

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2017



2017's VVHS Valedictorians and Salutatorian:

Back row left to right are Valedictorians Alec Brandes, Brenden Bunker, Brayden Johnson, Jace Haviland, Briana Todd, Emma Barnum and Salutatorian Emily Leavitt. Front row are Valedictorians Shantel Galindo, Hanna Haviland, Kennedi Ludvigson, Natalia Pacheco, Emma Peoble and Dylan Bryant.

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Seniors garner many awards

By Teri Nehrenz
MLN

Virgin Valley High School senior awards banquet was held on May 23. Seniors were rewarded generously for their efforts and achievements above and beyond the call of duty.

Virgin Valley High School seniors are itching to put on those caps and gowns; the ones that signify the end of high school days. They worked hard, they've come far and they received many awards and a generous amount of scholarship money to prove it.

Much of the hard work was recognized immediately when school counselor Justin Ludvigson called up a stage full of valedictorians and salutatorians, followed closely by the many students who received Advanced Honors Diplomas and Advanced Diploma recognition.

Awards were given by staff members to recognize the students who made a difference during the time they spent in their classrooms and in the case of the Interact Club members, in the

community.

In the athletics department, the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association recognized the top 10 student athletes and Bernice Fiso and Hogan Fowles were awarded Athlete of the Year for 2017.

General scholarships were awarded by Adelson Medical, NV Energy, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Southern Nevada Symphony Orchestra, Nevada Telecommunications Association, Idaho Consumer and M. Anthony Burns Endowed.

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Teri Nehrenz photos

Kaden Laub was the 2017 recipient of the ACE scholarship awarded by the Mesquite Exchange Club for Accepting the Challenge of Excellence while overcoming adversity during their high school years. Presenting the award was Pam Gagnon and Barb Benedict.

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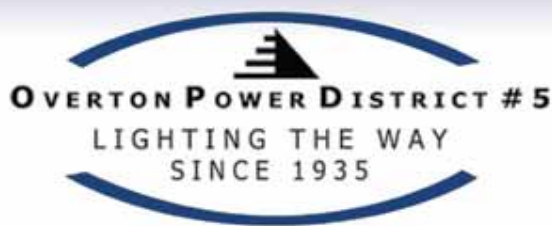
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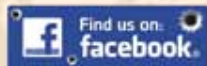
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Bulldogs' sports stars shine in 2016-17



Lou Martin photos

Abbie Barnum, left photo, had a fabulous career at VVHS. The greatest goal scorer in Bulldog history, Barnum was named Player of the Year for the 3A Sunrise League and to the All-Southern 3A first team.

Bulldog shooting guard Hogan Fowles, above photo, looks for an opportunity to score during the 2016-2017 basketball season.

By Lou Martin
MLN

Although expected, the annual migration of senior high school graduates to higher education or other pursuits has begun in communities throughout our great land. It is no different in our small community of Mesquite as Virgin Valley High School seniors say goodbye to their peers, fans and educators. The migration hits hard on sports as athletes whose star shined bright move on to their future. These athletes featured here have matured and have left indelible memories on this community. VVHS athletic teams will be hit hard as a large group of talented seniors depart.

As not all senior athletes can be individually highlighted here, this collection of multiple sports athletes are because of their all-around contribution to the Bulldog sports legacy. Male athletes like Hogan Fowles, Jarett Tietjen, Andrew Memmott, Chase Henderson,

Reid Jensen, Devin Cox and Cesar Zarate have made their mark at VVHS. Female athletes at VVHS are as talented as their male counterparts as Bernice Fiso, Emma Barnum, Elizabeth DeLeon, Dylan Bryant, Brianna Todd and Abbie Barnum have proven throughout their tenure at VVHS.

Hogan Fowles will be missed behind the center for the Bulldog football team and as the shooting guard for the basketball squad. Fowles was named first team all 3A Sunrise League in football and All-Southern and 3A in basketball. An amazing athlete Fowles also was the leader of the Bulldog golf team.

Size did not matter to the big hearted and talented Tietjen who was instrumental in helping the Dawgs championship football season. Tietjen was named to the 3A All-State football team, All-Southern 3A and 3A Sunrise League first teams.

Henderson made his name on the football team garnering the "Lineman of the Year" designation in 3A Sunrise League play. Hen-

derson also was on the track squad and played for the Bulldog baseball team his senior year. Henderson will continue his education at Southeastern Arizona College on a football scholarship.

Memmott grew through his career at VVHS becoming a first team 3A Sunrise League choice in basketball his senior year. A great rebounder and 3 ball shooter, Memmott also helped the football team from his defensive back position.

