

## Jakob Alexander Mantuefel



By Max Heide

On December 15, 2007, Jakob Mantuefel was born to parents Brady and Lisa Manteufel.

Jakob was born in Florida on a military base and spent his first two years of life in Pensacola, Florida. He then moved to Aurora, Colorado, where he spent the next five years and started elementary school in Dalton. At age 4, Jakob began playing soccer. Following Colorado, Jakob moved to Fergus Falls, MN, where he lived until his 10th-grade year. He played soccer, football, and track there.

His athletic skills developed the most during this time, and Jakob made many of his best memories and friendships there, but that wasn't where he would finish high school. In 10th grade, Jakob transferred to Fosston High School and quickly began making friends.

Jakob has been an outstanding athlete, earning all-conference honors twice and Defensive MVP three times in football. In track and field, he throws shot put and discus and scored the most points as a male athlete on the team, frequently placing in the top three in shot put at meets.

In his senior year, he tore his ACL mid-game and could not finish the rest of his football season. He stayed involved in the sport and supported his teammates until the end of the season. This injury followed him into track season, where he was unable to perform to his full potential. His most embarrassing moment came from this, as he had to be pushed in a wheelchair due to his injury.

Jakob has worked multiple jobs, including DQ, Taco

John's, and dock installation. He enjoys summer activities like fishing, with smallmouth bass being his favorite to catch.

A direct quote from Jakob is, "All heart," meaning to do your best and put your whole heart into it. Jakob is making big plans for the Army, where he will then pursue a career as an electrician.

## Micah Malmanger *Continued*

By Ari Balstad

Born on June 5th, Micah is the second child in a family of four. His parents are Mark and Julie Malmanger, and he has an older brother, Jacob, who graduated from Fosston in 2020.

Micah is a very well-rounded student, to put it lightly. He participates in football, golf, speech, robotics, and one-acts. He's the captain of a state champion knowledge bowl team, plays the flute in band, sings in the choir, and plays a bit of guitar on the side. In addition to all of that, he also maintains one of the highest GPAs in the class.

He is thoughtful and always ready to have a drawn-out conversation with the folks around him, including teachers. He's not afraid to voice his opinion, and that's what makes him so unique. He'll tell you what's wrong, and why that's so. Not in a mean way, but because he isn't hindered by insecurity or doubt. He knows what's true and righteous, and he's ready to forge his own path in life.

A good way to describe Micah is through one of his own quotes about his guitar performance at homecoming; "I practiced a lot ... and I brought my music with me ... [but] I couldn't see the page that I was looking at because there was a spotlight blinding me, so I had to play it with feeling. My arm fell asleep and I thought I was pretty cooked, but I think I pulled together a performance that was pretty good."

Therein lies the essence of Micah's moral character. He takes the risks that some people are too afraid of. He plays for the audience, for better or for worse. And when things go south, he pulls himself together to muster every bit of effort that he can give because he knows that the road to life is narrow and hard at times. He knows that life won't be easy for those who give everything that they're capable of, but when he looks back as an old man, it will all have been worth it.

Micah has plans to attend the University of North Dakota for a bachelor's degree in political science and continue at the UND School of Law to pursue a law degree with a certificate in environmental sciences. Upon graduating college, he wants to be an environmental attorney or consultant.

## Mitchell William Mulry



By Braeden Smith

Mitchell was born in Coon Rapids, MN, on December 17, 2007. He moved to Fosston when he was 7 and has lived in town ever since. He has played just about every sport during his years there, including basketball, football, wrestling, and golf. His favorite things to do growing up were sports, video games, and hanging out with friends.

He used to have a really cool basement with a mini basketball court in it. He and his friends had some intense games down there, which eventually led to both hoops breaking as they got older. During COVID, Mitchell would hang out with his friends almost every day.

Throughout high school, his main sports were basketball and baseball. One of his biggest accomplishments in sports was playing on the Legion baseball team and making it to state. On his very first snap of high school football, he broke his elbow badly and has not played since. His personality could be described as someone who is always there for others and is passionate about what he enjoys. When he finds a sport or hobby he likes, he fully commits to it and works to improve as much as he can.

During the summers, he works summer rec and spends a lot of time golfing and fishing with friends, which are his favorite hobbies. One of his most embarrassing moments was when his Android phone started ringing in class and the older students made fun of him.

He likes to get an energy drink almost every day before school or at lunch. He plans to attend a post-secondary technical school in Moorhead for business and then transfer to earn his master's degree in business.

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