



THE WRITE SIDE

HEAD OF THE CLASS

SENIOR EDITION 2024

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Portsmouth West High School's 2024 Valedictorian is Kara Carter. Throughout her four years at PWHS, she accumulated a near perfect grade point average, including college credit plus classes! Kara is the daughter of Kristi and Larry Carter.

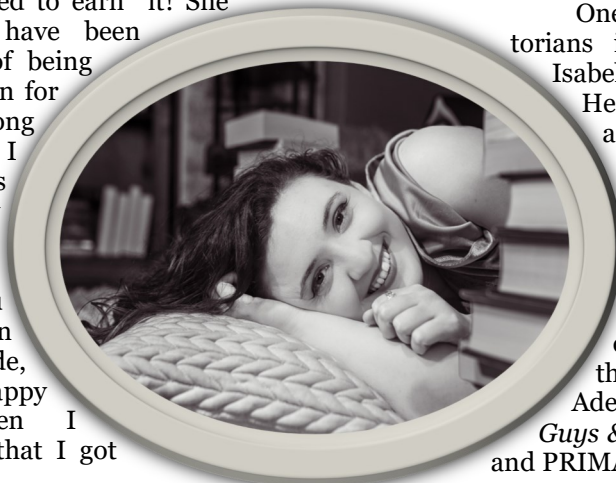
Kara's school involvement over the years included National Beta Club, Ohio Model United Nations, Thespian Troupe #5739, Quiz Bowl, Key Club, Science Bowl, Mock Trial, Chamber Choir, and Color Guard. Kara plans to attend Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, and will major in Integrated Mathematics Education.

Her awards and scholarships received by the time of this publication were: Govern-

nors Merit Scholarship, Franklin B. Walter Scholarship, Ohio University Excellence Scholarship, PWHS Legacy Scholarship, Washington Nile Local Board of Education Scholarship, and Washington Nile Local Teachers Association Scholarship. In addition, Kara also received scholarships through her involvement in the Portsmouth River Days Pageant: Young Leader Award, Academic Achievement Award, Attitude and Effort Award, Impressive Award, Legacy Award, Surprise Scholarship, School Spirit, and the Emily Hicks Award.

When asked to what she attributes her academic success, she explains, "Throughout my academic career, I have been driven by a passion to prove that I can do anything I set my mind on. Most of my success stems from the fact that I am driven to show the community what I have always known I am capable of. Not only that, it is my passion to show others that they can do anything, so I embody that through my success."

Kara has had a goal since a young age and managed to earn it! She states, "I have been dreaming of being valedictorian for a very long time now. I have always been crazy about school, a nerd if you will. In fourth grade, I cried happy tears when I found out that I got



into TAG. In middle school, we had a banquet and the valedictorian and salutatorian came and talked. From that point, I had my heart and mind set on this title. This title is truly my dream coming true and my hard work being validated."

One of this year's salutatorians is Isabella Kammer. Isabella is the daughter of Heather & Jason Cate and Chad & Jennifer Kammer.

In her four years at PWHS, Isabella participated in various activities, including the lead character Peter Pan in the musical *Peter Pan*, Adelaide in the musical *Guys & Dolls*, Voice of Hope and PRIMA choirs, Color Guard,



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OMUN
Council

President,
BETA Club, and Thespian Troupe.

For her academic success, she was awarded the following scholarships: Ohio University Admission Promise Scholarship, Ohio University Excellence Scholarship, Ohio University Forward Scholarship, Governor's Merit Scholarship, Atomic Credit Union Scholarship, and the Portsmouth West Legacy Scholarship.

Attending Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, Isabella will major in Classic Civilizations and Ancient History.

Morgan Stiles is named as another salutatorian for Portsmouth West High School Class of 2024. She is the daughter of Becky Wells and Micah Stiles.

Morgan has been very active during her time at the high school. She has participated in: Varsity Softball, BETA Club, Key Club, FFA, and OMUN.

Morgan will be attending Shaw-

nee State University this coming fall and plans to earn Bachelor of Science in Education for Primary Education (PreK-5) Licensure.