Jensen was a gangly young man until he blossomed at the end of 2016 on the basketball court, football field and track team to end his Bulldog career.

Zarate got an opportunity to kick field goals in the middle of his freshman season in 2014 and never looked back. Zarate was named all-state for his kicking abilities and second team for his prowess on defense. Zarate also got great minutes for the Dawgs' basketball squad.

It's difficult to not name multiple sports

competitors like Layton Woods who excelled in football and baseball. Woods was named to the 3A Sunrise League first team in football and second team in baseball. Football players Jesus Revulcaba and Jaden Dalton were named to the 3A first team offensive squad and fellow seniors Adrian Macias and Brayden Hampstead was named to the second squad. Who can forget Cox's accomplishments on the hard court as the best sixth-man off the bench plus his many first place finishes running the hurdles. Throw in senior football players Sal Guzman, Brayden Johnson, Julian Reyes, Anthony Pihl, Thomas Lee and Britton Wilson who are all moving on to their future endeavors. We can't forget Pedro Osuna's work for the men's soccer team others didn't, as he was named to the 3A Sunrise League first team. Osuna was also the top sprinter for the men's track team. Also finishing their soccer careers at VVHS are, Justin Cazares, Raudel Benitez, Oscar Cuellar, Fredy Gomez, Roman Perez and Sergio Rodriguez. Cazares was named to the 3A Sunrise League second team. The Bulldog men tennis squad loses five members, Chris Cannon, Tyson Wilson, Isaac Talahytawa, Drew Hartwell and Austin Marshall as they move on in life. Last but not least in men's sports, Jacob Baird had a huge career with three NIAA state wrestling titles. Cache Burnside replaced twice at state.

The Bulldog coaches will have a tough time replacing female graduates as the Dawgs were fortunate to have such an athletic 2017 class. Here are the talented ladies who made the years 2014-2017 so memorable.

Abbie Barnum excelled in three sports, track and field, basketball and soccer. A huge soccer star since her freshman year being named to the All-Southern 3A squad and 3A Sunrise League Player of the Year, Barnum was one of the top sprinter-hurdler in the state of Nevada and was a

defensive stopper for the Lady Dawgs basketball squad.

Fiso also dominated in three sports. Who can forget her kills on the volleyball court, Fiso was named to the NIAA 3A All-State team, 3A All-Southern team and 3A Sunrise League first team. Fiso took her athleticism to the basketball court being named 3A All-State, 3A All-Southern and Sunrise League first team. Fiso was also instrumental in the Dawgs third place finish at state track and field.

Todd made her mark on the basketball court with her all-around play. Todd was named to the 3A All-State team, 3A All-Southern and Most Valuable Player in 3A Sunrise League play. Todd was also a member of the Bulldog championship volleyball team.

Emma Barnum could be summed up as a journeyman athlete as she excelled in three sports. Barnum was named second team 3A All-State, first team All-Southern and first team All-Sunrise League in basketball. Barnum was also an outstanding volleyball player being named second team 3A All-Southern and first team All-Sunrise League. Barnum capped her career at VVHS as an all-around track and field athlete.

DeLeon was an outstanding running back for the Lady Dawg flag football team that took second place at the state finals. DeLeon matched her football prowess with a great year on the Bulldog soccer squad.

VVHS will no doubt miss, Bryant who had an outstanding career as a pole vaulter, receiver in football and diver for the swim team. Moving on from the football squad are Kristina Anguiano, Rebekka Douglas, Falen Hafen and Shalee Hafen.

No doubt a senior athlete was missed on this roll, but they and all the seniors highlighted here will move on with a sense of accomplishments in the class room and athletic venues. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2017 for providing Mesquite with four great entertaining years.



Reid Jensen, top photo, gets the tipoff for the Dawgs. Jensen grew up in 2017, becoming a dominate force in the paint and one of the top shot blockers in Nevada. Jensen excelled at both defensive and offensive end positions.

Bernice Fiso, middle photo, sets a teammate helping the Dawgs to a 3A Sunrise League Championship. Fiso became the most decorated VVHS athlete for 2016-2017. Fiso was named to the NIAA All-State teams in both volleyball and basketball. (Photo (8909) Bulldog wrestler Cache Burnside, bottom photo, locks arms with an opponent during a wrestling match in the Dawg House. Burnside placed in two straight state finals.

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Teri Nehrenz

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and Joe and Dixie Bowler.

