games, traveling, and riding his skateboard around town. Timothy enrolled in the WWCS in preschool, but did not begin attending WWCS until his freshman year. Here at DeSales, he was a member of the basketball team for three years and a four year member of the golf team. He also participated in band for two years and Students For Life for one year. Outside of school, Timmy has helped at St. Patrick's Church, on numerous retreats, at Klicker's and at St. Francis Cabrini's. His kindness and good natured personality will be sorely missed here at DeSales. Good Luck Timmy!



Erin Beck, a great asset to the Walla Walla Catholic Schools, will be graduating soon with her classmates in the Class of 2023. Erin has been very important to not only Irish athletics but many other DeSales student organizations. Erin has been a three sport athlete all four years of high school playing golf and being a member of both the Fall and Winter Cheer team. Outside of cheer and golf, Erin has been very active within the school. She is currently a member of ASB where she is serving as treasurer, the President of the National Honor Society, and was an integral part of the re-establishment of Girls League this year. Erin has also been a member of the DeSales Knowledge Bowl team for all four years of her high school career. Being very involved in drama and theater arts, Erin has been either a cast or crew member of a theater production every year of high school. In her junior year she played the lead role in ***The Odd Couple***. Outside of her busy school schedule, you can find Erin baking and hanging out with her friends. Erin plans to attend Gonzaga University to receive a degree in either economics or applied mathematics. Good luck Erin and thank you for your dedication to the Walla Walla Catholic Schools!

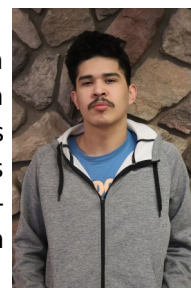


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Starting in sixth grade, **Eli Hurwitz** became a member of the Walla Walla Catholic Schools. During his time here, he has been a four year member of the varsity golf team where he has qualified for state numerous times. Eli also has been a vital member of the theater department during his time at De-sales, participating in numerous school productions whether on stage or as part of the backstage crew. In his junior year, he played the role of the father in *The Christmas Story*. Eli is a member of the National Honor Society and was the class president for his junior and senior years. This year Eli was chosen to be one of the Masters of Ceremony at HOPE Dinner and did a great job of keeping all running smoothly. Outside of school, he enjoys skiing and fishing. His latest honor is being named the co-Valedictorian for the Class of 2023. After graduation, Eli will be attending Washington State University to pursue a major in Chemical Engineering. His incredible speaking voice and good natured personality were a daily part of the school year. We wish you the best and good Luck Eli!



Alejandro (Alex) Manon has been attending the WWCS system since the sixth grade. Alex is known for always trying to crack a joke at any given moment, to which many of his peers and teachers can allude. Outside of school you can find him working the drive up window at Jack in the Box. Alex's plans after high school is to go to WWCC and study psychology. Alex was involved in two sports during his time here playing football his senior year and basketball in his freshman and junior years. Alex's interests are reading, watching movies and television, playing video games, and being a collector! We wish Alex the best as he heads onto the next phase of his life. Good luck Alex!



Tayle' Mooney has been enrolled in the WWCS system since preschool. Tayle' is known for her gifted ability in volleyball having played six years, two in middle school and four in high school. She was co captain her junior year and captain her senior year along with playing in the all state volleyball game. Tayle's success on the court was honored when she made all league first and second team. Along with playing volleyball, Tayle' works at Coffee Cravings where she cheerfully greets customers on a regular basis. As Tayle' ends her time at the WWCS, she plans to study cosmetology at the Paul Mitchell School in Richland, Washington. Since middle school, Tayle' earned the nickname "Elmer and Glue" due to her devotion to her best friend, Emma Klein. Mrs. Sutlick said she never saw the two apart. Outside of school life, her favorite things to do are painting, drawing, and photography. We wish Tayle' the best as she enters into her future. Good luck Taylee!