Morgan gives much credit to a Portsmouth West Elementary School administrator, who also happens to be her mother. She states, "I attribute my success to my mom, family, and friends who have all pushed me to be where I am today. My mom always taught me the importance of hard work and perseverance and I thank her for teaching me that. I also attribute my success to my teachers who helped me to become a better student."

Morgan earned the following scholarships and awards at the time of this publication: Governor's Merit Scholarship, Shawnee Excellence Scholarship, Shawnee Legacy Scholarship, Ann Callihan Community Service Scholarship, Washington Township Fire Department Scholarship, Legacy Scholarship, Portsmouth West Alumni Scholarship, McKibben Family Scholarship, American Citizenship Award, FFA State Degree, and the FFA Workhorse Award.

Carter Essman rounds out the last of the salutatorians this year. The son of Alisha Essman and Glenn Essman, Carter will be attending Shawnee State University. He plans to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Healthcare Administration.

For recognition and to help fund his years at SSU, Carter earned the following scholarships and awards: Pepsi Scholarship, Washington-Nile Board of Edu-

cation Scholarship, Blue and Grey Scholarship, Local 18 Scholarship, Governor's Merit Scholarship, Legacy Scholarship, and the FFA State Degree.

Carter states, "My success comes from my strong support system and several personal character traits. I have a strong support system at home which has been the best motivator to accomplish academic success. I do not know where I would be without the love from my mom and the pursuit of accomplishing my every dream or idea from my dad. I have a personal drive that helped me establish a work ethic. I strive to challenge my learning capacity and push myself beyond boundaries."

PWHS would like to say congratulations to the Class of 2024!



Senior Memories

- * My entire sophomore year, there wasn't a day that year that was boring. It felt like a movie.—Austin Tumbleson
- * My FAVORITE memory from school would have to be the activities. Either it be artistic or physical activities. I loved doing any type of arts and crafts during my school years or field track days outside.—Isabella Cline
- * Playing freeze tag in elementary school—Kylee Pollitt
- * Meeting new teachers and friends—Nikolus Jordan
- * My favorite memory is the Choir trip to Cleveland where me, Earnest, Reece, Jake where the elevator dropped us 4 stories, stopped, and then slowly went down to the first floor.—Bryson Perry
- * The end of the year in 7th grade on the last day with water inflatables and games in 7th grade.—Skylar Gunnoe
- * Getting to take Mrs. Morgan's hermit crabs home in 4th grade for Christmas break—Madison Carver
- * End of the year activities—Shelby Rhea
- * My favorite memory is when me and Cole Windsor planned to get married on the playground in 4th grade. Miranda Killgallon made me my wedding ring and the wedding almost happened but Ethan Schlaegal told on us. We have almost the entire grade going to watch us—Skylar Boggs
- * Snow days.—Haylen Taylor
- * Definitely the Cleveland trip junior year (iykyk)—Nathan McCoy
- * Playing football for West Portsmouth High School—Noah Rickards
- * My favorite memory of school is when I wasn't there.—Wesley Cooper
- * My favorite memory of school would probably be the choir trip to Columbus.—Hayden Lindsey
- * My favorite memory has to be either the energy and excitement from my community during the River Days parade or when I ran into a wall during sharks and minnows in 2nd grade and broke my nose.—Kara Carter
- * Winning SOC in football in 2023—Jeffery Bishop
- * Probably kindergarten, the way it felt was completely different than any other

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time. Talking to friends and being in forced programs were my favorite.—Austin Barber

- * My favorite memory is flying on the stage as Peter Pan.—Bella Kammer
- * My favorite memory would be when the football team won the SOC while I was cheering, it was just a completely different feeling—Abby Johnson
- * Making lifelong friends along with memories I will never forget—Earnest Rhoden
- * My favorite memory of school was being on the stage and having a blast during Mamma Mia!—Anna Stepp
- * Winning the SOC my junior year in football. Beating Burg!—Cole Windsor
- * The Cincinnati trip with the choir—Hunter Terry
- * My favorite memory of school was the field day's and arts and crafts.—Isabella Cline
- * My favorite memory is the tournament run my basketball team made my junior year.—Emma Sayre
- * Winning SOC in football my junior year.—Trevor Fike
- * Getting a 1 at state finals my senior year—Sara Carter

