

# BMS eighth-graders earn awards, honors

BURLINGTON — Burlington Middle School eighth-graders were honored in a virtual celebration Thursday, May 28. The recipients of four special awards, as well as several academic awards were recognized. The virtual celebration can be viewed on the Burlington USD 244 YouTube channel at <https://tinyurl.com/244YouTube>.

The first special award, the Presidential Academic Award for Educational Excellence, was presented to 20 students in recognition of their academic success in the classroom. To be eligible for this award, a student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 for the first five semesters of middle school. In addition, they must have scored in the 85th percentile or higher on their math or reading MAP test or scored exemplary on the CCRS/NCLB/KCA math or reading assessment in grade 8 (or grade 7 if the results are not in) and be in good standing with the school.

Recipients of the Presidential Academic Award for Educational Excellence are Ethan Bartley, Johanna Carrasco, Jady Cheever, Damon Cook, Logan Curten, Brendan Devening, Chloe Guptill, Jackson Hageman, Allie Harris, Michael Ianacone, Landon Kraft, Emma Krueger, Kyla Lankton, Riale Mayors, Brody Reynolds, Ella Rolf, Cam Stadel, Brynna Wilson, Chandler Wright and Owen Yokum.

The second award, the Presidential Academic Award for Educational Improvement, was presented to 11 students who demonstrated outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in their academic subjects but do not meet the criteria for the President's Award for Educational Excellence.

Recipients of the Presidential Academic Award for Educational Improvement are Katie Dugar, Emma Garland, Bryce Lee, Ashdynn Lehmann, Cadence Myers, Parker Parsons, Hunter Reiling, DeMarcus Robinson-Everett, Yasmin Rogers, Kahne Truelove and Brody.

The third award, the Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) Citizenship Award, is given each year to one boy and one girl selected by the staff at Burlington Middle School. Students chosen for this award show respect for all citizens, school, community, flag and country. They demonstrate a tolerance and respect for beliefs and convictions of others and assume

