

STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

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Adam Henderson

Adam Matthew Henderson, a varsity track and field athlete and swimmer in the Indiana Area School District, has been accepted to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., class of 2019.

Henderson, the second-oldest son of the Rev. David and Theresa Henderson, of Grace United Methodist Church, Indiana, graduated this month as the valedictorian of more than 1,000 students in his senior class at Agora Cyber Charter School.

He has worked for the NFL Pittsburgh Steelers as a ball boy throughout his high school career and currently serves as a lifeguard and swim instructor at the Indiana County YMCA.

Henderson is active in his church and has participated in numerous foreign and local mission trips. He has devoted his high school years to the preparation for the rigorous academy process.

On June 29, he will be joining his brother, David James Henderson Jr., a member of the class of 2017, at West Point.

Henderson was nominated by Congressman Bill Shuster for admission to West Point.

Sarah Henderson

Sarah Elizabeth Henderson, the daughter of the Rev. David and Theresa Henderson, of Grace United Methodist Church, Indiana, and a varsity track and field athlete and swimmer in the Indiana Area School District, has been selected to attend all three of the highly competitive Summer Leadership Seminars at our nation's service academies this month — the United States Military Academy at West Point, the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

More than 5,000 juniors nationwide applied to each of the summer academy programs, which offer outstanding high school juniors the opportunity to experience life as a cadet/midshipman.

Henderson is slated as the valedictorian in her junior class of more than 1,000 students at Agora Cyber Charter School.

In addition to her varsity athletics, she was awarded the "Most Outstanding Swimmer" honor for this year's Indiana swim team.

She has received numerous academic merits, including being a finalist for her presentation on "Cyber-Schooling in the 21st Century" to the United States Naval Academy Summer STEM program in 2015.

Henderson is employed as a lifeguard and swim instructor by the Indiana County YMCA.

She is active in her church, where she has participated in numerous foreign and local mission trips, and most recently ran the Pittsburgh Half-Marathon for the Imagine No Malaria campaign with Grace United Methodist Church.

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is hoping to join her brothers, David James Henderson Jr., lass of 2017, and Adam Matthew Henderson, class of 2019, at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Kara Kovach

Kara Nicole Kovach, of Ashburn, Va., recently graduated cum laude from the University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, Va., with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Kara has been accepted into the Masters in Forensics program at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond.

Kara is the daughter of Joe and Michele Kovach. She is the granddaughter of Don and Barbara Ramsell, of Homer City, and Skip and Katie Kovach, of Aultman.

Daniel Holt

Daniel Holt, of Homer City, recently graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a bachelor's degree in economics. Holt is the son of Barry and Gina Holt, of Homer City, and is a 2011 graduate of Homer-Center High School.

Juniata College graduates

Several area students were among those that graduated on May 16 during ceremonies marking commencement at Juniata College, Huntingdon:

- Andrea Rose Waksmunski, of Northern Cambria, daughter of Lawrence and Diane Waksmunski, received a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry.

While at Juniata, she conducted research through the Amgen Scholars Program at the University of California in San Diego, received the Donald M. Rockwell Endowed Chemistry Scholarship, and was inducted into the Tri-Beta biology honor society.

Waksmunski is a 2011 graduate of Northern Cambria High School.

- Alexis Ann Waksmunski, of Northern Cambria, daughter of Lawrence and Diane Waksmunski, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in politics with a secondary emphasis in peace and conflict studies.

While at Juniata, she interned with Voice of America as part of the Washington Center's Academic Seminar Series, interned with Sen. Robert P. Casey Jr., and studied abroad in both Northern Ireland and China.

Waksmunski is a 2011 graduate of Northern Cambria High School.

- Taylor Veronica Whetsel, of Indiana, daughter of David and Tracie Whetsel, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication and conflict resolution with a secondary emphasis in sociology.

While at Juniata, she studied abroad in Chennai, India, for one semester, was named to the dean's list for five semesters, and was the treasurer for Lambda Pi Eta communication honor society.

Whetsel is a 2011 graduate of Indiana Area Senior High School.

Amanda Adkins

Amanda Adkins, of Indiana, a junior majoring in computer science, was named to the dean's list for academic excellence for the spring 2015 semester at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Mass.

Robert Short

Robert Short, of Indiana, recently received a Master of Science degree from Lehigh University, Bethlehem.

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