During the spring fling the Mesquite Community Education Foundation raised funds for a brand new scholarship for graduating seniors. Thanks to the generosity of the community, over \$8,200 was raised for that cause and given to seniors Brian-na Todd, Shantel Galindo, Justin Cazares, Abby Barnum, Dylan Bryant, Aileen Quinones and

Samuel Strauss in the amount of \$1,000 each.

There is no doubt that these award and scholarship recipients have bright futures ahead of them. The VVHS cafeteria was filled to capacity with students, parents, siblings and faculty that have and will continue to support these rising stars as they go their separate ways to conquer their challenges and share their talents with the world beyond the lockers, hallways, classrooms and community of the VVHS and Mesquite.



Caleb Seaman is but one of the many 2017 senior recipients of the Joe and Dixie Bowler Scholarship.

Teri Nehrenz

2017 VIRGIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Bruce King Memorial

Bruce King was an original golfer in the Mesquite Amateur. He was honored at the 10 year anniversary as one of only a handful of golfers that had played in all of the first ten. Bruce lived in Michigan where he was an engineer and owned his own company that engineered machinery for Ford and GM. Not only was Bruce the owner of the company, he was the brains as well. Since his passing the company is no longer. Bruce was a good listener and was great at giving advice he felt needed. Bruce attended MIT but ended up getting his bachelors and masters degree back in Michigan. Bruce passed away 15 months ago and the thing that he will always be remembered for is his love for Mesquite and how much he valued education. For that reason this scholarship has been established.

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Eileen Navarro
Anthony Nguyen
Richard Nicolas
Natalia Pacheco
Emma People
Wesley Phu
Aileen Quinones

Xitlali Rosas
Trinity Rowden
Ryan Rushton
Jesus Ruvalcaba
Anthony Salazar
Caleb Seamann
Kendal Smith
Caitlynne Spute
Samuel Strauss
Isaac Talahytewa
Jaret Tietjen
Brayton Tobler
Briana Todd
Tracy Vogel
Brooke White
Britton Wilson
Tyson Wilson
Cesar Zarate

2017 VIRGIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD RECIPIENTS:

American Legion

Arlo Q Leavitt

Kennedi Ludvigson
Emma Peoble

VVHS Mentor Scholarship

Marisol Jimenez

Virgin Valley Schools Faculty and Staff Scholarship

Emma Barnum
Chris Cannon
Jacob Colburn
Ashley Fischer
Bernice Fiso
Hogan Fowles
Alondra Jimenez
Emily Leavitt
Austin Marshall
Anthony Nguyen
Briana Todd
Britton Wilson
Cesar Zarate

Exchange Club

The A.C.E. (Accepting the Challenge of Excellence) award is given by the Exchange Club of Mesquite to a student who has overcome adversity, is doing well in school and is graduating, and going on to college or other higher education. This year the Exchange Club is proud to present the award to:

Kaden Laub

DeLos Perkins Memorial Scholarship

The M. DeLos Perkins memorial scholarship was established in the memory of Mr. DeLos Perkins, former principal at Virgin Valley High School. Mr. Perkins was a true Bulldog, dedicating a majority of his professional career to the students in this valley and to this school. Many people here tonight were his students. He taught government and history, and instituted the infamous mock legislature. He also served as the dean, assistant principal, and principal at this school. He had a passion for learning and teaching and he delighted in the many successes of the students at this school. Although he was the first college graduate in his family, he, along with his wife (also a teacher in our community), established an expectation for educational success. Each one his nine children graduated from Virgin Valley High School and eventually earned one or more college degrees.

It is our hope, as his family, that this memorial scholarship will assist, in a small part, to the establishment or preservation of a strong educational foundation for graduating seniors from Virgin Valley High School. It is our pleasure and honor to present the DeLos Perkins Memorial Scholarships for \$500 each to Kennedy Ludvigson and Brayden Johnson. Congratulations.

Josh Bishop
Alexis Goris

2017 VIRGIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Advanced Placement Students AP Teachers

Students must score a 3 or higher on the test, or a senior who has maintained a “B” throughout the year.

