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MORGAN COUNTY R-1
HOME OF THE STOVER BULLDOGS

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BE THE 1 IN MCR-1--ASPIRE TO BE THE 1

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

BY MATT UNGER,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



The 2023-24 School Year theme was “Aspire” To Be The #1! I am extremely proud to say that our students and staff worked extremely hard Aspiring to be the # 1 during the 2023-24 school year. The Morgan County R-1 graduating class of 2024 aspired to be the #1 during their time at R-1. We had our 1st boys' District Champion in soccer and girls' golf during the year. Our volleyball team maintained their district championship streak with numerous thrilling victories during the season. Our band and choir programs had exemplary ratings throughout the year. So many clubs, extracurricular teams, and students of the class of

2024 showcased their talents in so many ways during their years in the R#1 district. We are so proud of them!

On May 19, 2024, we hosted commencement exercises for the sixty (60) students that comprised the class of 2024. This senior class is the largest graduating class in the district's history. The class of 2024 has proven that they aspired and persisted in achieving their goals, resulting in them being successful inside and outside the classroom. Their success is evident by the class receiving over \$350,000 in scholarships. Twenty-three (23) of the graduates are eligible for the Missouri A+ scholarship, allowing them to attend a community college or trade school. We are proud of this new group of Bulldog Alumni. They will forever be BULLDOGS!

As is customary, the summer months will lead to many building improvements. This summer, we are undertaking some huge projects that will greatly help improve programs and give us much-needed space. The largest project is the completion of the elementary addition. This much-needed addition will provide us with six (6) new classrooms. In addition, our excellent staff will finish the new bus barn, renovate the

band room, improve cafeteria awnings, and renovate the old bus barn for our wrestling program. All this and traditional summer maintenance will be accomplished so that the building is ready for the start of the 24-25 school year on August 21.

MCR-1 is proud of our many successes. We are committed to continue Aspiring to 'Be the #1' for Bulldog Nation to maintain the highest level of education and safety for our students. We hope everyone has a great summer, and we look forward to seeing our students return in August.

Matt Unger
Superintendent



Thirteen years together!



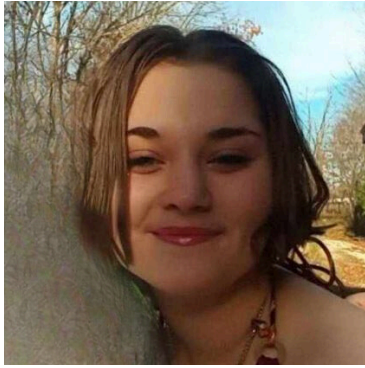
The Class of 2024

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Local

Postal Customer



TRISTA ASHBY-DORE

Sweet-Kind-Strong

Parents: Haze Dore and Jason Ashby
Future Plans: Enter the workforce
I'm proud to be a Bulldog because the school helped me succeed.



NATHANIEL BALKE

Artistic--Kind--Quiet

Parents: Scott and Agnes Balke
Future Plans: Attend college
I'm proud to be a Bulldog because of all the support I've received to help me achieve my goals.



KADEN BASHAM

Hard-Worker-Quiet-Authentic

Parents: Krystal Basham
Future Plans: Become an auto tech
I'm proud to be a Bulldog because everyone's really nice.



HANNAH BAUER

Athletic-Kind-Motivated

Parents: Scott and Tara Bauer
Future Plans: Attend Central Christian College of the Bible for nursing
I'm proud to be a Bulldog because the people here are so supportive.

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ZANDER BERKSTRESSER

Hard-worker-Motivated-

Parents: Patrick and Pamela Berkstresser

Future Plans: Enter the workforce

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because teachers care about their students.



TOBIAS BERRY

Photographer-Polite-Enthusiastic

Parents: Melissa Berry

Future Plans: Attend college for Business Education

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because everyone cares.

