



*For I know the plans I
have for you, declares the
Lord, plans to prosper
you and not harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future.*

Jeremiah 29:11



St. Peter's Church, West Penn

Graduate Recognition Sunday

June 25, 2023

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

It's that time of year again when we honor those who have achieved the distinction of graduating – whether it be from college, technical school, high school, or preschool. Please join with us in celebrating the accomplishments of the following young people who are part of the St. Peter's family:

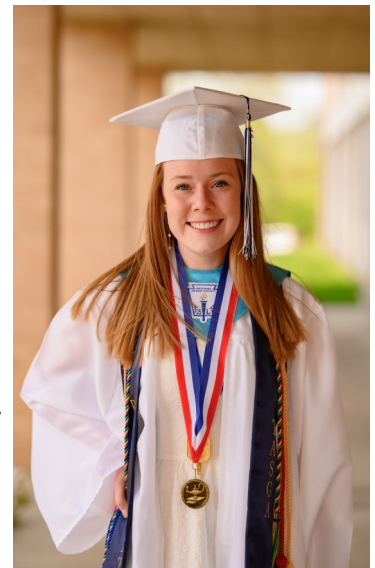


College –

Dr. Andrea Lynn Iacoviello, D.P.T, daughter of Tammy and the late James Iacoviello, sister of Dr. Anthony Iacoviello, M.D., graduated in May from Lebanon Valley College with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy. She is a member of APTA (American Physical Therapy Association). Andrea plans to secure a fulltime PT position post-licensing board exam in July.

High School –

Ashlyn Elizabeth Houser, daughter of Nathan and Joanne Houser. Ashlyn graduated 5th in her class from Tamaqua Area High School. While in high school she was a member of Tamaqua Area Student Government Association (TASGA) and was president her senior year. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, English National Honor Society and the World Language Club. Ashlyn was a 4-year varsity player for the Tamaqua Volleyball Team and was captain her senior year. Ashlyn's future plans are to attend Lebanon Valley College to pursue her doctorate in Physical Therapy.





Riley MacMillan, daughter of Jennifer and Bradley MacMillan. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, and Math National Honor Society. Riley played on the Lady Raiders soccer team. She participated in Biology club, T.A.S.G.A as a Senator, Raider StepUp, Aavidum, and St. Luke's Mentorship program. Riley enjoys spending time with family, skiing, and fishing. She is attending DeSales University with a major in Medical Studies to become a Physician Assistant.

Marissa Lynn Miller, daughter of Joan and Allen Miller, graduated from Tamaqua Area High School. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Math Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, and English Honor Society where she served as vice president. She was also a member of the Tamaqua Area Student Government Association where she served as vice president, Raider Step-Up, World Language Club, and the Lady Raider Soccer team for two years. Outside of school, Marissa will be finishing her 11th and final year as a member of the West Penn Community 4-H Club where she is currently president. She graduated as the 2nd top business student in her class, and will continue to pursue business at Lehigh Carbon Community College. Marissa then hopes to attend Penn State University for a degree in Agribusiness Management with a minor in Animal Science.





John Nakata, son of Sherry Nakata and the late John "Phil" Nakata. John is a 2023 graduate from Tamaqua Area High School. He was a 4-year member of the varsity soccer team and a member of the ski club. John received honors throughout his high school career. John will be attending Lehigh Carbon Community College and major in General Studies. He then plans to transfer to a university to receive a degree in Computer Science.



St. Peter's Preschool –

Madison Susan Coombe, daughter of Shane and Yvonne Coombe, and sister of Liam, graduated from St. Peter's Preschool in May 2023. Madison likes to dance, read, and go to Disney. She will begin homeschooling in the fall.





Mason Charles Hunsicker, son of Josh and Nicki Hunsicker and brother of Tate. He graduated from St. Peter's Preschool in May 2023. Mason enjoys playing games, riding his bike, playing baseball and soccer. Mason plans on being a future baseball player. He will be Attending Tamaqua Elementary in the fall.