Wills and Bequeaths

- * I, Austin Tumbleson, will and bequeath my ability to be the best rap artist at the school, to Trenton McCoy.
- * I, Isabella Cline, will and bequeath my ability of punctuality and A honor roll grades to Noah Cline.
- * I, Kylee Pollitt, will and bequeath my strange way of dressing to Vacilya Begley.
- * I, Nikolus Jordan, will and bequeath my truck to my brother Dustin Jordan.
- * I, Bryson Perry, will and bequeath the position of section leader of the percussion section to Jake Sherman and Tehya Hazelbaker .
- * I, Skylar Gunnoe, will and bequeath my ability to be at school to Kamryn Hedge.
- * I, Madison Carver, will and bequeath my kindness to my amazing little stepsister Ava Baker .
- * I Skylar Boggs, will and bequeath my ability to pass nursing school and become a labor and delivery nurse in a well paid hospital.
- * I, Haylen Taylor, will and bequeath my case of chronic Senioritis to Layla Buckler (good luck girl).
- * I, Nathan McCoy, will and bequeath all my worst habits to Luke Elliot (lukiepoo).
- * I, Noah Rickards, will and bequeath my ability to make it to school on time to dad Terry Rickards and grandpa Donnie. I, Noah Rickards, will and bequeath my ability to socialize and conquer my fears to the high school football team and the amazing coaching staff. I Noah Rickards, will and bequeath my ability to never give up in life to my mom Sarah Rickards who is my biggest supporter and advocate.
- * I, Wesley Cooper, will and bequeath my ability to not have a clue what I'm doing to Max Rapp. (Did I even do this right?)
- * I, Hayden Lindsey, will and bequeath my ability to make art out of my emotions in order to understand them to Payton Lindsey.
- * I, Kara Carter, will and bequeath my ability to be a member of every extracurricular activity to Cassie McClurg and my ability to win several mock trial awards to Logan Ralstin.
- * I, Jeffery Bishop, will and bequeath my ability to make it to school on time to Jan Evans and Timmy Doe.
- * I, Abby Johnson, will and bequeath my "mom of the group" title to Laiken Caudill.
- * I, Earnest Rhoden, will and bequeath Honorary pit member to Luke Elliot.
- * I, Anna Stepp, will and bequeath my passion for theatre and music to my younger sister Emily Stepp. I, Anna Stepp, will and bequeath my love for learning and socializing to my baby sister Lillian Stepp.
- * I, Hunter Terry, will and bequeath my ability to always somehow be late but also on time to Wyatt Terry and Sophia Terry.
- * I, Isabella Cline, will bequeath to Noah Cline my ability to draw cute characters.
- * I, Shelby Rhea, will and bequeath my ability to make it to school everyday to Skylar Boggs.
- * I, Emma Sayre, will and bequeath my role of cheer block captain to Myla Mead.
- * I, Trevor Fike, will and bequeath my hard work and resilience to Will Kegley.
- * I, Sara Carter, will and bequeath, literally being Barbie to Tehya Hazelbaker.

In 10 Years I'll...

- * Be a successful music artist or doing something major in the business industry —Austin Tumbleson
- * In ten years I will be a successful artist with my own business, and have my own family and happily married with a nice house and car. —Isabella Cline
- * Still be in school —Kylee Pollitt
- * be working and have a family —Nikolus Jordan
- * In ten years I will be like Aaron Blevins —Bryson Perry
- * In ten years I will have my own house and a job I love. —Skylar Gunnoe
- * Try to open my own bakery —Madison Carver
- * Be a wonderful hairstylist in my own salon —Shelby Rhea
- * be married with kids, hopefully living at the beach —Skylar Boggs
- * Be 27 —Haylen Taylor
- * have dug up fossils on a paleontology excursion. —Nathan McCoy
- * Successful —Noah Rickards
- * Probably being teaching science or something who knows —Wesley Cooper
- * In ten years I will have a home and a stable job. —Hayden Lindsey
- * be teaching math in a high school while I continue my education. —Kara Carter
- * Become a millionaire —Jeffery Bishop
- * Famous with some kind of voice acting career. —Austin Barber
- * In ten years I will still be figuring out what I want to be when I grow up. —Bella Kammer
- * be back at West Elementary teaching! —Abby Johnson
- * hopefully be employed at a steady engineering job —Earnest Rhoden
- * In ten years I will be Dr. Anna Stepp, specializing in Chiropractic Care. —Anna Stepp
- * Be a registered nurse —Cole Windsor
- * Be becoming a band director. —Hunter Terry
- * In ten years I will be a successful professional artist making a load of money. —Isabella Cline
- * Be out of college working in my chosen career. —Emma Sayre
- * Open my own practice for physical therapy and coach a sports team. —Trevor Fike
- * Be a lot happier than I am rn —Sara Carter

