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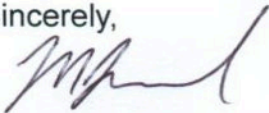
Independence Alumni Association
Mr. Dale Veverka
6934 Brookside Road
Independence, OH 44131

Dear Mr. Veverka,

On behalf of the students and staff of Independence High School, and especially the Class of 2026, I would like to thank you for your participation in our Senior Awards Day. A copy of the full program with the scholarship and award recipient names is included.

Please extend our appreciation to the Independence Alumni Association scholarship committee for their generosity. As we send our graduates to the next phase of their personal, educational and professional growth, know that you have made an important contribution to Senior Awards Day, within our IHS family, and to Haley and Kayla as they continue to represent the best of the Blue Devils on their next educational step.

Sincerely,



Mr. Michael Janatovich, Principal
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IHS Athletic Awards

Athletic Boosters Club

Senior Athletes of the Year.....Emily Gibbons, James Panichi

Four-Year Letter Recipients.....Allison Bohrer, Gianna Carlucci, Vincent Carriero, Tevin Cullison, Emily Gibbons, Elyse Grill, Samantha Haller, Kayla Hujarski, Owen Jenks, Anna Jirmasek, Matthew Jirmasek, MaryAnne LeRoy, Nathan Lu, Tate McGovern, Stephen Mlynarczyk, Madelyn Mudra, Nora Olexa, James Panichi, Sophia Pichert, Anthony Sobonya, Lucy Spencer, Brooke Vollman, Haley Wilson

OHSAA Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award..Anna Jirmasek, Alexander Waski

OHSAA Scholar-Athlete.....Lauren Dalrymple, James Panichi

NFHS Award of Excellence.....Elyse Grill, Stephen Mlynarczyk

CVC Sportsmanship Award.....Emily Gibbons, Alexander Waski

Exemplary Service Award.....Mary Anne LeRoy, Nathan Lu

OHSAA Courageous Student Award.....Joseph Fricano, Emily Gibbons

US Marines Corps Awards

Scholastic Achievement Award.....Tatiana Randjelovic

Distinguished Athlete Award.....Allison Bohrer, Anderson Sears

Semper Fidelis Music Award.....Tevin Cullison, Lindsey Lieu

IHS Awards

Babe Ruth Award.....Emily Gibbons, Alexander Waski

Balfour Award.....Matilda Averde

Cuyahoga Valley Career Center

Students of Excellence.....Xavier Shumay, Victor Walchanowicz

National School Choral Award.....Matilda Averde

John Philip Sousa Band Award.....Tevin Cullison

Dale Carnegie Award.....Steven Polasko

Presidential Award for Academic Excellence.....Matilda Averde, Brooke Balsler, Samuel Bernhardt, Allison Bohrer, Lauren Dalrymple, Landon Eichler, Joseph Fricano, Emily Gibbons, Rebecca Gibson, Owen Jenks, Samantha Kandzer, Addison Kolar, Paul Kundmueller, Gabrielle LaRiccia, MaryAnne LeRoy, Matthew Liepert, Lindsey Lieu, Nathan Lu, Tate McGovern, Madelyn Mudra, Braden Owen, James Panichi, Brooke Patton, Steven Polasko, Tatiana Randjelovic, Anderson Sears, Matthew Shamblen, Mae Sheehan, Lucy Spencer, Grady Wachs, Alexander Waski

Phi Beta Kappa Award.....Matthew Liepert

Independence High School



*Class of 2026
Senior Awards Program*

May 15, 2026

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS RECIPIENTS

TransImpact Impact 1
Scholarship.....Matthew Liepert, Madelyn Mudra

Independence Kiwanis

Excellence Scholarship....Lauren Dalrymple, Matthew Liepert, Giada Spisak,
Grady Wachs
Robert and Donna Agan Memorial Scholarship.....Kayla Newcomer
Howard Benes Memorial Scholarship.....Matthew Liepert
Jack Shallcross Memorial Scholarship.....Steven Polasko
John Scouloukas Memorial Scholarship.....James Panichi
Mel Kurtz Scholarship.....MaryAnne LeRoy
George Spilker Memorial Scholarship.....Giada Spisak, Grady Wachs

DiGeronimo Family Scholarships

Rich DiGeronimo Memorial Scholarship.....Kayla Newcomer
Sam DiGeronimo Memorial Scholarship.....Landon Eichler
Mary DiGeronimo Memorial Scholarship.....Nora Olexa
Don DiGeronimo Memorial Scholarship.....Matthew Jirmasek

Joe LaBella Memorial Scholarship.....Steven Polasko, Alexander Waski

India Festival USA Scholarship.....Matthew Liepert, Mae Sheehan

Entrepreneur At Heart.....Matthew Liepert

Indy Alive Scholarship.....Steven Polasko, Lucy Spencer

IHS Alumnae Scholarship.....Kayla Newcomer, Haley Wilson

Les and Carol Kovacs Scholarship.....Matthew Dubitsky

Allison Rose Foundation Scholarship.....Alexander Waski

Mike Zubic Memorial Scholarship.....Grady Wachs

Renee Roche Memorial Scholarship.....Allison Bohrer, Joseph Ficano,
Madelyn Mudra, Lucy Spencer

Ben Vitron Memorial Scholarship.....MaryAnne LeRoy, Lucy Spencer

Indy Youth Football Big Brother Award.....Stephen Mlynarczyk

Indy Youth Cheerleading Scholarship.....Lauren Dalrymple

ASLHS ASL Bridge Scholarship.....Alexander Waski

ASL++ Continuing Scholarships.....Gianna Carlucci, MaryAnne LeRoy

IHS Biology Society Scholarship.....Samantha Kandzer, Paul Kundmueller

Independence Art Guild Scholarship.....Giada Spisak

Stanley E. Skoczen, Sr. Memorial Scholarship.....Lauren Dalrymple

IPS PTO Positive Impact Scholarship.....Madelyn Mudra, Xavier Shumay

IMS PTO Scholarship.....Lucy Spencer

IHS PTO Scholarships.....Gianna Carlucci, Lauren Dalrymple,
Matthew Dubitsky, Landon Eichler, Emily Gibbons, Elyse Grill, Anna Jirmasek,
Matthew Jirmasek, Addison Kolar, Paul Kundmueller, Matthew Liepert, Gianna
Londrico, Nathan Lu, Tate McGovern, Gracie Mindzora, Madelyn Mudra,
Steven Polasko, Tatiana Ranjelovic, Liam Rienerth, Anderson Sears, Mae
Sheehan, Anthony Sobonya, Lucy Spencer, Giada Spisak, Brooke Vollman,
Alexander Waski, Haley Wilson, Vincent Zygmunt

Independence Music Boosters
Scholarships.....Matthew Liepert, Brooke Vollman

Educational Service Center Humanitarian Award.....Alexander Waski

Independence Classified Employees Scholarship.....Tevin Cullison

Independence Educators Association Scholarship.....Kayla Newcomer