Adalynn Jane Kistler, daughter of Michael and Samantha Kistler and sister of Brynley Kistler, graduated from St. Peter's Preschool in May 2023. She will be attending Kindergarten at the Lehigh Area Elementary Center in the fall. While at St. Peter's Preschool, Ady made many friends, learned her ABCs and 123s and had a lot of fun along the way. Adalynn is looking forward to a summer full of gymnastics, horseback riding, swimming, and visits to the park and local ice cream shop before school resumes in the fall. Thank you to Mrs. Nametko and Mrs. Houser for giving Adalynn an enjoyable and unforgettable preschool experience!



We thank God for the gift of these young people to their families, to our faith community, and to the world in which they live. May all that they do today and in the future be a reflection of God's glory!

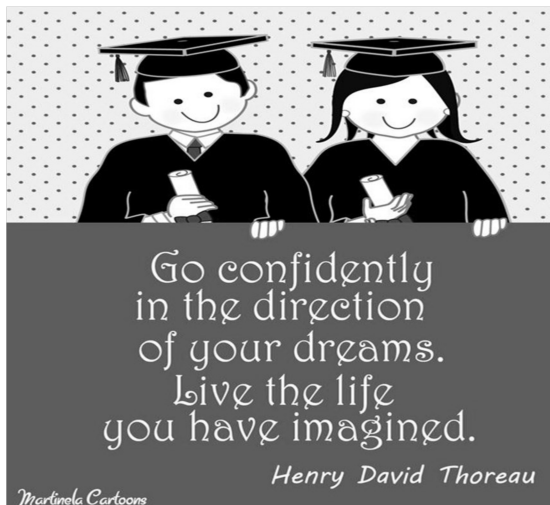
Congratulations and many prayers for success for each of you in the months and years ahead!

*What great feeling to dawn this day,
You've made the grade, you're on your way.
Adulthood looks you in the eye,
You'll soon decide how high to fly.
Your childhood bore so many thoughts
Of friends, of tears, of what life taught,
But now you face a whole new view,
Your dreams will surface, encompass you.*



*That cool diploma you'll take to stay,
Now that's a trophy to tuck away.
Always remember how great the feel,
There is but one graduation deal.
Many years have carried you this far,
Now wear that cap, today you star.
Give thanks to God before you depart,
And to teachers, parents, and friends from your heart.*

~ adapted from Roger J. Robicheau



“Everything’s always ending. But everything’s always beginning, too”.

— Patrick Ness

“There is no passion to be found in playing small, in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living”.

— Nelson Mandela

“Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened”.

— Dr. Seuss

“You may never know what results come of your action, but if you do nothing there will be no result”.

— Mahatma Ghandi

“The noblest question in the world is: What good may I do in it”?

— Benjamin Franklin

“Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm”.

— Winston Churchill

“Don’t underestimate the power of your dreams”.

— Corinna Kong

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us”.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

“The important thing is not to stop questioning”.

— Albert Einstein

“There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind”.

— C.S. Lewis

“The best way to predict your future is to create it”.

— Abraham Lincoln

“No, sky is not the limit. It is only the beginning”.

— Donovan Livingston

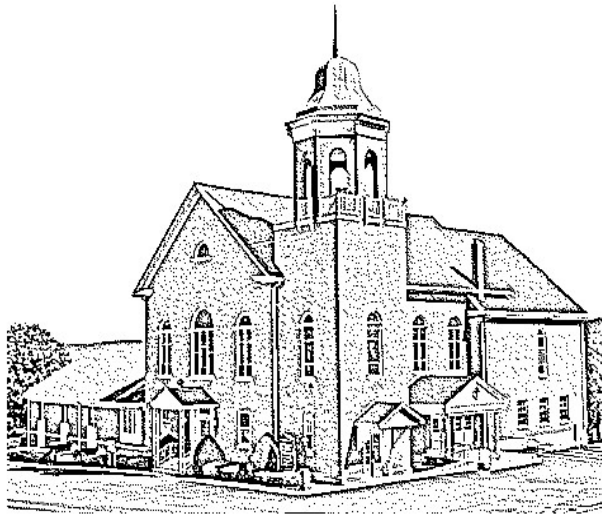
“Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail”.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Dream big. Work hard. Think for yourself. Love everything you love, everyone you love, with all your might. And do so, please, with a sense of urgency, for every tick of the clock subtracts from fewer and fewer”.

— David McCullough Jr.

“Wherever you go, go with all your heart”. — Confucius



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