

Meet the 2026 Heritage Hills High School graduates

Ashley Adcock is the daughter of Justin and Katie Adcock of Dale.

Adelynn Starr Ambs is the daughter of Jason and Samantha Ambs of Lamar. She participated in the National Barrel Horse Association, National Little Britches Rodeo Association, and 4-H Club. After graduation, Ambs plans to attend community college to earn a nursing degree.

Dacie Angeles is the daughter of Antonia and Maria Angeles of Dale. She was a member of Pep Club and VOICE for two years. Her accomplishments include keeping up with grades throughout high school. After graduation, Angeles plans to attend Vincennes University Jasper Campus to complete a medical assistant courses program and find a good paying job.

Caraline Arning is the daughter of Melissa Arning of Dale. She was a member of band for four years, including marching and concert. Arning was also involved in art and Beta Club. Her accomplishments include being recognized as Most Outstanding Musician four times, Top Art Student twice, earning first place for self-portrait drawing, being the Topical winner in a poem contest, ranking first in drawing for Division II and Best in Show Division II in Beta Club. Arning's marching band also won State Scholastic B ISSMA in 2024 and she also earned three gold ratings in both Solo and Ensemble District and Solo and Ensemble State. After graduation, she plans to attend DePauw University to major in psychology with minors in music, English, and fine arts.

Cordelia Arning is the daughter of Melissa Arning of Dale. She was a member of marching band for three years. Her accomplishments include being named Top Student in earth and space as well as integrated chemistry and physics. Arning is also graduating summa cum laude. After graduation, she plans to attend Brescia University to study accounting and finance while also working part time at Spencer County Bank.

Hayley Arnold is the daughter of Amber and Kevin Arnold of Santa Claus. She ran cross country for four years, track for three, and Girls on the Run as a senior. After graduation, Arnold plans to earn her CNA license and work in a nursing home.

Addison Leigh Asbury is the daughter of Joe and Lisa Asbury of Santa Claus. During high school she was involved with the Riley Dance Marathon and Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a member of National Beta Club, and played varsity soccer for

four years and basketball for three. She was named a Rising Star of Indiana Class of 2026, earned the Heritage Hills Patriot Award, and was named a Top Student in biomed, body systems, anatomy, and principles of business. Asbury earned two honors in the HBCA District, the WITZ/Kunkel Insurance Agency Academic Excellence Award, FCA Character Counts Award, Soccer Academic All-State/All-Conference, the Soccer Leadership Award, and is ranked No. 1 in her class. After graduation, she plans to attend Indiana University to study pre-medicine to become a physician.

Crystal Auffart is the daughter of Terry and Donna Auffart of St. Meinrad. She was a member of choir for three years and Young Women Lead and Pep Club for one. After graduation, she plans to attend college and then own her own food truck with mainly desserts, but sandwiches and donuts in the morning.

Dylan Ray Bass of St. Meinrad is the son of Connie Goodman and Josh Owen. He excelled in computer science, physical education, Chess Club, study skills, and Chromebook repair. His accomplishments include completing multiple coding projects and repairing many Chromebooks. Bass intends to go straight into the workforce.

Danielle Beier is the daughter of Jeni and Todd Beier of Mariah Hill. She was a swimmer and diver and a member of Future Farmers of America throughout high school. Her accomplishments include crop scouting, lettering in diving for four years, and maintaining perfect attendance as a sophomore. After graduation, Beier plans to go straight into the workforce to become a heavy equipment operator.

Gabriella Beier is the daughter of Todd and Jennifer Beier of Mariah Hill. She earned the U.S. History Award, was recognized for being hardworking and responsible, maintained a good GPA, and is joining the military. After graduation, Beier plans to serve in the U.S. Air Force for four years and attend Murray State to earn a master's degree in computer software engineering and a bachelor's degree in biomedical science.

