

To all Senior Students and Parents:

## **Senior Survey and Showcase**

The **Senior Showcase Survey** at <https://forms.gle/gMe7o5Uswj3JXpLf8> needs to be completed for two purposes.

The **first** is to provide the guidance office with information related to the senior's post-graduation plans. This includes where to send the final transcript (whether it is to a college, employer or military branch). *Failure to submit this form will not only result in our office having to track it down, but it will also result in delays having the final transcript sent out.* We understand that many have not heard back from the colleges they applied to, so please take some time to complete the Survey once a final decision has been made.

The **second** purpose is to celebrate the accomplishments and post-graduation plans of our Seniors. The information provided will be used to showcase our seniors through our social media platforms. Parents: Be aware, students have the option to opt-out of the Senior Showcase feature. As a family, if you would like your child to participate, please communicate your expectations to your child.

**\*Remember, this Senior Showcase Survey is one of the required items that need to be completed prior to graduation.**



**QR Code takes you directly to the Senior Showcase!**

### **One last reminder**

It's really important that seniors log back into Naviance and within the "Colleges I'm Applying To" tab, indicate the admissions decision outcome for each of the colleges to which they applied (accepted, denied, application withdrawn). This data is very important in helping future students search for colleges in Naviance.

Thank you all for taking the time to complete these tasks. Please contact your counselor with any questions. We look forward to being able to recognize all Seniors.

### **"Your Life, Your Choice" – Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

KHS seniors will once again be attending the "Your Life, Your Choice" program at Parkside on Tuesday, April 18, 2023. The program is organized by the local law enforcement agencies and designed to educate students on the dangers of drinking and driving prior to prom and graduation. Various speakers, skits and role plays will help to bring this important message across to our students. Students from neighboring high schools also attend this program that is extremely well received and we hope will have a lasting impact. If you would prefer that your student NOT attend this program, indicate so in writing and send the letter to the main office no later than Monday, April 17, 2023. Students will board school buses around 9 a.m. and return to eat "D" lunch. Teachers, counselors and administrators will accompany the students. All Auburn students who wish to attend will be excused from Auburn. Please let Mr. Kimpton know if you plan to attend so he can contact Auburn for attendance purposes. CCP students are welcome to attend. Students must follow the school appropriate dress code ... no T-shirts, no holes in jeans, no shorts, no yoga pants, etc. Please represent Kenston with pride, both in dress and behavior.

## **Senior Project Exit Interview and Exhibit**

All seniors participating in the Senior Project-Mentorship will have an exit interview during the school day on **Monday, May 22** in the AB Room at the high school. Students have been assigned an interview time. They will bring their daily journal, thank you note, actual time sheet and exhibit to the interview. They may set up the exhibit in the gymnasium following the interview. The exhibit should show what they did during their week at mentorship – pictures, videos, sample items, etc. Students should plan to arrive a few minutes early and wait in the chairs outside the AB Room until they are called for their interviews. Interviewees are staff members who volunteer their time to access the mentorship experience. Students should dress nicely and present themselves in a formal interview procedure. This entire senior project is a learning experience and will be treated as such.

## **Kenston Email Accounts**

Congratulations on your Senior Year!

As of August 1, 2023 your kenstonapps account will become suspended and inaccessible. You will need to transfer your [kenstonapps.org](https://kenstonapps.org) content to a personal gmail account. Please start this process before July 22, 2023, as it can take up to one week to transfer the content. Additionally, you can also download the content to a hard drive or flash drive by going to <https://takeout.google.com/>

Contact John Molnar, Director of Technology, at [john.molnar@kenstonapps.org](mailto:john.molnar@kenstonapps.org) or 440-543-3162 if you have any questions.

## **Community Service Award**

Seniors who have earned 120 hours of community service during their high school career and have submitted the proper paperwork to Guidance will earn the Community Service Award. This designation will be noted on their transcript and in the commencement program. Students will receive a cord to wear during commencement and will be recognized during the ceremony. To have their names appear in the commencement program, all **hours must be received no later than Friday, April 28, 2023**, before the program goes to print. Students should submit all hours directly to Mrs. Hanzak in the Guidance Office.

