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Welcome.....Dr. Emily Palmer
Principal

Program Introduction.....Herb Crowell
Counselor

Presentation of Honors, Awards and Scholarships

International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidates.....Tara Mennitt
Teacher

National Merit ProgramTara Mennitt

Wallin Scholars.....Natalee D'Amore
Counselor

Act Six Scholar.....Natalee D'Amore

Minnesota Masonic Scholarship.....Natalee D'Amore

Holly Firehammer Scholarship.....Natalee D'Amore

Pearl Park Scholarship.....Natalee D'Amore

Lynnhurst Area Recreational Council Scholars.....Natalee D'Amore

Village Scholars Art Scholarship.....Natalee D'Amore

Class of 2021 Valedictorians.....Herb Crowell

Virginia Mae Nelson Mooty Scholarship.....Herb Crowell

O'nika's Angels Educational Scholarship.....Herb Crowell

WHS Class of 1959-60 2-Year Scholarship.....Herb Crowell

WHS Class of 1959-60 4-Year Scholarship.....Herb Crowell

Washburn 2021 Scholarship Committee

Natalee D'Amore
Anna Grady
Tara Mennitt
Munira Mohammed
Aaron Percy
Jim Schmitt
Danielle Seifert
Amy Webster

Thank you to the Scholarship Committee for their hard work and dedication

*Special thanks to Erica Lebens-Englund, John McCreary, Linda Stuart,
Jen Crawford and Elizabeth Holmes for helping coordinate tonight's ceremony*

**Insert with Scholarship recipients available at conclusion of event*

**Recipients should consult their award envelope for details on claiming scholarship funds*

Village Arts Scholarship

For nearly a decade, the Village Scholars scholarship, funded by the Edward R. Bazinet Charitable Foundation, Jane Burkleo Scholarship Fund, and the Martha H. Gould Fund, has sought to foster the creative endeavors of graduating Minneapolis high school students by offering two or four year scholarships to students interested in pursuing an education and career in a creative field.

Wallin Foundation Scholarship: Wallin Education Partners is a proven college-completion program for high-potential students with financial need. Our scholars receive financial aid to reduce the cost of college and are connected with full-time, professional advisors that address each student’s unique needs. Recipients are awarded up to \$4,000 each year for a total of \$16,000.

Washburn Class of 1959 Scholarship: Recipient chosen by the Class of 1959 based on community service, citizenship and character.

ACADEMIC

IB Diploma Candidates: Internationally recognized achievement that requires students to take at least 6 IB courses over two years and earning enough points on all the exams plus taking the Theory of Knowledge course, putting in at least 150 hours of service, and writing a 4,000 word extended essay.

National Merit Scholars: Criteria to be a finalist include scoring at the 99th percentile on the PSAT and then continuing to compete through an application process. Approximately 15,000 students out of 1.5 million junior test takers are selected as National Merit Finalists. Students are usually awarded scholarships.

ATHLETIC

Athena Award: Class of 2021 Outstanding Female Athlete.

Miller of the Year: Class of 2021 Outstanding Male Athlete.

WASHBURN SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships are part of the “Washburn Scholarships” as determined by the committee of Washburn staff listed in this program. Applications were considered based on academic excellence, demonstrated service to the community, extracurricular involvement, essays, financial need, and feedback from Washburn teaching faculty. The philosophy of the committee is equally to help provide funding for post-secondary education for worthy and/or needy students, to use the scholarship platform as a way to simply honor our students’ performances, and to try to “spread the wealth’ as much as possible.

- Fairview Southdale Scholarship
- Kiwanis Scholarship
- Lillian Lindsten Scholarships
- Washburn Foundation Scholarship
- Harrington Scholarship
- Marilynn Fedderly Quist Scholarships

- Edie Thorpe Scholarship
- Kopp Family Foundation Scholarships
- Minneapolis Public Schools Endowed Scholarship
- Washburn High School Class of ‘56 Scholarship
- James Haugen Scholarship

- Concord Scholarship.....Herb Crowell
- HOPE Scholarship.....Herb Crowell
- Questbridge Scholar.....Herb Crowell
- George Floyd Legacy Scholarship.....Herb Crowell
- Athena Award.....Reggie Perkins
WHS Athletics Director
- Miller of the Year.....Reggie Perkins
- Sylvester Cup Scholarship.....Reggie Perkins

Washburn Scholarships

Herb Crowell

- Minneapolis Kiwanis Club Scholarship.....Dan Forstner
Teacher
- Fairview Southdale Scholarship.....Dan Forstner
- Edie Thorpe Scholarship.....Dan Forstner
- WHS Foundation Scholarship.....Dan Forstner
- Kopp Family Foundation Scholarships.....Dan Forstner
- James Haugen Scholarship.....Dan Forstner
- WHS Class of 1956 Scholarship.....Amy Webster
Counselor
- Minneapolis Public Schools Endowed Scholarship.....Amy Webster
- Harrington Scholarship.....Amy Webster
- Marilyn Fedderly Quist 2-Year School Scholarship.....Amy Webster
- Marilyn Fedderly Quist 4-Year School Scholarship.....Amy Webster
- Lillian J. Lindsten Scholarship.....Amy Webster
- Closing remarks.....Herb Crowell

Act Six Scholarship: Minneapolis-St. Paul's only full-tuition, full-need scholarship, Act Six brings together diverse, multicultural cadres of young people who want to use their college education to make a difference on campus and in their communities. Students are selected through a rigorous three-month competition among more than 1,100 applicants. These diverse student leaders were selected for their commitment to serving on campus and at home, passion for learning, eagerness to foster intercultural relationships, and willingness to step out of their comfort zones. The colleges will provide full-tuition, full-need scholarships over four years.

