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TOP TEN GRADUATES

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VALEDICTORIAN

Nistha Neupan

the Valedictorian of the 2022 graduating class of Pleasant Grove High school, is the daughter of Ram Neupane and Sarala Sharma Neupane. She is a member of the President's Education Excellence Awards Program and a member of the University Interscholastic League Scholars Awards Program and Top 10% of her class. Nistha is a 2022 Hall of Fame recipient for English Language Arts and Journalism. She is a recipient of the 2022 Outstanding Academic Award in AP Music Theory, and Calculus Dual Credit, the recipient of the 2021 Outstanding Academic Award in AP Biology, AP English Language and Composition and Independent Studies in Dual Credit Trigonometry, as well as the recipient of the 2020 Outstanding Academic Award in Algebra II PreAP, Spanish 3 PreAP, Chemistry PreAP, English 2 PrAP, and the recipient of the 2019 English 1 PreAP Award. Nistha was crowned 2022 Miss Pleasant Grove



High School and 2022 Miss Congeniality. She has served as Co-Editor of The Edge Newspaper, Officer of the Keyettes Community Service Organization, Officer of Student Council, a member of the National Honor Society, a member of the Gifted Talented Program, a member of National Quill & Scroll, Pride in Motion Band member, a member of the UIL Competition Journalism Team and Mathematics Team and a member of the Lady Hawks Basketball team. Nistha is a Texas UIL All State Journalist, earned Tops in Texas Newspaper Awards, Texas Best of the Best Newspaper Awards, Best in Show Editor Award and and CSPA Award. She has also earned various District Texas UIL District Medals for UIL Math and Journalism teams. She placed 1st in DAR Nationals and 1st in State in 2020 and in Lone Star Chapter in 2019 as well as 1st place Regional and State Qualifier in Texarkana National History Day through Texas A&M University. Nistha serves her community through service hours as a Keyette, Student Council, and serving yearly at The Big Event through TAMUT. Nistha received the Keyettes Outstanding Service Award Scholarship, the Student Council Scholarship, the PG Connection Scholarship, the Miss PGHS Scholarship, the TAJE Bobby Hawthorne Scholarship, the Greater Texarkana Youth Professionals Scholarship, the PEO Scholarship, the Daughters of the American Revolution Lone Star Chapter Good Citizen Award Scholarship and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Full Ride Donaghey Scholars Fellowship Award. Nistha plans to attend the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and major in Biology on the Pre-Med track and minor in Mathematics. Her plan is to specialize in Orthopedic Surgery, Cardiology or Oncology.

2022 PGISD TOP TEN GRADUATES

SALUTATORIAN**Brock Donald Bearden**

the Salutatorian of the 2022 graduating Class of Pleasant Grove High School is the son of Brent and Jenny Bearden. He is a member of the President's Education Excellence Awards Program and a member of the University Interscholastic League Scholars Awards Program, and Top 10% of his class. Brock is a member of the National Honor Society, Gifted and Talented, National Art Honor Society, Student Council, Art Club, Spanish Club, National Quill & Scroll, and is a member of the Gifted and Talented Program. He serves as PG TV Anchor / Editor and Spirit Flag Runner. Brockt has served as Class President and STUCO representative. He was named to the FCA All Star Team, National Scholastic Press Association Journalism Honor Roll, won Superior Ribbon for Sports Writing with the Texas

Association of Journalism Educators, placing 1st place in Sports Feature News Story, and 2nd Place in Sports News Story with the Texas Association of Journalism Educators. He has been a starter for the Varsity Hawk Baseball Team for 4 years, and is a 2021 4A State Baseball Champion. He was named to the 4A Baseball State All Tournament Team 2021. He was also a District Champion for 2 years (undefeated 2019) was named to the Texas High School Coaches Association Academic All State ELITE Team, was named to the Texas High school Baseball Coaches Association All Star Team and Texas High School Baseball Top 10 4A Players to watch. He was named 15-4A First Team All District (Outfield) for 2022. Brock is a fourth generation member of First Baptist Church and has been an active member of Fusion Youth Group. He has participated in Fields of Faith, Children's Art Workshop and Stadium Cleanup as well as volunteered in Hawk Camp, Hunger Games Canned Food Drives and Showstopper Events. He is affiliated with Sticks Baseball, XLR8 Speed and Agility Training, 90 mph Club, Wacha Resolutions and Texarkana Legion Baseball. Brock received the PG Connection Scholarship, the Dixie Youth Baseball Scholarship, and scholarships from Baylor University, Crowder College, Dallas Baptist University, Houston Baptist University, Oklahoma State University, University of Alabama and University of Central Arkansas. Brock plans to attend Crowder College Honors Program and play baseball for the Roughriders.

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Kendall Elizabeth Johnson

graduated third in the 2022 graduating class of Pleasant Grove High School, and is the daughter of Kenneth Johnson and Karrie Cole. She is a member of the President's Education Excellence Awards Program and a member of the University Interscholastic League Scholars Awards Program and Top 10% of her class.