## **College Final Decision**

Students should contact all the colleges they applied to and **inform them of their final decision**. Students - allow the colleges you did not choose to release the spot they have reserved for you and give it to another applicant. If you are on a waiting list and it's your "dream school," you might want to write a letter to the dean of admissions, stating that you understand their decision and are still interested in their school. Keep it short and include any reasons you think the school would benefit from having you as a student. Send any awards, honors, extracurricular achievements or community service awards you've won since you applied. You might be on their wait list due to space, and once students confirm their final choice, a space might open up for you. If you have not heard by May 1, commit to your second-choice school and stay on your first-choice waiting list. Stay in touch to assure the dream school you are still interested, even a semester or a year later.

## **Senior Signing Day**

**Monday, May 1**, is National College Signing Day. All seniors are asked to stop by the Guidance table in the cafeteria during ALL lunch hours to sign a certificate and have their picture taken. Please wear the apparel of the college you have chosen and/or military or post-graduate profession. This is a Kenston tradition and these certificates will be included in the memory packets.

## **Senior Cap and Gown and Memory Packet pickup**

All seniors will need to make arrangements to come to the Guidance office during school hours **Monday, May 8 through Friday, May 12, 2023**, to pick up their cap and gown packets and memory packets. Students will be required to sign off when picking them up. Students may assign someone else to pick them up, but you must let Guidance know ahead of time and that person will need to sign off. **Call 440-543-3035** or email

[linda.hanzak@kenstonapps.org](mailto:linda.hanzak@kenstonapps.org). Hours are 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Any awards the students received that were not picked up at the Senior Awards or Athletic Awards assemblies will be available at commencement rehearsal.

## **Jostens Graduation Tassels**

Students borrowing a cap and gown from a former KHS student may purchase the 2023 tassel in the Guidance Office for **\$12.00**. **Those who ordered a cap and gown unit, the tassels are INCLUDED in the packet.**

## **Graduation Medal Mat**

All seniors are asked to sign their names on the Graduation Medal Photo Mats in Guidance. This is an annual Kenston tradition for seniors, and the photo frame mat is for the 2023 Graduation Medals. Please stop in Guidance to sign the mats.

## **Individual Graduation Announcements**

We have 25 individual 2023 Graduation Announcements available for purchase at \$1.50 each in the Guidance Office. First come, first served. Call Mrs. Hanzak at 440-543-3035 or email [linda.hanzak@kenstonapps.org](mailto:linda.hanzak@kenstonapps.org). This is great for those who want one copy for keepsake or to send one or two announcements to relatives.

## **Certificate of Recognition - Say "Thank You" to your special teachers**

Kenston Academic Boosters sponsors a Certificate of Recognition program. Seniors are encouraged to say **"thank you"** to a teacher or staff member who made an impact on their life and inspired them to excel and succeed. Certificates are available in the Guidance Office and must be returned to Guidance by **May 19, 2023**. Seniors can thank any teacher or staff member they had contact with throughout their entire school career in Kenston Schools.

## **Commencement – Tuesday, May 23 -- Parkside**

**The 2023 commencement will be held at Parkside on Tuesday, May 23 starting at 7:00 PM. Attendance at the rehearsal at 8:00 AM that morning is mandatory! If students are not at rehearsal at Parkside by 8:00 AM, they will not be permitted to participate in commencement at night!** For seating and walking assignments, students not planning to participate in commencement must advise the Guidance Office **IMMEDIATELY**. Call **440-543-3035** or email [linda.hanzak@kenstonapps.org](mailto:linda.hanzak@kenstonapps.org). The entire ceremony will be streamed live on our website.

## **Commencement Tickets**

Ticketing information for commencement will be emailed from the principal's office prior to graduation in May. **Make sure Guidance is informed of any email changes for residential and non-residential parents**, so tickets are allocated accurately. We expect to be able to distribute **six tickets per senior family**. (Please note: Twins and senior siblings are considered one family). Tickets will be available electronically and instructions will be given via email closer to graduation.

## **Senior Fees are Past Due**

Students with outstanding school fees have their Infinite Campus accounts locked at this time. **Seniors with outstanding financial obligations, school and AP test fees, library fees/books/calculators, cafeteria balances or sports equipment, etc. will not receive graduation tickets until all obligations are met.** In addition, those with outstanding financial obligations will not be permitted to go on Mentorship. **To pay outstanding fees, contact the KHS Bookkeeper Kim Martorana at 440-543-9821, ext. 2040. Senior Fees are due Monday, April 24, 2023.** Make checks payable to Kenston Board of Education or exact amount in cash.