Concord Scholarships: Students are chosen by the Concord Foundation based on academics, service, character and activities outside of school. Nominations were made during their senior year.

George Floyd Legacy Scholarship: The George Floyd Legacy Scholarship was established by the Minnesota Vikings to benefit Twin Cities students pursuing a college education. The George Floyd Legacy Scholarship is a meaningful way to make a long-term, impactful investment in African American students and create a lasting legacy in George Floyd's memory. The recipient of this \$5,000 scholarship will be invited to visit the Minnesota Vikings training camp, meet the players, and be given tickets for a Vikings game.

Holly Firehammer Scholarship: Holly Firehammer is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Realty, specializing in residential real estate in Southwest Minneapolis for the past 30+ years. She had been looking for a way to give back to the community she serves, so she initiated this scholarship. Applicants for this scholarship are asked to write a short essay on "WHAT HOME MEANS TO THEM". Graduation is a time of change . . . as students make plans to head off to college, they're faced with the realization that leaving home is equally exciting - yet bittersweet. The essays are amazing and heartfelt!

Minneapolis HOPE Scholarship: The Minneapolis HOPE Scholarship began eight years ago to provide financial aid and mentoring to a student of promise. The scholarship is a \$3,000 scholarship, renewable for all four years of the student's college education. The awardee will have an adult mentor to help with any questions, provide networking whenever possible, and be a resource and adult contact during the four years.

Lynnhurst Area Recreational Council Scholarship: The Lynnhurst Area Recreation Council (LARC) and Washburn have enjoyed a strong partnership with many LARC participants going on to attend Washburn and some coming back to help out the LARC programs. This scholarship is one of the ways we maintain and celebrate our shared community. Recipients will be awarded with a \$1,000 scholarship.

Minnesota Masonic Scholarship

Minnesota Masonic Charities helps make college more affordable to worthy students with the Minnesota Masonic Charities Scholarships Program. The program is one of the largest and most comprehensive in the state, offering generous and renewable awards to genuine, hardworking high school seniors and undergraduate students. A Masonic affiliation is not required.

Virginia Mae Nelson Mooty Scholarship: Virginia Mae Nelson graduated co-valedictorian of her Washburn High School class in 1940. At Washburn she was a member of the Glee Club, National Honor Society, G.A.A., Girls "W" Club, City Wide Wearer, Magnets Girl Reserves, U.C. Club-the service organization for Washburn, and the Class Play Properties Committee. Ginny Mae went on to the University of Minnesota and graduated in 1943 at age 19 with a Bachelor of Science with high distinction. After getting married, Ginny Mae quit her business career in the publishing industry to raise their three sons. She remained very active in Minnesota politics and served as the State Chairwoman of the Republican Party and a delegate to state and national conventions. She was often called upon to speak at conventions and was routinely asked to introduce senators, governors, a Vice-President who became President and other national politicians who were speaking at events in Minnesota. Unfortunately, her brilliance ended prematurely when she tragically died at age 40. These scholarships are being awarded to Washburn's Valedictorians who have demonstrated academic excellence with the hope that recipients will follow in Ginny Mae's footsteps, further their education and use their excellent gifts and talents to have a positive and significant impact in their communities.

O'nika's Angels Education Scholarship: O'nika's Angels is a non-profit organization that began in the summer of 2020 following the murder of George Floyd and the uprising and riots in the Twin Cities. Our mission is to assist those in need with basic essentials, food shortage, financial needs as well the effects of the Pandemic Covid 19 had on our community. Through the generous donations to our organization, O'nika's Angels is proud to make this \$5,000 educational scholarship available to further a deserving high school student.

Pearl Improvement and Recreational Council Scholarship: A large number of Washburn students begin their sports careers at Pearl Park; many continue to practice, participate and coach at the park well into high school. The Pearl Improvement and Recreation Council (PIRC) scholarship is a one-time award of \$1000 given to seniors who demonstrate, through a thoughtful and succinct 500-word essay, what they learned through participation in Pearl Park sports and the impact Pearl Park sports has had on his/her life.

QuestBridge Scholar

QuestBridge is a national nonprofit based in Palo Alto, California that connects the nation's most exceptional students from low-income backgrounds with leading institutions of higher education and further life opportunities. By recruiting, developing, and motivating these students — beginning in high school through college to their early career — QuestBridge aims to help these students attend the nations' best colleges and to support them to achieve success in their respective careers and communities.

Sylvester Cup Scholarship: John Sylvester used the game of soccer to equip his players with a confidence that they can do anything, both on and off the field. He also embraced the following core values: - Inclusiveness (brings everyone together) - Ambassadorship (make others better) - Commitment (goes above and beyond) - Passion (love of the game) - Hard work (leaves it all on the field). John impacted the lives of generations of young soccer players in Minneapolis. This scholarship is presented to Washburn soccer players who have conducted themselves in line with John's values.