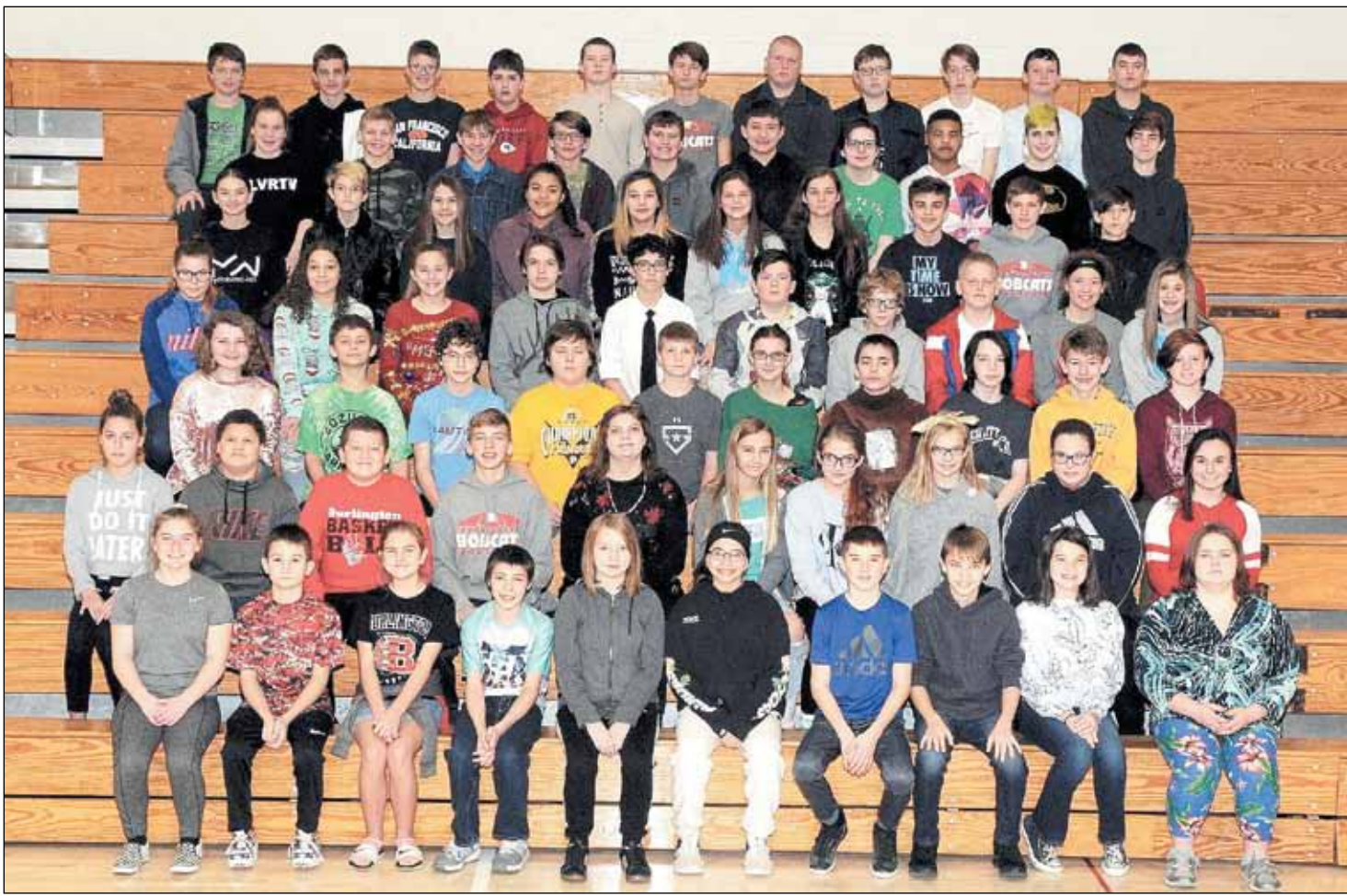


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Burlington Middle School held a virtual eighth-grade celebration on Thursday, May 28. The video can be seen on the Burlington USD 244 YouTube channel. Burlington Middle School eighth-graders are, from left, front row - Emma Garland, Sam Gilmore, Mallory Gilmore, Ayden Kelly-Stone, Allie Harris, Ava Ratzlaff, Jayce Briggs, Decovin Plummer, Chloe Guptill, Tiffany Johnson; second row - Laci Allen, Devin Brown, Toby Murray, Brody Reynolds, Phoebe Gallagher, Molly Birk, Madison Jones, Cadence Myers, Patty Hunter, Emri Kitt; third row - Kyla Lankton, Cadence Hartpence, Owen Yokum, Damon Johnson, Caleb Griner, Yasmin Rogers, Nate Clay, Avery Alexander, Briton Garland, Ivy Elmore; fourth row - Hannah Welsh, Layla Price, Ava Beyer, Montana Fringer, Kylie Borden, Damon Cook, Ethan Bartley, Hunter Reiling, Emma Krueger, Abi Parks; fifth row - Brynna Wilson, Haley Estrada, Ella Rolf, Johanna Carrasco, Carrigan Presley, Katie Dugar, Jady Cheever, Zane Hoback, Bryce Lee, Sabian Mann; sixth row - Harleigh Baker, Cam Stadel, Ashdynn Lehmann, Brendan Devening, Baylor Ernst, Sutton Sleezer, Logan Curten, Karson Bangs, Chandler Wright, Brody; back row - Mickey Carlson, Landon Kraft, Nate Griffin, Kahne Truelove, Kelly Buck, Riale Mayors, Trent Beaty, Mac Befort, Michael Ianacone, Jackson Hageman and Parker Parsons. Not pictured - Mo Allen, Colt Baker, Wyatt Burger, Quade Conkle, Dani Mudd, Lora Mudd, Katy Noonan, DeMarcus Robinson-Everett and Josh Urban.

a responsibility to build school and community pride through active participation in various projects. Also, they show a reverence for life.

The two recipients of the KSHSAA Citizenship Award are Kyla Lankton and Briton Garland.

The fourth award, the American Legion Award, is also voted on by the staff at BMS. The criteria for this award is very similar to the KSHSAA Citizenship Award, but the American Legion adds courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service, which are necessary for the preservation and protection of the fundamental institutions of our government and the advancement of society.

The two recipients of the American Legion Award are Chloe Guptill and Jackson Hageman.

Eighth-grade students were also recognized for receiving the following awards.

Perfect Attendance - Tiffany Johnson, Bryce Lee, Ashdynn Lehmann and DeMarcus Robinson-Everett.

Commendable Attendance (no more than one day absent) - Karson Bangs, Johanna Carrasco, Zane Hoback, Landon Kraft, Parker Parsons, Carrigan Presley, Yasmin Rogers and Owen Yokum.

All A's - Quade Conkle, Katie Dugar, Chloe Guptill, Allie Harris, Ashdynn Lehmann, Hunter Reiling, Ella Rolf, Brody, Brynna Wilson, Chandler Wright and Owen Yokum.

High Honor Roll All Quarters - Johanna Carrasco, Jady Cheever, Damon Cook, Logan Curten, Brendan Devening, Jackson Hageman, Caden Hartpence, Michael Ianacone, Emri Kitt, Emma Krueger, Kyla Lankton, Bryce Lee, Riale Mayors, Brody Reynolds, DeMarcus Robinson-Everett and Yasmin Rogers.

Honor Roll All Quarters - Harleigh Baker, Ethan Bartley,

Mac Befort, Devin Brown, Wyatt Burger, Montana Fringer, Briton Garland, Emma Garland, Patty Hunter, Landon Kraft, Cadence Myers, Abi Parks, Parker Parsons, Decovin Plummer, Carrigan Presley, Ava Ratzlaff, Cam Stadel and Kahne Truelove.