What I'll Miss Most

- * Seeing my friends all at the same place everyday —Austin Tumbleson
- * What I will miss the most will be the people like the teachers, peers, and the memories I made here at school. —Isabella Cline
- * My friends —Kylee Pollitt
- * Seeing all my favorite teachers —Nikolus Jordan
- * I will miss the marching band season the most —Bryson Perry
- * Getting to hang out with my friends and going on field trips. —Skylar Gunnoe
- * My friends —Madison Carver
- * Some of the teachers —Shelby Rhea
- * I will miss socializing with my friends and cheering on the boys during football and basketball games —Skylar Boggs
- * Taking college classes for free. —Haylen Taylor
- * just being able to have a safe place to be a kid and spend time with my friends and I will miss Mrs Hazelbaker. —Nathan McCoy
- * My classmates —Noah Rickards
- * What I will miss the most is spending what seemed to be forever with friends. —Wesley Cooper
- * I will miss seeing my friends almost everyday —Hayden Lindsey
- * I will miss the people who have made a great impact on my life the most. —Kara Carter
- * My friends —Jeffery Bishop
- * Seeing all the people. —Austin Barber
- * I will miss choir and Mrs. Tieman the most. —Bella Kammer
- * I will miss going to Michelle's office everyday when I'm bored just to talk about random things throughout the day —Abby Johnson
- * Mrs. Tieman —Earnest Rhoden
- * My friends but we will stay in contact —Cole Windsor
- * The music program here at West —Hunter Terry
- * I will miss the people here at West HS, such as my fellow peers and teachers. —Isabella Cline
- * Attending sporting events, and competing for West. —Emma Sayre
- * I will miss the atmosphere of high school sports. —Trevor Fike
- * Choir —Sara Carter

Senior Scholarship Winners



PWHS seniors received the following scholarships to help fund their post-secondary education:

- **Isabella Cline** - Appalachian Artisan Guild 2024 Art Scholarship, R. A. Horn Outstanding Achievement Award
- **Reece Coleman** - Marshall Merit Scholarship, Get Started Scholarship, Dr. Singleton Award, Citizenship Award, Wayne Jayne Scholarship
- **Cole Windsor** - Friends of Shawnee State Development Foundation Scholarship, Shawnee Legacy Scholarship, Lee Staggs Memorial Scholarship
- **Noah Williams** - Governor's Merit scholarship, Jefferson High School Alumni Scholarship, Flo Armstrong Memorial scholarship, Otterbein Music Department Talent Award Scholarship, Otterbein Academic Award scholarship, Otterbein's Ruth Cogan Endowed Award Scholarship, Portsmouth West Alumni Scholarship, Mary Smalley Music Scholarship, Scioto foundation's Richard Wolbert Memorial Scholarship, President's Education Award, Augusta A. & Rose L. Jacobs Memorial Fund

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•**Derrick Logan Hurst** - OHIO Regional Action Award Scholarship, OHIO Regional Advantage Scholarship, Shawnee Excellence Scholarship, Shawnee Legacy Scholarship, American Citizenship Award, Monk Sportsmanship Scholarship, Washington Nile Local Board of Education Scholarship, Gary Thacker Memorial Scholarship, Scioto County 4H Scholarship, Augusta A. & Rose L. Jacobs Memorial Fund, Portsmouth Retail Mercants Abe & Bette Zuber Fund