**Class of
2024**



HELEN BLACK

Outgoing--Thoughtful-Confident

Parents: Bill and Ashley Black

Future Plans: Attend State Fair Community College for elementary education

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because of the people in the community.



JIMMY BLACK

Kind-Funny-Sociable

Parents: James and Lynette Black

Future Plans: Attend college for radiology

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because of all the people I have met.



JAYNA BLACK

Fashionable-Trendy-Friendly

Parents: James and Lynette Black

Future Plans: Attend college for Political Science and Law

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because of the family and community surrounding us and pushing us to be our best version.



SPENCER BLACKWOOD

Strong-Willed-Scholar-Sports Enthusiast

Parents: Joseph and Nicole Blackwood

Future Plans: Attend Northwest Missouri State University for Journalism

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because it's where I grew up and it has given me all the opportunities I have today. All of my friends are Bulldogs and I've enjoyed supporting them through sports.



DESMOND BRIGHT BAKER

Artistic-Enthusiastic-

Parents: Arnie and Christy Mullins

Future Plans: Become a tattoo artist

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because it has taught me a lot about life, and the memories are unforgettable.



CHLOE BROTHERTON

Polite-Bright-Kind

Parents: Jason and Rebecca Brotherton

Future Plans: Attend Columbia College for Accounting

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because I've made many friends.





RESEE BROWN

Dedicated-Hard-Worker-Witty

Parents: Robbie and Jamie Brown

Future Plans: Attend College of the Ozarks for Business

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because this school has allowed me to seize opportunities and prepare for my future.



ALEXIS BYRD

Strong-Willed-Confident-Sincere

Parents: Albert Byrd

Future Plans: Join the workforce

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because I made great friendships.



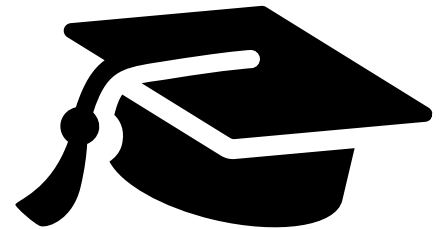
ZOE CALLISON

Animal lover-Free Spirit-Authentic

Parents: Dustin Callison and Jennifer Capps

Future Plans: work with animals

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because everyone did their best to help me graduate.



KOLTEN CARTER

Strong Willed-Independent-Determined

Parents: The Late Anthony Carter

Future Plans: Attend State Tech for Heavy Equipment Operations

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because how supportive everyone is and how determined everyone has been to help us succeed.



KALYSA COCHRAN

Confident-Ambitious-Independent

Parents: Stephanie Cochran and the Late Casey Cochran

Future Plans: Attend Missouri State University for Counseling

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because you learn valuable life lessons and skills for both in school and outside of school. This place becomes your second home. The teachers treat you like their own and won't let you fail.



JOHNNIE CUNNINGHAM II

Nice-Focused-Determined

Parents: Johnnie and Rachelle Cunningham

Future Plans: Join the military

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because of the amazing people and staff.



LANDON EDINGER

Sports lover-Leader-Helpful

Parents: Mike and Lisa Edinger

Future Plans: Attend college and major in sports medicine

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because the teachers and administration are very helpful as I grow to become an adult.



KYRA FARR

Independent-Kind-Calm

Parents: Andrew and Megan Rosco

Future Plans: Attend college for sonography

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because the school is small enough to develop close relationships.



BRANDON FERGERSON

Funny-Generous-Quiet

Parents: Paul and Tammy Fergerson and Tim and Rebecca Brown

Future Plans: Attend the Missouri Welding Institute

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because we have a great FFA Chapter



KOYE FISCHER

Strong work ethic-Strong willed-Independent

Parents: Scott Fischer and Mendy Holem

Future Plans: Drive a truck and farm

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because all my family has gone here.