Haley Allen
Kristina Anguiano
Emmalyn Barnum
Tatiana Bogarian
Alec Brandes
Dylan Bryant
Shaina Buccicardi
Brenden Bunker
Chris Cannon

Shantel Galindo
Nicholas Hartwell
Hanna Haviland
Jace Haviland
Brayden Johnson
Emily Leavitt
Kennedi Ludvigson
Mercie Martinez
Andrew Memmott

Mariah Munoz
Anthony Nyugen
Natalia Pacheco
Emma People
Wesley Phu
Aileen Quinones
Briana Todd
Tracy Vogel

Honor Society Mrs. Quinn

Melissa Aguirre
Emmalyn Barnum
Dylan Bryant
Brenden Bunker
Dalylah Chavez
Elizabeth DeLeon
Shantel Galindo
Shalee Hafen
Hanna Haviland
Jace Haviland
Marisol Jimenez
Kennedi Ludvigson
Emma People
Aileen Quinones
Tyson Wilson

Block V Awards Students must achieve 75 Points Through Leadership and Extracurricular Activities

Abigail Barnum
Emma Barnum
Abbie Boss
Alec Brandes
Dylan Bryant
Shaine Buccicardi
Brenden Bunker

Elizabeth De Leon
Shantel Galindo
Hanna Haviland
Jace Haviland
Kennedi Ludvigson
Brayden Johnson
Mariah Munoz

Eileen Navarro
Emma People
Eileen Quinones
Ryan Rushton
Isaac Talahytewa
Britton Wilson
Tyson Wilson
Cesar Zarate

Interact Club: Completed 30 Hours of Community Service

Haley Allen
Dylan Bryant
Chris Cannon
Shalee Hafen
Nicholas Hartwell
Hanna Haviland
Jace Haviland
Marisol Jimenez
Kennedi Ludvigson
Mariah Munoz
Anthony Nguyen
Emma People
Aileen Quinones
Tyson Wilson

2016-2017 Senior Student Body and Senior Class Presidency Recognition

Cesar ZarateStudent Body President
Kennedi LudvigsonStudent Body Vice President
Emma PeopleStudent Body Secretary
Falen HafenStudent Body Historian
Jace HavilandStudent Body Treasurer
Abbie BarnumSenior Class President
Shalee HafenSenior Class Vice President
Drew HartwellSenior Class Secretary
Hanna HavilandSenior Class Treasurer
Brayden JohnsonSenior Class Historiam

Yearbook Staff

Haley Allen
Jacob Colburn
Elizabeth De Leon
Aileen Quinones
Anthony Salazar

2017 VIRGIN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Outstanding Department Awards

English/Steve White	Emma Peoble
Math/Jan White	Brenden Bunker
Social Studies/Wittwer.....	Tatiana Bogarian
Science/Duncan	Wesley Phu
Woods/Jon Felix.....	Jose Rivera
Auto/Jeff Hughes.....	Fredy Gomez
Band/Graf.....	Isaac Talahytewa
Music/Palmer	Kennedi Ludvigson
Theatre/Zarndt	Hanna Haviland
Video Productions.....	Devin Cox
Art.....	Richard Nicolas

Mesquite Community Education Foundation

Abigail Barnum
 Dylan Bryant
 Justin Cazares
 Shantel Galindo
 Hanna Haviland
 Aileen Quinones
 Sam Strauss
 Briana Todd

Mesa View Physical Therapy

Drew Hartwell

Mesa View Hospice

Taylor Bulloch

Mesa View Homecare

Brooke White

Mesquite Veterinary Clinic

Shaina Buccicardi

Mesquite Sunrise Rotary Club

Melissa Aguirre
 Taylor Bulloch
 Marisol Jimenez
 Britton Wilson

Overton Power

Abbie Barnum
 Tatiana Bogarian
 Brenden Bunker
 Drew Hartwell

Primex Plastics

Brayden Johnson
 Kennedi Ludvigson

Taylor Fails Memorial

Dylan Bryant
 Reid Jensen

Skills USA

Thomas Lee

V.I.C.A.

Jose Rivera
 Marisol Sandoval
 Jace Haviland
 Thomas Lee
 Dalylah Chavez

Athletes of the Year

Hogan Fowles
 Bernice Fiso

2017 NIAA Southern Top Ten Student Athletes

Emmalyn Barnum
 Brayden Johnson

United States Air Force

Top Math Student
 Shantel Galindo
 Top Science Student
 Wesley Chun Phu

Adelson Medical Scholarship

Emma Peoble

NV Energy Powerful Partnership

Emma Peoble

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Emma Peoble

Southern Nevada

Symphony Orchestra

Isaac Talyhetewa

Nevada Telecommunications Association

John and Mary Louise Christian Memorial Scholarship

Jaret Tietjen

Idaho Consumer – Owned Utilities Association

Brenden Bunker

M. Anthony Burns Scholarship

Tracy Vogel

McDonald's Restaurant

Raudel Benitez
 Abbie Boss
 Alondra Jimenez
 Eileen Navarro
 Jose Rivera



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Congratulates
**THE CLASS
OF 2017!**

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when you get, give.”*

—Maya Angelou, 1928-2014

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