Kenley Rae Bell is the daughter of Matt and Amanda Bell of Dale. Her memberships included the tennis, basketball and volleyball teams, as well as Fellowship of Christian Athletes for four years and 4-H Club for 10. She earned honor roll recognition for six years and as a 10-year 4-H Club member, and was honored for volleyball, HBCA Academic All-state/All-Conference,

HBCA Academic Honors court, IBCA Academic All-Conference Honorable Mention, Tennis Singles All-Conference, Tennis Singles All-District, was voted Season MVP in tennis, and served as captain for the tennis, volleyball, and basketball teams. After graduation, Bell plans to attend Purdue University to study general business with the intention of owning her own salon.

Matthew Birk of Santa Claus is the son of Jeffrey and Donna Birk and Trisha Gogel. He played football as a freshman and sophomore and raced dirtbikes, motocross/arena cross as a junior and senior. After graduation, Birk plans to work full time at Winkler until he can apprentice as an electrician.

Caiden Bosley is the son of Justin and Susan Bosley of Santa Claus. His memberships included track and field as well as Fellowship of Christian Athletes throughout high school. He was a silver medalist in the Hoosier State Relays 60-meter dash. Bosley also set the Heritage Hills High School 100-meter dash record, 200-meter dash record, and is a four-time 100-meter dash relay record holder. He also lettered three times in track and field. After graduation, Bosley plans to run track at Bethel University and study exercise science for four years to become a physical therapist.

Isaiah Bosley is the son of Justin and Susan of Santa Claus. He participated in track and field and Fellowship of Christian Athletes for four years, soccer for three, and basketball for one. His accomplishments include being in the top 10% of his class, lettering twice in soccer and four times in track and field. After graduation, Bosley plans to attend Bethel University to run track and study exercise science and prepare for a career in physical therapy.

Gavin Bratcher of Lamar is the son of Zachary Bratcher and Ashley Hermann. He ran track and field for three years and was a one year spell bowl team member. After graduation, Bratcher plans to attend the University of Southern Indiana to study electrical engineering.

Austin Braun is the son of Kris and Kristina Braun of Evanston. He played football and was a Future Farmers of America member for four years, wrestled for two, and track for one. After graduation, Braun plans to attend Owensboro Community Technical College to study radiography.

Jadyn Lynn Braunecker is the daughter of Randy and Melissa Braunecker of Ferdinand. Her memberships included Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Pep Club

throughout high school and the track team for three years. After graduation, Braunecker plans to attend Vincennes University to become a vet assistant.

Jack Douglas Brentlinger is the son of Janelle and Mike Brentlinger of Santa Claus. He played soccer, was a swimmer and diver, and a track and field team member for four years. Brentlinger was also a member of Business Professionals of America for two years. He was named most improved on the boys swim team as a freshman, earning most points scored in swim and dive as a senior, was a member of the undefeated soccer team in the conference as a junior, earning All-Academic in soccer for 2024 and 2025 by the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association, was a regional and conference champion in soccer as a senior, a 2025 state qualifier for 3,200-meter relay in track and field, a state qualifier for personal financial management in BPA for the years 2025 and 2026, and was also in the top 10% of his freshman class. After graduation, Brentlinger plans to attend Purdue University to earn an integrated business and engineering degree. He is interested in this program because it involves technical problem solving with leadership and decision making. Ultimately, he plans to earn a degree that will challenge him and can make a meaningful impact by solving problems.

Alexandria Helen Jean Brown of Evanston is the daughter of Wesley Brown and Alisha Krutzov. She participated in choir for four years, Book Club for three, and D&D Club as a senior. Brown was also involved with the school's theater program. After graduation, she plans to join the workforce.

Brooklynn Ann Bryant is the daughter of Michelle Bryant and Gene Chambers of Grandview. She participated in marching band and theater for six years, cross country for four, track and field for three, and Big Brothers Big Sisters for two. Her accomplishments include being a state champion in marching band in 2024, earning four Presidential Awards, silver and gold ratings at state solo and ensemble, a varsity letter in marching band, two varsity letters in theater, and was named Top Student in current problems, issues, and events. Bryant also ranked third in the state with her spell bowl team in 2024. After graduation, she plans to earn her master's degree in marine science with a minor in zoology. Bryant hopes to get a job helping animals and the ecosystem, then settle down.

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