## **Commencement Speakers**

Any senior who is interested in speaking at commencement should prepare a 3-4 minute speech (typed, double spaced) and submit to Mr. Gabram **no later than Friday, April 21, 2023**. Speeches may be shared through Google Drive or dropped off in the main office. Auditions will be held Friday, April 28, 2023 and students will be notified of their time. Students should be prepared to present their speech to a panel of judges consisting of staff and administration. Any questions, see Mr. Gabram.

## **Final Transcript**

Every college requires a FINAL transcript with the diploma date, final GPA and final grades! No exceptions. Even if the student is accepted at the college, they still need the final transcript for the student to schedule classes. All students must complete and submit a Consent for Record Release form to remain on file in Guidance. It is the student's responsibility to inform Guidance of the final college choice and where they want the final transcript to be sent.

## **Honors Diploma and Graduation Honors**

The following is a list of students who qualify for **Honors Diploma, Graduation Honors, Community Service and Four-Year Perfect Attendance Awards to date**. **If you feel you have earned an honor/award and do not see your name, see your Guidance Counselor immediately or call Mrs. Hanzak in Guidance at 543-3035 IMMEDIATELY.** Honors are based on:

*Summa Cum Laude* – all A's for **all coursework\*** awarded high school credit (see below\*\*)  
*Magna Cum Laude* – all A's with 4 credits of B or fewer for all coursework awarded high school credit  
*Cum Laude* – all A's with 8 credits of B or fewer for all coursework awarded high school credit (1 credit of C=2 credits of B)

\* **All coursework** includes math and foreign language taken in eighth grade, College Credit Plus classes, any online or distance learning classes, educational options, credit flex, transfer courses from other schools, etc.

\*\* When calculating summa, magna and cum laude, a grade of "B" in an Advanced Placement/CCP course is the equivalent of an "A" letter grade. One credit of a grade of "C" in an AP/CCP course is equal to two (2) credits of "B."  
**Courses that are retaken by students in order to secure a higher grade are not considered in order to qualify for Graduation Honors.**

+/- grades are not considered when determining summa, magna and cum laude awards.

## **SUMMA CUM LAUDE**

Hannah Anderson  
Mariam Arshad  
Ava Arslanian  
Caroline Beeman  
Emma Bobnar  
Hanna Busby  
Emily Collier  
Mary Cowan  
Laura Decroos  
Gaetano DiFini  
Mara DuBay  
Benjamin Gurd  
Benjamin Hamilton  
Maria Insana  
Samuel Koltas  
Emily Kratzert  
Madeline Ramsey  
Paige Spicuzza  
Viktoriya Taran

## **MAGNA CUM LAUDE**

Molly Bochenek  
Victor Como  
Anne Costello  
Jake Frygier  
Emma Gaskin  
Jack Jaeger

Lauren Jaroch  
Madison Jones  
Sarah Jones  
Carter Kluesner  
Jordyn Ladd  
Nicholas Lai  
Paige Masson  
Jonah Morgan  
Ava Nowak  
Abby Ohlsen  
Brooke Pagon  
Skylar Pagon  
Louis Polien  
Nathaniel Schaedler  
Molly Spehar  
Michael Surtel  
Taylor Thompson  
Cooper Timmons  
Katelyn Torres  
Eden Truax  
Justice Wolf  
Frederick Zoes  
Maya Zoretich

### **CUM LAUDE**

Naomi Brewer  
Sophia Cartellone  
Jailyn Davidson  
Emily Eichelberger  
Lauren Farrell  
Payton Fetzner  
Lucas Gulas  
Gianna Iosue  
John Jacobs  
Nathaniel Kirschman  
Kaitlyn Kowalczyk  
Trent Krueger  
Graham LaGanke  
Luke Leygraaf  
Nathan Lytle  
Caroline Neimes  
Jayme O'Neil  
Emma Parker  
Ella Pitz  
Matthew Strong  
Sara Strongosky  
Lily Tatara

### **HONORS DIPLOMA**

Hannah Anderson  
Mariam Arshad  
Ava Arslanian  
Elliott Bargiel  
Caroline Beeman  
Emma Bobnar  
Molly Bochenek  
Naomi Brewer  
Hanna Busby  
Sophia Cartellone  
Devin Cinch  
Emily Collier  
Victor Como