KAYLEE FLOM

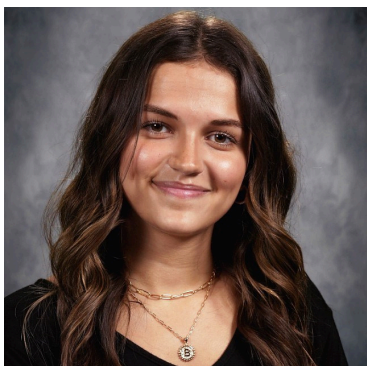
Nice-Outdoorsy-Calm

Parents: Kelvin and Shari Flom

Future Plans: Enter the workforce.

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because it's a great and supportive school.

happy
GRADUATION



KAITYLYN GARDNER

Brave-Resilient-Kind-hearted

Parents: Sean Gardner and Amy Brown

Future Plans: Attend Cosmetology School

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because I have made all of my friends here and everyone is always there for each other.



TRINITY GARRISON
Nice-Soft-spoken-Kind

Parents: Sarah Garrison and Matthew Sinka
Future Plans: Attend Cosmetology School
I'm proud to be a Bulldog because I've had so many great opportunities here and everyone is willing to help when needed.



KATELYN GIBSON
Caring-Quiet-Sincere

Parents: Laura Woody and Chris Gibson
Future Plans: Attend college for nursing
I'm proud to be a Bulldog because there are lots of opportunities here.



ISSABELLA GRAHAM
Independent-Self Starter-Intelligent

Parents: Elissa Graham
Future Plans: Attend Ozark Technical College for Culinary Arts
I'm proud to be a Bulldog because the school is so accepting of everyone.



AUTUMN HAJEK
Dedicated-Funny-Thoughtful

Parents: Daniel and Amy Huddleston
Future Plans: Attend Mizzou for animal science
I'm proud to be a Bulldog because everyone is supportive of your dreams rather you want to work or go to college.



MIC HER

Independent-Kind-Musical

Parents: Kou and Paoye Her

Future Plans: Enter the workforce

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because of the environment and education.



JORDAN HUGHES

Driven-Overcomer-Loyal

Parents: Eddie McGee and Nicki Hughes and Harold and Lois Randall

Future Plans: Enter the workforce

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because I've made great friends.



RHIPPIN JOLLY

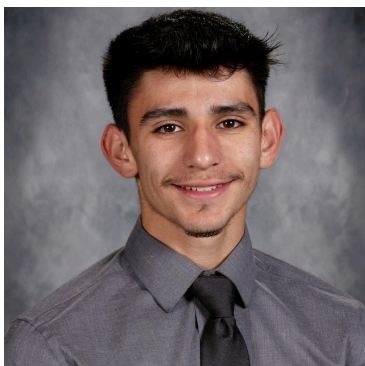
Spirited-Military-Fun

Parent: Tawnya Edwards

Future Plans: Join the National Guard

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because I feel a part of a school that includes me.

happy
GRADUATION



ELIJAH JUDD

Leader-Athletic-Accountable

Parents: Clayton and CJ Judd

Future Plans: Attend State Tech for Electrical

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because I was part of amazing teams throughout high school.



HAYDEN KARSTENS

Empathetic-Creative-Charismatic

**Parents: Amanda Karstens and Mike Spears
and Adam Karstens**

**Future Plans: Attend college for nursing
I'm proud to be a Bulldog because I've made
good friends.**



HAIDEN KERKSIEK

Driven-Hard Working-Motivated

Parents: Justin and Gwen Kerksiek

**Future Plans: Join the workforce or attend
trade school**

**I'm proud to be a Bulldog because it helped
me become who I am.**



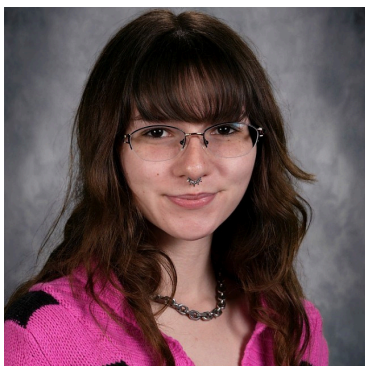
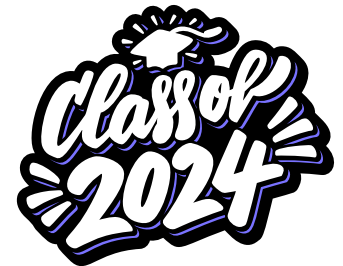
SYNTHEA KOMRSKA

