

Senior Spotlight

Jonathan "JJ" Knudson

Son of Nicole Brown (deceased) and Jeremy Knudson, JJ plans to attend the University of North Dakota to study computer science. In elementary school, he remembers winning a foot race against all the older kids. His friends and family would describe him as strikingly good looking and very humble. His favorite high school memory was the week Taco Johns opened, and they would skip class to eat there. In 10 years, he hopes to be sitting on a yacht in Miami, Florida. His class voted him most likely to mail order his wife and move to Miami. He would like to will his sarcasm to Mr. P, because he is pretty sure he gets mine 90% of the time. His favorite staff members were Mr. Thompson and Mr. Pokrzywinski.

By Andrea Johnston

is that without which no one can respect oneself, nor hope to attain the respect of others.” Alyvia Quibell added “Character is achieved and not received.”

“The responsibilities each of us has to our home community, our state, our nation and our world are many. As good citizens, we are bound to live up to the laws and guidelines, which unite us as a civilized society,” is what Reegan Aasand said about the group’s charge to be upstanding citizens.

Each new member stepped forward individually to receive a membership certificate, a flower and to place their signature into the registry as a lifetime inductee into the NHS or NJHS.

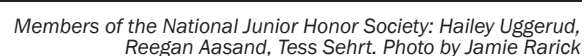
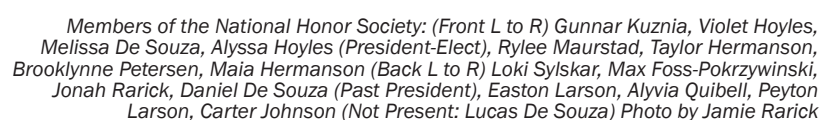
Before the ceremony came to a close, Superintendent Babinski awarded National Honor Society Pendant Stoles to the three seniors to be worn at their graduation ceremony on May 25. Those awarded were Easton Larson, Valedictorian, Rylee Maurstad, Salutatorian and Daniel De Souza, honor student.

Violet Hoyles was the first to describe everyday scholarship. “A student is willing to spend hours in reading and study, knowing the lasting benefits of a cultivated mind,” Hoyles explained. Easton Larson said “We should continue to learn even when formal education has ended, for human education ends only with the end of life.”

Peyton Larson spoke on the topic of service. "Service can be established in the routine of the day's work where many opportunities arise to help others both at school and in the community," she told the crowd. Later in the ceremony Rylee Maurstad describes service as "a willingness to work for the benefit of those in need without monetary compensation or public recognition."

Jonah Rarick was the first to speak about Leadership. According to Rarick, "Taking initiative in the classroom and in school activities, the real leader strives to train and aid others to reach their common goals of success." He closed with "Leadership is always needed; thus, to lead is a meaningful and substantive charge to each of our members." Also speaking of leadership, Taylor Hermanson said a leader "should exert a wholesome influence on the school."

The fourth characteristic, character, was addressed first by Melissa De Souza. She said “It [character]



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