Anne Costello  
Mary Cowan  
Alexis Damiano  
Olivia Damiano  
Laura Decroos  
Gaetano DiFini  
Jackson Drozdowski  
Mara DuBay  
Daniel Eibler  
Emily Eichelberger  
Lauren Farrell  
Payton Fetzner  
John Flynn  
Walker Glime  
Jonas Grunden  
Benjamin Gurd  
Benjamin Hamilton  
Anna Hammerle  
Maria Insana  
Gianna Iosue  
John Jacobs  
Jack Jaeger  
Lauren Jaroch  
Madison Jones  
Nathaniel Kirschman  
Carter Kluesner  
Samuel Koltas  
Kaitlyn Kowalczyk  
Emily Kratzert  
Charles Kress  
Trent Krueger  
Jordyn Ladd  
Graham LaGanke  
Nicholas Lai  
Jessica Lesner  
Sophia Lowe  
Max Marra  
Paige Masson  
Jonah Morgan  
Parker Munday  
Caroline Neimes  
Ava Nowak  
Jayme O'Neill  
Abigail Ohlsen  
Cecelia Paglia  
Brooke Pagon  
Skylar Pagon  
Chase Parker  
Emma Parker  
Robert Phillips  
Ella Pitz  
Louis Polien  
Madeline Ramsey  
Jack Rieger  
Quinn Rinke  
Josue Rios  
Nathaniel Schaedler  
Molly Spehar  
Paige Spicuzza  
Matthew Strong  
Sara Strongosky  
Allen Studer

Michael Surtel  
Viktoriya Taran  
Taylor Thompson  
Cooper Timmons  
Katelyn Torres  
Aiden Truax  
Eden Truax  
Neil Wachter  
Olivia Walker – STEM also  
Justice Wolf  
Maya Zoretich

**COMMUNITY SERVICE – 120 Hrs. (submitted to date)**

Hannah Anderson  
Ava Arslanian  
Caroline Beeman  
Samantha Bergansky  
Emma Bobnar  
Molly Bochenek  
Hanna Busby  
Victor Como  
Anne Costello  
Alexis Damiano  
Olivia Damiano  
Jailyn Davidson  
Laura Decroos  
Cayla DiBernardo  
Gaetano DiFini  
Mara DuBay  
Daniel Eibler  
John Flynn  
Emme Gilbert  
Tyler Gunner  
Benjamin Gurd  
Benjamin Hamilton  
Anna Hammerle  
Maria Insana  
Lauren Jaroch  
Madison Jones  
Nathaniel Kirschman  
Samuel Koltas  
Emily Kratzert  
Charles Kress  
Trent Krueger  
Nicholas Lai  
Jessica Lesner  
Connor Mustin  
Brooke Pagon  
Emma Parker  
Robert Phillips  
Ella Pitz  
Madeline Ramsey  
Quinn Rinke  
Nathaniel Schaedler  
Ramsey Smith  
Paige Spicuzza  
Matthew Strong  
Chase Tuller  
Olivia Walker

## **4-Yr Perfect Attendance**

Nathan Lytle

### **Upcoming events:**

Monday, April 17 – Senior assembly during homeroom – main gymnasium

Tuesday, April 18 – Seniors to Parkside for “Your Life, Your Choice” program

Monday, April 24 – Senior assembly during homeroom in Auditorium to review Mentorship and Graduation

Monday, May 1 – Senior National College Signing Day in the cafeteria during lunch hours

May 1-12 - AP Testing in-person at KHS (students will be notified)

Saturday, May 6 – Senior only prom, Sun Valley Party Center, 6-10 p.m.

Thursday, May 11 – Last day for Seniors going on Mentorship

Friday, May 12 – Scholarship Reception by invitation only, KHS Auditorium, 8:00 AM

May 15-19 – Mentorship - Senior Project

Friday, May 19 - Last day of classes for seniors not on mentorship

(all fees must be paid and chromebooks, etc. returned)

Monday, May 22 – Senior Project Exit Interviews (during the day) and Exhibit at 6 p.m. in KHS gymnasium

Monday, May 22 – Senior Awards Night, 7 p.m., Robert E. Lee Auditorium, by invitation only

Tuesday, May 25 – Commencement, 7 p.m., Parkside, tickets emailed through Hometown Ticketing

**All students MUST attend rehearsal at 8:00 a.m. May 25 in order to participate in the commencement ceremony that evening. Report directly to Parkside on Pettibone Road.**