

# CLASS OF 2024



# GRADUATES

## FIRST CRC - ROCK VALLEY



## “FOLLOWING THE LORD’S UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES”

Dear 2024 Graduate,

Congratulations on your graduation!

For some, your graduation is the next step on your academic journey of advanced learning. For others, this graduation is truly the opening of doors and windows to the workforce. In either case, your future is bright as you look ahead to the joy of taking your place in God’s kingdom with the unlimited opportunities that stand before you.

Unlimited possibilities stand before you. Opportunities to feed the world, care for the hurting, heal the sick, educate the next generation, design parts, or fix what is broken. The opportunities are truly endless in the vastness of the world that God has made and the skills that He has granted to each of you individually.

As you spread your wings in these moments, it is our prayer that you would always seek to praise God with your life and the gifts and talents that He has planted in you.

Praise Him for the encouragement of parents and friends who have encouraged your journey through the good days and the bad days. Praise the Lord for giving His Word to you. Allow His Word *“to be a lamp for your feet and a light on your path”* as the Psalmist says in Ps. 119:105, so that your passion, ambition, and courage would develop faithfully and fruitfully.

First, let your passion fuel you forward to learn more about a trade or craft, an occupation, or an opportunity that lies ahead. Never lose your passion to learn and grow about what you know and what you want to know better.

Second, let the Holy Spirit drive your ambition. So many people try to fuel this with passion or disregard it all together, but Holy ambition is the direction that passion needs to drive ahead. Your passion needs ambition to work. Otherwise, all the things you think about will remain on the back burner of your life. Don’t leave passion in the dust, put some ambition into it and get it done. Ambition is how this nation was founded and how every business, church and meaningful thing has come about. It takes ambition to get things done.

Third, let the Lord fill you with courage for the journey of life. Do not let the fear of failure, or the ‘what if’s’ of the mind stall out your passion or ambition at these crossroads of life.

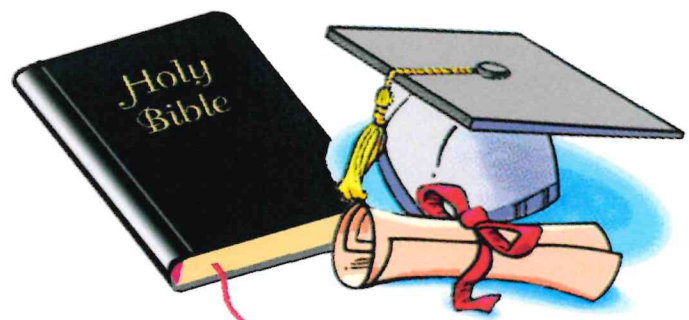
Crossroads need prayer and consideration, but they also need determination and courage given by God to your heart and soul to get through the obstacles. Make the decisions and follow the leading where God wants you to go. Promise me, and more importantly promise God, that when you are standing at the crossroad, you will never throw up your hands and quit!

There will be obstacles in your way. There will be times when you doubt your calling, your ambition, and your passion. But never, ever, doubt God. He is with you all the way. He is cheering you on today. He is celebrating your milestone and now He wants you to get down to business. His business.

His business is your work, in any and every trade He has gifted in you. Focus on the Lord’s business, beloved Graduate, and allow Him to see you through and strengthen you. God’s face shine upon each of you and give you His peace.

Congratulations!

Blessings,  
Pastor Matt



# EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity."

1 Timothy 4:12



**Kaysha Altena**  
daughter of Evan & Kim



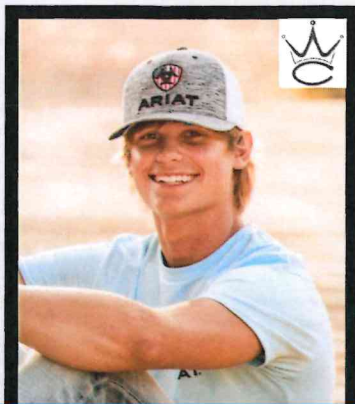
**Carson Grevengoe**  
son of Brad & Nanci



**Cole Van Der Brink**  
son of Dereck & LaRae



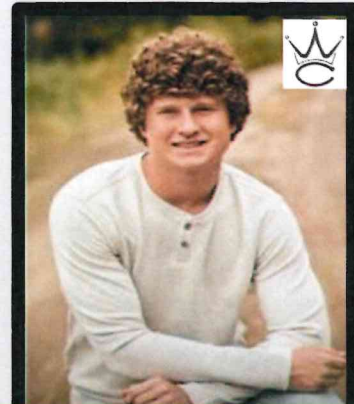
**Caleb Johnson**  
son of Sara & Cody



**Taylor Altena**  
son of Evan & Kim,  
is undecided for his plans  
after graduation.



**Rashana Mulder**  
daughter of Brian & Tricia,  
plans to attend Capitol Beauty  
School in Omaha for  
Cosmetology.



**Ryder Van Bemmell**  
son of Jeff & Kacie,  
is undecided for his plans  
after graduation.  
(possibly Harvard Law 😊)

**Western Class Verse:** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;  
in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6