•**Haylen Taylor** - Blue & Gray Scholarship, Shawnee Legacy Scholarship, Jonas Cooper Legacy Scholarship, Harry James Memorial Scholarship

•**Kylee Pollitt** - Shawnee Achievement Scholarship, Portsmouth Area's Mothers Milk Program, Nauvoo Global Methodist Church Scholarship, 2024 Nauvoo Masonic Lodge Scholarship Award, Gary W. Snyder Memorial Scholarship, Gillum Memorial Scholarship, Rotary Club of Portsmouth Scholarship Fund

•**Mason Brown** - ECU Merit Tier III Scholarship, American Red Cross, Ann Callihan Memorial Community Service Scholarship, Roger McDermott Memorial

•**Emily Moore** - Angela R. Arnett "DIAMOND" Memorial Scholarship, Monk Sportsmanship Scholarship

•**Morgan Stiles** - Shawnee Excellence Scholarship, UCAN: Washington-Nile Legacy Scholarship Fund, Portsmouth West Alumni Scholarship, Ann Callihan Memorial Community Service Scholarship, McKibbin (Jane and Sam) Family Scholarship, Washington Fire Department Scholarship, Governor's Merit Scholarship, SSU Legacy Scholarship, SSU Excellence Scholarship, American Citizenship Award, FFA State Degree, FFA Workhorse Award, Linda Lawson Scholarship Fund

•**Kara Carter** - Young Leader Award, Academic Achievement Award, Attitude and Effort Award, Impressive Award, Legacy Award, Surprise Scholarship, School Spirit, Emily Hicks Award, Governors Merit Scholarship, Franklin B. Walter Scholarship, Ohio University Excellence Scholarship, UCAN: Washington-Nile Legacy Scholarship Fund, Washington Nile Local Board of Education Scholarship, Washington Nile Local Teacher's Association Scholarship, Elbert L. Elliott & Evelyn M. Elliott Memorial Fund, Harley F. Shupert Scholarship Fund

•**Carter Essman** - Blue & Gray Scholarship, Board of Education Scholarship, Shawnee Legacy Scholarship, Pepsi Scholarship, Local 18 Scholarship, Governor's Merit Scholarship, FFA State Degree, UCAN: Washington-Nile Legacy Scholarship Fund, Augusta A. & Rose L. Jacobs Memorial Fund, Linda Lawson Scholarship Fund

•**Georgia Roe** - Shawnee Excellence Scholarship, Board of Education Scholarship, Melanie Ogg Memorial Scholarship, Linda Lawson Scholarship Fund

•**Kamryn Spriggs** - Andy Piatt Memorial Scholarship, Board of Education, Mr. Kenneth and Eileen Rapp Memorial Scholarship, Scioto County Farm Bureau Scholarship, Sunrise Co op

•**Trevor Fike** - Shawnee Excellence Scholarship, Dugout Club Coach Chris Rapp Baseball Scholarship, Coles Boulevard First Church of God, Earl Thomas Conley Memorial Scholarship, Jonas Cooper Legacy Scholarship, Students for the First Scholarship, Kiwa-

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•**Jakob Tipton** - A. Michael Perry Scholarship, Dr. Stephen J. Harvey Memorial Scholarship, Paulette Monteith Mueller Scholarship, Dugout Club Coach Chris Rapp Baseball Scholarship, Marshall Achievement Scholarship

•**Kate Rollins** - Fran Smith Memorial Scholarship, Hill View Retirement Center Resident Scholarship, Jeremy Pitts Memorial Scholarship, Russell "Rusty" Alloto Memorial Scholarship

•**Emma Sayre** - Board of Governors Scholarship, Honors College Scholarship, Portsmouth Basketball Officials Association Scholarship, Harry James Memorial Scholarship, Paulette Monteith Mueller Scholarship, Portsmouth West 3 Point Club Scholarship, Old Town Church Scholarship, Wendy's High School Heisman Award

•**Miranda Kilgallion** - Shawnee Excellence Scholarship, Hazeldean Meyers Scholarship

