



## 2024 VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN ANNOUNCED

Everyone is invited to attend the fiftieth (50th) commencement exercises at Westwood High School in the gymnasium on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 7pm. Mrs. Andrea Korpi, Class of 1990 Westwood High School Alumna, will deliver the commencement address to the 72 seniors. Mason Hietikko, Patrick Klumpp, and Megan Marta have earned the distinction of being named the **Valedictorians** of the Class of 2024. They have earned a GPA of 4.0. The **Salutatorian** for the Class of 2024 is Laretta Boburka. She has earned a GPA of 3.978.

**Mason Hietikko** is the son of Brandon and Lauren Hietikko. He has participated in basketball, football, and tennis where he won a UP Championship. Mason has also been a member of National Honor Society. His hobbies include mountain biking, and playing basketball and tennis. He has volunteered with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Mason has received the Scholar Athlete award, the 2024 Outstanding Senior Student-Athlete award and the Excellence in Education scholarship. After high school, Mason plans to attend Northern Michigan University to pursue a bachelor's degree in mathematics. He would like to then go on to earn a doctorate to become a math professor.

**Patrick Klumpp** is the son of Al and Amanda Klumpp. He has been a member of National Honor Society, Robotics, Voices in Motion, Student Advisory Committee and has served as a senior class representative. He has participated in cross country earning Academic All-State Honors and was a team captain. He has also participated in hockey, earning Academic All-State Honors and was an assistant captain. Patrick also participated in tennis. His hobbies include hunting, fishing and painting. He has volunteered with the Big Brothers Big Sister program, with church services, and he helps his neighbors with lawn care. Patrick has earned the Excellence in Education scholarship, the Governor's High School Cyber Challenge award, and the Cross Country Grit & Determination award. After high school, Patrick plans to attend the University of Michigan to pursue a degree in Aerospace Engineering. His long-term goal is to work for a private or Government company.

**Megan Marta** is the daughter of Brad and Rachel Marta. She has been a member of Business Professionals of America earning Regional, State, and National places in her competitions and has served as chapter president. She has also participated in Student Council, has been the class president her freshman, sophomore and senior years and vice-president her junior year, and is a member of the National Honor Society. Megan has participated in basketball and was a team captain, earning WestPAC Special Mention, 1st Team & Dream Team, Mid-Peninsula 1st Team & 2nd Team, Division 3 All-State 3rd Team, All U.P. 1st Team and is a member of the 1000 Point Club. She has also participated in softball serving as team captain and earning All-District left field, 3rd base, and player at large honors. Megan also participated in volleyball, earning Honorable Mention, WestPAC 2nd Team, and Mid-Peninsula 1st Team. Her hobbies include cooking, exercising and swimming. She has volunteered with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, at her church, as a coach for young athletes, as a referee, for the TV6 Can-A-Thon, the Salvation Army Secret Santa, as a tutor, and as a bookkeeper and volunteer for Mia's Wings a non-profit organization. Megan has earned the Excellence in Education scholarship and has been on the honor roll all 4 years of high school. After high school, Megan plans to enroll in the pre-pharmacy program at Northern Michigan University to pursue a degree in chemistry. After earning her degree, she will attend a post baccalaureate pharmacy program to become a pharmacist. She will also be a part of the NMU women's basketball team. Her long-term goal is to become a Doctor of Pharmacy.

**Laretta Boburka** is the daughter of Larry and Holly Boburka. She has been a member of National Honor Society, serving as the secretary, Key Club, Concert Band, Voices in Motion, Chorus, Student Council as a representative, and Business Professionals of America. She has participated in Cross Country serving as captain and earning Academic All-State Honors, Track & Field earning Academic All-State Honors, and Swim & Dive. She was a class representative her junior and senior year. Laretta has earned the Leading Scholar scholarship award, Excellence in Education scholarship, the Elks Club scholarship, Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship, and the Society in Women Engineers award. Her hobbies include reading, running, exercising, spending time with family and friends, listening to music, baking and petting her dog. She has volunteered with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, helped with bake sales, prom set-up, concession stands, her church choir and camps logging over 200 hours total throughout high school. Laretta plans to attend Michigan Technological University to pursue a Civil Engineering degree. She would like to travel to obtain different experiences within her field eventually settling down in the Marquette area finding a job she can be creative in.

# GRADUATION DATES

Thursday, May 30, 2024, 7:00 p.m., Westwood High School Graduation, WHS Gymnasium  
Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 7:00 p.m. Aspen Ridge Middle School 8th Grade Graduation, ARS Gymnasium



**MASON HIETIKKO**



**PATRICK KLUMPP**



**MEGAN MARTA**



**LARETTA BOBURKA**