Since kindergarten, **Emma Klein** has attended the WWCS school system. Emma participated in many activities throughout her high school years including National Honor Society, 4-H (8 years), volleyball for three years. Unfortunately, Emma was not able to finish her senior year due to a foot injury sustained against Touchet, so watch out for Tessa! Emma's favorite hobbies outside of school include wakeboarding, hunting, and spontaneous travel. She plans to attend WWCC and get her Associate of Arts degree along with studying psychology and human development. As with her best friend, Tayle', Emma is the second half of the famous "Elmer and Glue" duo. These two girls were a force with which to be reckoned. We know Emma will go on to accomplish great things and we here at De-Sales wish her the very best of luck. Here's to your future, Emma!!



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Jenna Cox, a lifelong member of the Walla Walla Catholic School, has been an important part of the Class of 2023. She has been a member of the National Junior Honor Society and National Honor Society where she is currently a cabinet member. Jenna has also been a great asset to the Irish basketball cheer team, where she cheered for all four years of high school and was a captain this past basketball season. She also played soccer for Walla Walla High School for two years where she was also a captain. Jenna has been involved in numerous drama productions throughout her high school years being the stage manager for the *Jungle Book* and a lead actress in *The Odd Couple*. Outside of DeSales, Jenna loves showing cattle and has found success on a national level. She is also on the board of directors for the Western States Junior Red Angus Association. Jenna will be attending Montana State University to study embryology and ranching systems. Good luck Jenna and thank you for your dedication to the Walla Walla Catholic Schools!



Attending the WWCS system since preschool, **Jack Lesko** has been a stellar athlete during his time at DeSales having played football for four years, golf for five years, and basketball for four years. He has garnered numerous all-state awards in all of the sports in which he played. Besides athletics, Jack served as the school's Vice President during his junior year and as the school President this year. He has done a tremendous job organizing dances and bringing school spirit to the students. Jack is the co-Valedictorian for the Class of 2023. After high school Jack plans to attend Big Bend Community College where he plans to pursue his lifelong dream of becoming a commercial pilot. He served as one of the three Masters of Ceremony at HOPE dinner this year where he interjected his own sense of humor when he had the opportunity to introduce his father that evening. Outside of school, Jack's interests include fishing, boating, aviation, and basketball. We wish Jack the best of the luck and know he will continue to impress us. Good luck Jack!



Licet Lara has been enrolled in the WWCS for the past four years beginning when she was a freshman. It was a pleasure to see Licet participating in cheerleading this year. Her bubbly personality set the tone for many games. Licet plans on going to WWCC and is planning on getting a degree in nursing or teaching! Her favorite things to do outside of school are hanging out with her family and friends along with working out. Licet has been a memorable figure these past four years and we know that she will continue to thrive in life and become a wonderful nurse or teacher. Good luck Licet!!!!



After being a part of the WWCS since three years old, **Grace Murray** has been involved with Knowledge Bowl, Girls League, plays, cheer for four years in both Basketball and Football, and she's also the NHS president as well as being the ASB Sergeant at Arms. You could see Grace displaying her many talents in theatre both on and off the stage as she not only acted, but also stage managed the spring play this year. Her plans for the future are heading to Seattle University to study criminology along with a specialization in psychology. Aside from school activities, Grace has also been involved with volunteering at Camp Attitude and is working at Owsley Insurance. Outside of school, she picked up some other interests such as her love for music and drinking coffee. All the luck to you, Grace, as you move on to your future plans!



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Having been enrolled in the Walla Walla Catholic Schools since kindergarten, **Quentin Bier** will soon be graduating with the Class of 2023. Quentin has been an important member of the DeSales Track and Field Team along with the Walla Walla High School Cross Country team. When Quentin is not participating in track or cross country, you will find him working with his lamb for the Walla Walla County Fair. Quentin has been a member of 4H since he was in fourth grade and has really enjoyed the experiences it has afforded him. He also enjoys playing the guitar on rare occasions. Aside from 4H, Quentin's hobbies include music and reading. Next year Quentin plans to attend Walla Walla Community College to possibly major in Psychology along with working a job. Good luck Quentin and thank you for your dedication to the Walla Walla Catholic Schools!