Academic Letters - Harleigh Baker, Karson Bangs, Ethan Bartley, Mac Befort, Ava Beyer, Devin Brown, Wyatt Burger, Johanna Carrasco, Jady Cheever, Quade Conkle, Damon Cook, Logan Curten, Brendan Devening, Katie

Dugar, Montana Fringer, Phoebe Gallagher, Briton Garland, Emma Garland, Caleb Griner, Chloe Guptill, Jackson Hageman, Allie Harris, Caden Hartpence, Zane Hoback, Patty Hunter, Michael Ianacone, Ayden Kelly-Stone, Emri Kitt, Landon Kraft, Emma Krueger, Kyla Lankton, Bryce Lee, Ashdynn Lehmann, Riale Mayors, Sabian Mann, Cadence Myers, Katy Noonan, Abi Parks, Parker Parsons, Decovin Plummer, Carrigan Presley, Ava Ratzlaff, Hunter Reiling, Brody Reynolds, DeMarcus Robinson-Ev-

erett, Yasmin Rogers, Ella Rolf, Cam Stadel, Kahne Truelove, Brody, Brynna Wilson, Chandler Wright and Owen Yokum.

Top Accelerated Readers - Jady Cheever, Owen Yokum, Bryce Lee, Kyla Lankton and Parker Parsons.

Top 5% in Language - Chandler Wright, Brynna Wilson, Johanna Carrasco and Owen Yokum.

Top 5% in Science - Alli Harris, Johanna Carrasco, Jackson Hageman and Ashdynn Lehmann.

Top 5% in Social Studies (Miss Leiker's class) - Brody Reynolds.

Top 5% in Social Studies (Mrs. Reed's class) - Jady Cheever.

Top 5% in Social Studies (Mr. Schuster's class) - Katie Dugar.

Most Improved in Social Studies (Mr. Schuster's class) - Sam Gilmore and Ava Ratzlaff.

Top 5% in Algebra - Owen Yokum.

Top 5% in Pre-Algebra - Brody, Katie Dugar and Riale Mayors.

Top 5% in Career and Life Planning - Johanna Carrasco, Owen Yokum, Chandler Wright, Brynna Wilson and Ella Rolf.

Top 5% in Computer Apps - Owen Yokum, Emma Krueger and Brynna Wilson.

MAP Testing Recognition - Avery Alexander, reading; Ethan Bartley, math; Mac Befort, reading and science; Johanna Carrasco, language; Jady Cheever, language, math, reading and science; Nate Clay, science; Logan Curten, math, reading and science; Brendan Devening, language; Caleb Griner, reading; Chloe Guptill, language, reading and science; Jackson Hageman, language, reading and science; Allie Harris, language and reading; Michael Ianacone, math, reading and science; Katy Noonan, language; Brody Reynolds, math and science; Ella Rolf, language and math; Brynna Wilson, language and reading; Chandler Wright, language, math, reading and science; and Owen Yokum, language, math, reading and science.

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Clara Traffanstedt, Caroline Traffanstedt, Cody Traffanstedt, Jorja Turek, Brayden Weiss, Hoyt Whitaker, Addison Wright, Triton Ybarra Hartford Junior and Senior High School - Kindleigh Clark, Devon Olgelby, Tanner Highley, Lilah Wilkinson, Coy Wilkinson, Hailee Heathman, Kathryn Katura Neosho Rapids Elementary - Lane Clark, Brody Clark, Margery Dains, Mila Wood, Chesney Nelson, Liam Anderson, Reid Anderson, Wyatt Todd, Walker Baird, Waylon Baid, Jameson Beemer, Carson Barnett, Parker Barnett, Kyla Bertsche, Konnor Hoover. Denied transfer student - Olpe schools - Devon Scott.

✓ Special Education Cooperative agreement.

✓ Appointment of Amanda Bess to the Southern Lyon County Educational Fund Advisory Board.

Due to COVID-19, student physicals will not be provided at the schools this year. It will be up to parents to get physicals this year. New KSHAA physical forms will be sent out to families. Old physicals will be allowed until fall practices are allowed to start. Honor roll certificates were given to 82 high school students and senior key chains, pens, and yard signs will be given to each graduating senior. Honor Flight flights have been suspended through Aug. 31. A thank you letter from the Emporia Chamber of Commerce was presented.

Argabright congratulated the seniors and parents. "The Board is proud of you and wishes you the best in the years to come." Other board member comments included, "Outstanding job to our teachers, staff, and kids on a job well done with the Continuous Learning Plan"; "Thank you to everyone for working on ZOOM meetings and transitions for staff"; "Congratulations and best wishes to all of our seniors!"

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