•**Lakota Carver** - Blue & Gray Scholarship, Ira Swearingen Memorial Scholarship, The Friends of SSU Scholarship, The Congress of Future Medical Leaders

•**Emmaly Damron** - A. Michael Perry Scholarship, Kenneth McCall Memorial Scholarship, Linda Lawson Scholarship Fund, Marshall Merit Scholarship

•**Abigail Johnson** - Pepsi Scholarship, Mary A. Burke Scholarship Fund, Don Walker and Dan Sissell Memorial Scholarship

•**Jeffery Bishop** - Portsmouth West 3 Point Club, Portsmouth West Varsity Club Scholarship, various scholarships from Wittenberg University

•**Isabella Kammer** - Ohio University Admission Promise Scholarship, Ohio University Excellence Scholarship, Ohio University Forward Scholarship, Governor's Merit Scholarship, Atomic Credit Union Scholarship, UCAN: Washington-Nile Legacy Scholarship Fund

•**Sara Campbell** - Andy Piatt Memorial Scholarship

•**Hunter Terry** - Shawnee Excellence Scholarship

•**Ethan Jarrells** - NYC Leadership Scholarship

•**Kaylee Adkins** - Ohio Excellence Scholarship

•**Sara Carter** - SCCTC Teachers Association Scholarship, Richard Wolbert Memorial Scholarship, SCCTC Award of Distinction

Note: These are all the scholarships known at the time of this publication

Oh, the places you'll go!



Superlatives

Most Artistic

Miranda Kilgallon
Austin Barber

Best Bromance & Besties

Cole Tipton and Cole Windsor, Emma Damron and Kara Carter

Class Heartthrob

Cole Tipton
Shelby Rhea

Most School Spirit

Reece Coleman
Kamryn Spriggs

Teacher's Pet

Mason Brown
Kylee Pollitt

Most Likely to Cheer You Up

Logan Hurst
Makayla Pistole

Worst Case of Senioritis

Jack Holbrook
Jordan Graham

Biggest Flirt

Jeffery Bishop
Kamryn Spriggs

Most Likely to Become a Pro Athlete

Jeffery Bishop
Emma Sayre

Most Likely to Be Late to Graduation

Cole Windsor
Shelby Rhea

Most Likely to Be Tik Tok Famous

Trevor Fike
Skylar Boggs

Most Likely to Win the Lottery and Lose the Ticket

Cole Windsor
Skylar Boggs

Most Likely to Become a Famous Music Artist

Noah Williams
Bella Kammer

Most Gullible

Mason Tieman
Skylar Boggs

Best Personality

Reece Coleman
Emma Damron

Friendliest Smile

Reece Coleman
Isabella Cline

Best Car

Jack Holbrook
Kylee Pollitt

Best Dressed

Noah Williams
Kylee Pollitt

Most likely to be a billionaire

Cole Tipton
Kylee Pollitt

Best Couple

Bryson Perry and Sara Carter

Best dancer

Kate Rollins
Noah Williams

Life of the Party

Jeffery Bishop
Kate Rollins

Class Clown

Skylar Boggs
Cole Windsor

Teacher Most Likely to be Missed

Mrs. Distel

Portsmouth West High School Class of 2024











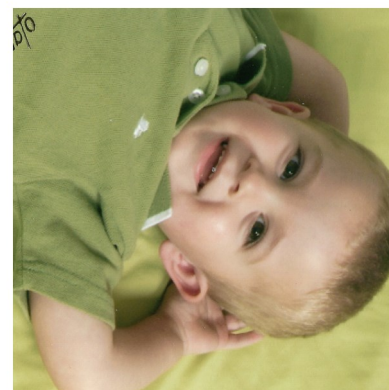
Guess Who: Senior Babies



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Scan the QR code below to see the Senior "Then and Now" video



Guess Who Answers
 1. Mason Brown 2. Kate Rollins 3. Carter Essman
 4. Anna Stepp 5. Logan Hurst 6. Abby Johnson
 7. Jeffery Bishop 8. Isabella Cline 9. Mason Tieman