**Logan Van Engen**  
son of Matt & Krista,  
is employed as a welder  
at Royle Tech MFG.



**Brea Van Kley**  
daughter of Nate & Laurie,  
plans to attend Dordt  
University and major in Nursing.



**Kayla Van Otterloo**  
daughter of Nolan & Julie,  
plans to attend Dordt University  
and major in Nursing.



## Our 2024 High School Graduates

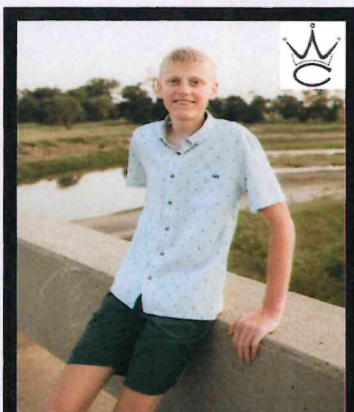


**Jenna Van Otterloo**  
daughter of Nolan & Julie,  
plans to attend Dordt University.

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**Samantha Van Otterloo**  
daughter of Starla,  
is employed at The Economy Shop.



**Ethan Van't Hul**  
son of Loy & Taryn,  
plans to seek employment  
after graduation.

**Rock Valley Class Motto:** We cannot become what we want by remaining what we are. ~ Max Depree



### Matthew and Julianna Van Otterloo

Matthew graduated from Dordt University with a degree in Animal Science. He will be attending Iowa State Veterinary College in Ames, Iowa this fall where he will study veterinary medicine.

Julianna graduated from Dordt University this past December with a degree in Business Administration: Marketing & HR and is actively looking for a job in the Ames area.

They will be moving to Nevada, Iowa this coming August.



### Macay Van't Hul

daughter of Loy & Taryn, is graduating in May from Northwestern College with a nursing degree. She will be employed at Unity Point in Des Moines working in Labor & Delivery.

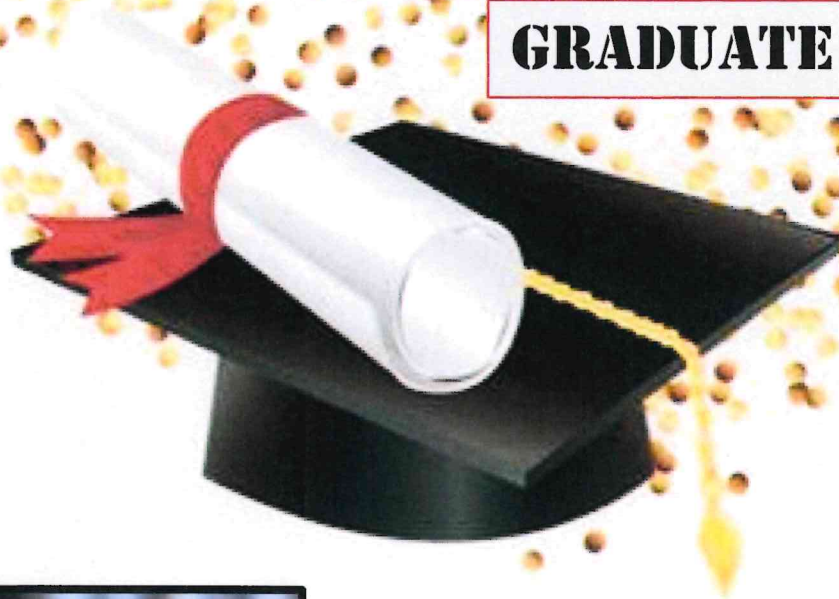


**Abby Postma** - Graduated from Dordt University with a degree in Engineering. She will be working at DGR Engineering in Sioux Center as a Civil Engineer. She will be getting married on June 28 to Caleb Dokter from Sioux Center. They will be making their home in Sioux Center.

**Allison Feenstra** - Graduated from Dordt University with a degree in Elementary Education and endorsements in reading, special education, and coaching. She will be teaching 3rd grade at Sioux Center Christian starting in the Fall. For the Summer, she will continue tutoring at Thrive Center for Achievement. She will continue to live in Sioux Center with her husband, Dawson Feenstra.



## GRADUATE SCHOOL




**Mary Kate LeLoux**  
is graduating from the  
University of Minnesota  
with a Master of Public Health degree  
in Maternal & Child Health.

She recently accepted a position as  
Assistant Coordinator with the  
Uganda Studies Program at  
Uganda Christian University.

Mary Kate and her husband, Jacob, look  
forward to moving to Uganda, East Africa  
with hopes to continue learning and  
growing alongside university students who  
call Uganda home for a semester abroad.





COMMIT TO  
THE LORD  
WHATEVER YOU DO,  
AND HE  
WILL ESTABLISH  
YOUR PLANS.  
-PROVERBS 16:3