Morgan Thomas, who has been involved in the WWCS since preschool, is thankful for the academics that have pushed her here at DeSales. Over the years she was actively involved in basketball, track and field, and volleyball. In fact, more than once, Morgan received all kinds of athletic awards. Morgan is ranked second in the entire state in discus and is a state competitor in shot put too. Morgan has also competed in the USATF Junior Olympics in the summer of 2022. Other activities in school she has been involved in include ASB, Girls League, and National Honor Society. For college, she will be attending University of Montana to major in forestry, while competing for the track and field team. Morgan enjoys working the wheat harvest as well as staying active outdoors, along with other activities such as hiking with family, hunting, playing basketball, and throwing in track. Best of luck Morgan! Montana here she comes!



Lian Skaarup is planning to attend WWCC to receive her Associate of Arts then heading off to either Central Washington University or Western Washington University to study in the field of Kinesiology. Starting at DeSales in her freshmen year, Lian has participated in basketball and was one of four seniors this year. She was also part of the track team for three years. Outside of school she does enjoy time at the gym, working out, cooking, and walking while listening to some podcasts. Good luck Lian as you take on your new adventure in life!



Attending the Walla Walla Catholic Schools since first grade, **Natalia Balderas** will be graduating with the Class of 2023. Natalia has been an important part of Irish athletics throughout her years at DeSales. She has played softball for the Irish for five years along with fall cheer for four years and winter cheer for three years. She is currently a captain of the Lady Irish softball team. Natalia has also played club softball outside of school where she enjoys the competition and playing with her friends. When Natalia isn't playing softball or cheering, you can find her lifting and working out at the gym. You can always find Natalia in the pub cheering on her classmates and friends during sports seasons as well! She also enjoys spending time with her family and friends and pursuing her hobby of photography. Natalia plans to attend the Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology in the fall to focus on doing brows and lashes. Good luck Natalia and thank you for your dedication to the Walla Walla Catholic Schools!



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Luke Nelson, a 2023 senior here at DeSales Catholic School, loves fishing, hunting, restoring classic cars, camping, and hard rock. Luke will be attending WWCC to study welding. Luke has been in the WWCS system since the first grade. Over the years, he has been in baseball for one year, football for four, track for two, and golf for three. Other school activities he has been involved in are Chess Club and JA Biztown. Outside of school Luke enjoys 4H, Boy Scouts, Grange, and the Civil Air Patrol. We will miss his warm smile and cheerful hello as he prepares to leave DeSales. Best of luck to you as you move on to your college career at WWCC.



Lin Skaarup is planning to head to WWCC to receive an Associates of Arts degree then transfer to a four year college to earn her bachelor's degree. Lin loves to hang out with friends and go to the gym in her spare time. She has been enrolled in the WWCS since the ninth grade. Lin has played sports such as basketball for four years, where she was one of four seniors leading the team in her senior year, and track and field for three years. Lin had been involved in Students for Life for two years. What is most loved about Lin is her presence here at DeSales always brightens up the hall, and that is something that will be missed. Good luck Lin!



Joe Baffney has been attending the Walla Walla Catholic Schools since he was in preschool and has been an integral part of the graduating senior class. Joe has been very involved in Irish athletics all throughout high school and even middle school. He has played both varsity football and basketball for all four years of high school. He also has been on the varsity Irish baseball team for five years. Joe has been a captain for at least one year in all three sports he has played for the Irish due to his charismatic attitude, always being ready to help the underclassmen, and his immense athletic skills. Joe's hobbies include fishing and hunting with his dog Goose. He plans to attend Whitworth University to study Health Science along with playing football. Good luck, Joe and thank you for your dedication to the Walla Walla Catholic Schools!



***"You're off to great places! Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting, So...get on your way!" -Dr. Seuss***

