



Presents:

EVENING OF EXCELLENCE

Thursday, April 24th, 2025

The Monument

Class of 2025



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PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies for the Evening

Lara Roetzel

*Rapid City Public School Foundation Board Member and
Incoming President*

Welcome

Sharon Lee

Rapid City Public School Foundation Founder

Teacher of the Year

Ross Hunter

*Rapid City Area School's Teacher of the Year
Southwest Middle School*

Presentation of Students of Distinction

Katy Urban and Michael Birkeland

Rapid City Public School Foundation Board Members

Special Recognition Awards

Lara Roetzel and Matt McCormick

Rapid City Public School Foundation Board Members

Closing Remarks

Sara Hornick

*Rapid City Public School Foundation,
Executive Director*

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR FOUNDATION MAKES A LASTING IMPACT IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Your contribution will help us achieve our mission to enhance and enrich the educational experience of students, to recognize and inspire those who guide student learning, and to increase community support for public education.

This year, the Foundation hosted the first-ever Excellence in Education. We recognized the Teacher of the Year from each of the 22 schools in the Rapid City Area Schools. In addition, we recognized for the first time, Support Person of the Year for each building and the Years of Service for all the Rapid City School District. In all, we recognized over 250 staff!



Every year, we host the Evening of Excellence where we honor the top 5% of the graduating classes of Central and Stevens High Schools and two distinguished graduates with special needs. This year, we also honored, for the first time, Volunteer of Excellence awards and Pathway to Excellence awards from each school.

Our Foundation is also on track to give away almost \$30,000 worth of grants in the Rapid City School District thanks to generous donors like you!

We appreciate your gift to support the Rapid City Public School Foundation!

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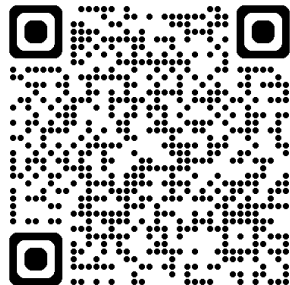
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Name: **Lauren Knapp**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Adam Dannenbring, Stevens High School

Name: **Julia Mitchell**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Alicia Coyne, Stevens High School

Name: **Miriam Ostler**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Alicia Coyne, Stevens High School

Name: **Tianna Boerke**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Amanda Caron, Central High School

Name: **Owen Darger**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Andrew Belsaas, Central High School

Name: **Elsa Grimsrud**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Andrew Martin, Valley View Elementary

Name: **Kelty Silbernagel**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Brandi Christoffer, North Middle School

Name: **Elise Nopola**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Brendon Sato, Central High School

Name: **Olivia Pozorski**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Brendon Sato, Central High School

2025 STUDENTS OF DISTINCTION

Name: **Hannah Lapp**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Brody Griffin, Central High School

Name: **Aidon Griffin**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Callum Dewar, Central High School

Name: **Jack Monroe**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Carol Knowles, Valley View Elementary

Name: **Olivia Boerger**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Carrie Huber, Stevens High School

Name: **Sydney Miller**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Carrie Huber, Stevens High School

Name: **Owen Coody**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Dr. Andrew Smith, Stevens High School

Name: **Katelinn Ohrtman**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Dr. Andrew Smith, Stevens High School

Name: **Mason McGregor**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Dr. Robert Riggs, Central High School

Name: **Kelsi Kroeger**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Emily McGruther, Central High School

2025 STUDENTS OF DISTINCTION

Name: **Kaylie Tupper**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Emily Pflaum, Central High School

Name: **Ephraim Manasseh B. Roque**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Erik Iverson, Stevens High School

Name: **Isabela Griffin**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Geoffrey Sheehy, Central High School

Name: **Rylie Sleep**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: George Dragoo, Stevens High School

Name: **Dylan Tipton**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Janelle Farris, Stevens High School

Name: **Addison Hock**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Jen Roark, Stevens High School

Name: **Marieda Kalahar**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Jennifer Haar, Stevens High School

Name: **Amelia Schaeffbauer**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Jimmy Reed, Central High School

Name: **Claire Comes**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Joey Lore, Central High School

2025 STUDENTS OF DISTINCTION

Name: **Emma Dressler**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Lisa Evans, Stevens High School

Name: **Joshua Alexander Hernandez-Campos**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Melissa Hadorn, Central High School

Name: **Opal Nelson**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Sean Bradley, Stevens High School

Name: **Braiden Blenner**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Seth Keene, Stevens High School

Name: **Miles Brekhus**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Seth Keene, Stevens High School

Name: **Emerson Hofer**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Shannon Bren, Southwest Middle School

Name: **Olivia Miller**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Shannon Bren, Southwest Middle School

Name: **James Rus**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Shannon Bren, Southwest Middle School

Name: **Joseph Johnston**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Todd Johnson, Central High School

2025 STUDENTS OF DISTINCTION

Name: **Bryn Marietta**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Tyler Olson, Stevens High School

Name: **Kylie Meier**

School: Central High School

2025 SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Stevens High School Volunteer of Excellence

Name: **Miriam Ostler**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Alicia English, Stevens High School

Central High School Volunteer of Excellence

Name: **Amelia Schaefbauer**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Audra Franke, South Middle School

Stevens High School CTE Pathway to Excellence

Name: **Patty Timmons**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Genetie Hendrix, Stevens High School

Central High School CTE Pathway to Excellence

Name: **Tyler Barker**

School: Central High School

Teacher: First Sergeant Ryan Wheele, Central High School

Student of Distinction: Raider Spirit Award

Name: **Joshua Burckhard**

School: Stevens High School

Teacher: Michelle Chuplis, Stevens High School

Student of Distinction: Cobbler Spirit Award

Name: **Grayce Holzer**

School: Central High School

Teacher: Kelsey Jones, Central High School

Congratulations **GRADUATES!**

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