Sensible-Patient-Witty

Parents: Willy and Aubrey Komrska

**Future Plans: Attend Crowder College for
Vet Technician**

**I'm proud to be a Bulldog because I've been
here my whole life and wouldn't want to go
anywhere else. I love the people and the
community.**



RAVEN LASCHANZKY

Artistic-Intelligent-Creative

**Parents: Robert Laschanzky and Rachel
Stevens-Snelling**

Future Plans: Enter the workforce

**I'm proud to be a Bulldog because I got that
dog in me.**



ARI LENZ

Creative-Empathetic-Remarkable

Parent: Megan Lenz

Future Plans: Attend the University of Central Missouri for Art Education

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because everyone is so nice.

happy
GRADUATION



NATALY LINDSEY

Resilient-Kind-Strong

Parents: Daniel and Tiffany Lindsey

Future Plans: Attend college and become a teacher

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because We all help each other get back up.



LARKIN MARRIOTT

Strong-Minded-Bold-Self Confident

Parents: Matt and Stephanie Marriott

Future Plans: Enter the workforce

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because I have been here forever, and it's like home. The teachers are always there for me and ALL the students.



KRESTEN MARRIOTT

Funny-Hard-Working-Agreeable

Parents: Don Marriott and Kaslyn Marriott

Future Plans: Attend tech school for welding

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because I get to graduate!



ALYSON MENNING

Independent-Kind-Enthusiastic

Parents: John and Crystal Menning

Future Plans: Attend Missouri State University for Social Work

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because I have been here since preschool, and the teachers have always been amazing and do their best to help you.



JOEY MENNING

Kind-Motivated-Leader

Parents: Joe and Lena Menning

Future Plans: Enter the workforce in farming

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because it has taught me how to help others and strive for future goals.



REAGAN MEYER

Caring-Thoughtful-Organized

Parents: Jeff and Lisa Meyer

Future Plans: Attend State Fair Community College for Sonography

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because everyone supports you no matter what and is always by your side.



JAE MONROE

Athletic-Fun-Determined

Parents: Rickey and Tabitha Monroe

Future Plans: HVAC Apprenticeship

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because it is a welcoming place





CODY MOSHER

Humble-Persistent-Respectful

**Parents: Jason and Ashley Mosher
Future Plans: State Tech for Electrical
Distribution Technology
I'm proud to be a Bulldog because of the
caring people and the opportunities we have
available.**



PAIGE NEWTON

Reserved-Determined-Kind

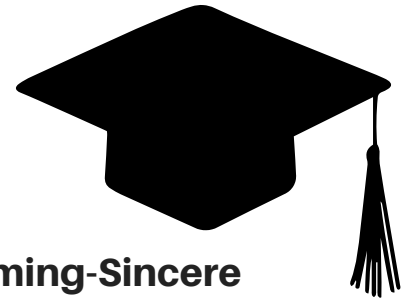
**Parents: Jill and Robert Newton
Future Plans: Attend college
I'm proud to be a Bulldog because I love the
Bulldogs**



ALIVIA OEHRKE

Independent-Charming-Sincere

**Parents: Chris and Miranda Oehrke
Future Plans: Attend State Fair Community
College for Sonography
I'm proud to be a Bulldog because we are all
ONE!**



