



## MAYWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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# *Congratulations to the Class of 2026!*



*“You are the authors of tomorrow. Write boldly, live fully,  
and never stop learning.”*

*Maywood Public Schools 2026 Commencement Ceremony:*

*May 9, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.*

*in the High School Gym*

*Class Colors: Black and White*

*Class Flower: Gerbera Daisy*

May 2026



## Dally Buffington

Dally plans to pursue a career as a tattoo artist.



## Charlie Callis

Charlie will be attending Southeast Community College in Milford to study Automotive Technology.



## Sawyer Dibbern

Sawyer will attend Southeast Community College in Midford to study HVAC.



## Blayklee Farr

Blayklee will be studying Esthetics & Cosmetology at The College of Hair Design in Lincoln, Nebraska.



## Jordan Friend

Jordan will be studying Utility Line at Western Nebraska Community College in Alliance, Nebraska.



## Dallas Grunden

Dallas will be attending The University of Nebraska in Lincoln to study Agricultural & Environmental Science Communications.



## Jayden Harig

Jayden has decided that she is going to be joining the workforce.



## Raelene Lanning

Raelene plans to attend Southeast Community College in Lincoln, Nebraska to study Psychology.



## **Graci Peterka**

Graci has decided to study Marketing at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska.



## **Gwen Rutherford**

Gwen has enlisted to serve in the United States Army and complete EMT Certification.



## **Taren Sailor**

Taren has decided to study Business Administration at the University of Nebraska in Omaha.



## **Joseph Small**

Joseph has decided to serve in the United States Air Force.



## Karissa Stengel

Karissa plans to attend Fort Hays State University to study Nursing.



## Zach Wheat

Zach has decided that he is joining the workforce after completing his CDL.

Maywood's Valedictorians for the Class of 2026 are Dallas Grunden & Karissa Stengel.

The Salutatorian for the Class of 2026 is Blayklee Farr.

Four-year honor roll with distinction award recipients must achieve grades of 93% or above with an average of 95% for all 8 semesters of their high school career. The 2026 seniors that received this award are Dallas Grunden and Karissa Stengel.

Four-year regular honor roll award recipients must achieve grades of 85% or above with an average of 88% for all 8 semesters of their high school career. The 2026 seniors received this award are Blayklee Farr, Elizabeth Graci Peterka, and Taren Sailor.



**Charlie was awarded the following scholarships;**

- The Maywood Public Schools Administration, Faculty, & Staff Scholarship
- TRAEF SCC Academic Excellence Scholarship.

**Sawyer was awarded the following scholarships;**

- The Ag Calley Cooperative Scholarship Award
- The Dyle Fritsche Memorial Scholarship

**Blayklee was awarded the following scholarships;**

- Maywood TeamMates Chapter
- Consolidated Companies Scholarship
- The Ag Valley Cooperative Scholarship Award
- American Legion Auz. Scholarship of Nebraska Career & Technical Education
- College of Hair Design-Cosmetology Scholarship
- College of Hair Design-Esthetics Scholarship
- The Maywood Alumni Association Scholarship
- Chris Nelsen Memorial Scholarship
- Maynard Jensen American Legion Memorial Scholarship
- Nebraska Cattlemen's Scholarship
- V&M Incorporated Scholarship
- CosmoProf/Licensed to Create Scholarship

**Jorden was awarded the following scholarships;**

- Juan Baeza Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the class of 2020
- Western Nebraska Community College
- Henderson State Bank of Maywood Scholarship
- Lincoln County Farm Bureau Scholarship
- The Willis & Greta Roethemeyer Memorial Scholarship Trust

**Dallas was awarded the following scholarships;**

- The Haven & Virginia D. Smith Foundation Award
- Frontier County Farm Bureau Youth Ambassador Scholarship
- Nebraska Press Association Scholarship
- Nort Platte Area Chamber of Commerce Scholarship
- UNL Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Education
- Nebraska Cattleman's Association Scholarship
- Lincoln County Farm Bureau Scholarship
- The Ag Calley Cooperative Scholarship Award
- Frontier County Farm Bureau Board Scholarship Award
- American Red Cross Blood Services
- Nebraska Emerging Leaders Scholarship
- Nebraska Opportunity Grant
- UNL CASNR Scholarship
- Middle Republican Natural Resource District Scholarship

**Raelene was awarded the following scholarships;**

- Maywood TeamMates Chapter
- The Maywood Insurance Agency
- The Ag Valley Cooperative Scholarship Award
- Susan T. Buffett Foundation Scholarship
- TRFGE First Generation SCC Scholarship
- American Red Cross Blood Services

**Graci was awarded the following scholarships;**

- Maywood TeamMates Chapter
- UNL Emerging Leaders Scholarship
- Nebraska Opportunity Grant

**Taren was awarded the following scholarships;**

- Maywood TeamMates Chapter
- The Maywood Lion's Club
- Juan Baeza Memorial Scholarship Sponsored by the class of 2020
- Tom Hasen Memorial 4H Scholarship
- College of Business Administration Scholarship
- Consolidated Companies Scholarship
- Henerson State Bank of Maywood Scholarship
- The Ag Valley Cooperative Scholarship Award
- Frontier County Farm Bureau Board Scholarship Award
- Mid Plains Mutual Aid Fire District Scholarship
- Nebraska Promise Scholarship

**Karissa was awarded the following Scholarships;**

- Maywood TeamMates Chapter
- Albert G. & Bernice F. Hansen Charitable Foundation Scholarship
- Juan Baeza Memorial Scholarship Sponsored by the Class of 2020
- The Maywood Public Schools Administration, Faculty, & Staff
- Nebraska Bowhunters Association Scholarship
- Tom Hasen Memorial 4H Scholarship
- Nebraska Coaches Association Scholarship
- Career Discovery Days Community Hospital Scholarship
- Consolidated Companies Scholarship
- The Ag Valley Cooperative Scholarship Award
- Dr. Kellie Hansen-Hoffmann Scholarship
- Fort Hays Victor E. Scholarship Award
- Kay Weaver Memoria Nursing Scholarship
- The Maywood Alumni Association Scholarship
- Gail Wesch Memorial Scholarship



*Best Wishes to the Class of 2026 in your future endeavors!*



*"The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be."*

*-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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Maywood Public Schools would like to thank the graduating Class of 2026 for the variety of things you leave behind. You have paved many paths academically and athletically that will assist in the future success of our school and community. Your flavor-filled personalities that challenged peers, teachers, and parents presented new opportunities for everyone to learn and progress, so we can continue to strive for excellence.

We appreciate the time you put into assignments, community service for different organizations, and hours in the gym and weight room. You all helped set a precedent for what hard work looks like, that we need to offer grace and compassion to everyone, and that your thoughts and opinions are valuable.

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Many of these lessons will serve you well as you leave Maywood Public Schools.

Maywood Public Schools would also like to thank the Parents of the Class of 2026 graduates. You have shared these students with all of us and put in time, love, and energy to assist in the development of these talented students. Our school and community appreciates you!

Best wishes from the Administration, Board of Education, Teachers, and Staff at Maywood Public Schools!

Congratulations to the class of 2026!