ALLIE PALMER

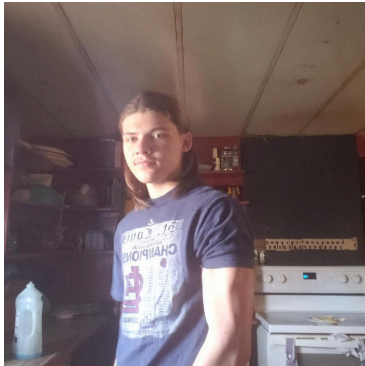
Wholesome-Kind-Trustworthy

**Parents: Nick and Katie Palmer
Future Plans: Attend college major in Ag
Business
I'm proud to be a Bulldog because of my great
friendships.**



DAXTON PAYNE
Funny-Smart-Witty

Parents: Terry and Kristina Payne
Future Plans: Attend Culinary Arts School
I'm proud to be a Bulldog because I made great friends.



KENNETH POSTAWKO JR
Persistent-Helpful-Fun

Parents: Kenneth Postawko and Crystal Williams
Future Plans: Work in the restaurant and hospitality industry
I'm proud to be a Bulldog because it is the only school I've attended, so any education I have is because of MCR-1.



BRIANNA REEDS
Independent-Determined-Fun

Parents: James Reeds and Treas Wood
Future Plans: Attend college and become a marine biologist
I'm proud to be a Bulldog because of my friends.



EMANUELE RIVA
Outgoing-Enthusiastic-Witty

Parents: Christina Brunello and Ginluca Riva and host parents Tony and Janell Chaney
Future Plans: Return to Italy to finish high school and then attend a University
I'm proud to be a Bulldog because of the great people.

2024



DARIANNE SIMMS

Empathetic-Motivated-Joyful

Parents: Jason and Stacy Simms

Future Plans: Attend State Fair Community College and major in education

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because people are very positive and have helped me whenever needed.



LAURYN SMITH

Laid-back-Smart-Optimistic

Parents: Jay and Jessica Smith

Future Plans: Attend State Fair Community College for Drafting and Engineering

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because our school really comes together to be a family rather than just staff and students.



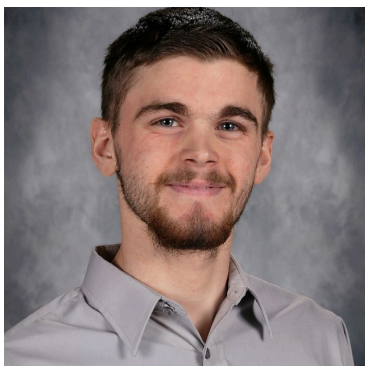
SHANE THOMPSON

Dependable-Dedicated-Family

Parents: Justin and Jennifer Thompson

Future Plans: Attend Missouri Welding Institute

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because of the friends I have.



JONAH WALKER

Caring-Laid-back-Resourceful

Parents: Michael and Heather Walker

Future Plans: Attend a tech school

I'm proud to be a Bulldog because I've made good memories here.



DAX WHITSTON

Intelligent-Clever-Quick-witted

**Parents: Heather and Ryan Nelson
Future Plans: Attend Northwest Missouri
State University and major in History
Education**

**I'm proud to be a Bulldog because there is a
strong sense of community and belonging.**



RORI WILSON

Resourceful-Hard Working-Dedicated

**Parents: Penni Wilson and Charlie Magers
Future Plans: Attend State Fair Community
College for Automotive Technology**

**I'm proud to be a Bulldog because they
helped me succeed.**



GABRIELLE WOOD

Calm-Helpful-Charismatic

Niece of Aaron and Crystal Vansell

Future Plans: Join the workforce

**I'm proud to be a Bulldog because I grew up
here.**



HEAVEN ZURMILLER

Bold-Hard working-Honest

Parent: Ben and Sarah Zurmiller

Future Plans: Attend Missouri Welding Institute

**I'm proud to be a Bulldog because everyone
helped me succeed!**