Kendall is a recipient of the 2022 Outstanding Academic Award in AP Drawing. She is a member of National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, a member of the Gifted and Talented Program, a member of the PG Varsity Cross Country Team, a member of Lady Hawk Soccer Team, a member of National Quill & Scroll, Keyettes, Student Council, Art Club, Yearbook and serves as Editor of the Award Winning Hawk Yearbook, and Art Club. She serves as Secretary and Committee Chair for STUCO and Secretary for Keyettes. Kendall has received several achievements in

Art: the Scholastic Silver Key Award, the Scholastic Honorable Mention Award, ARTiculate Gold Medalist Award, the 1st Place Narrative Art Show Award, the 2nd Place Emergent Art Show Award, the 1st Place Painting Art Show Award, the 2nd Place Drawing Art Show Award She was a published artist in Celebrate Art Book, a PGHS Purchase Award Winner and received the Draw it With Me Award.. Kendall has received the Interscholastic Press League Conference Silver Medal, the Interscholastic Press League Conference Bronze Medal, 1st Place at the Regional History Day competition, the UIL Accounting Silver Medal, the UIL Accounting Bronze Medal, the Spanish 2 Award, the Career Skills Certificate in Accounting, the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Crown Award with Yearbook Staff, the National Scholastic Press Association Pacemaker Award with Yearbook Staff. Kendall is a member of Leadership Texarkana Subcommittee Community Project. She volunteers with Harvest Texarkana Food Bank, Hero's Pantry, Susan B Komen Race for the Cure, Winfield Estates Senior Living, Methodist Cornerstone Retirement Living, Children's Art Workshop, and Red Lick Fire Dept. Kendall received the Keyettes Community Service Scholarship, the National Honor Society Scholarship, the Texas A&M Engineering Scholarship, the Dallas Scottish Rite FreeMasons Scholarship and the Texarkana Area A&M Club Scholarship. Kendall plans to attend Texas A&M College Station and major in Biomedical Engineering.



Isabelle Kate Hackleman

graduated fourth in the 2022 graduating class of Pleasant Grove High School, and is the daughter of Steve and Jillian Hackleman. She is a member of the President's Education Excellence Awards Program and a member of the University Interscholastic League Scholars Awards Program and Top 10% of her class.

She is the 2022 Hall of Fame recipient for Social Studies and received the 2022 Outstanding Achievement Award for English 4 Dual Credit and Medical Terminology. She received the 2021 Outstanding Academic Award in US HistoryDual Credit, the 2019 Outstanding Academic Award in Accounting 1 Honors and the 2018 Outstanding Academic Award in Biology i PreAP. Isabelle is a member of National

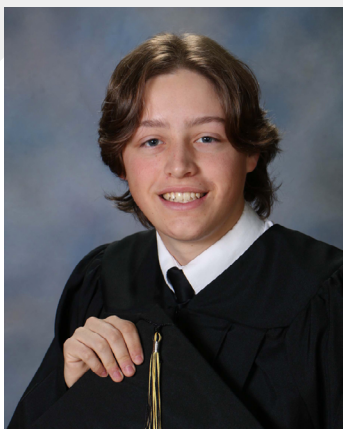
Honor Society, a member of the Gifted and Talented Program, National Quill & Scroll, Hawk Yearbook, (serving as group page Editor), a member of Lady Hawk Volleyball, Lady Hawk Basketball and Lady Hawk Softball. Isabelle received the Red Lick Scholarship and University of Arkansas at Fayetteville Scholarship. She plans to attend the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and pursue a career in Pediatric Dentistry.



Ethan Cole Pirkey

graduated fifth in the 2022 graduating class of Pleasant Grove High School and is the son of Trey and Rebecca Pirkey. He is a member of the President's Education Excellence Awards Program and a member of the University Interscholastic League Scholars Awards Program and Top 10% of his class. He is the recipient of the 2022 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award in AP US Government. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Gifted and Talented Program and Student Council. Ethan has served as Ambassador for Pleasant Grove High School assisting with tours and programs for incoming Freshmen, Hawk Camp, assisting with various drives for STUCO for the community such as Harvest Texarkana food bank, sock drive, coat drives, Art Show setup, decorating for school functions, assisting with Gift of Life Blood Drives and shot clinics and stadium clean up. Ethan also volunteers

to do yard work for the elderly in the community. Ethan received the Distinguished Scholar and Discovery Scholarship from Southern Methodist University. Ethan plans to attend Southern Methodist University and major in Biophysical Sciences and minor in Psychology. He intends to pursue a career as a Malpractice Lawyer.



James Nathaniel Hutcheson

graduated sixth in the 2022 graduating class of Pleasant Grove High School and is the son of James and Belinda Hutchison. He is a member of the President's Education Excellence Awards Program and a member of the University Interscholastic League Scholars Awards Program and Top 10% of his class. He is a member of National Honor Society and a member of the Gifted and Talented Program. Nathan has served as Class Treasurer for the past 4 years. He is a 2 year member of The Edge Newspaper and was inducted into the National Quill & Scroll Honor Society and has won an ILPC tops in Texas and a Columbia Gold Circle Award. He is a 3 year member of the Award winning Robotics Team, a 2022 Robotics

State Champion and World Qualifier, a 3 year member of Varsity Cross Country (District Champions) and a 3 year member of Varsity Baseball and a 2021 State Baseball Champion. Nathan received the Distinction Scholarship from Baylor University. He plans to attend Baylor University and major in Finance.



Campbell Elliott Jackson

graduated seventh in the 2022 graduating class of Pleasant Grove High School and is the son of Randy and Becky Jackson. He is a member of the President's Education Excellence Awards Program and a member of the University Interscholastic League Scholars Awards Program and Top 10% of his class. He is a member of National Honor Society and a member of the Gifted and Talented Program.

He is a member of National Art Honor Club, National Quill & Scroll, and has served as Class Officer for 4 years, serving his Sr. year as Vice President. He is the recipient of the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award in AP World History and UIL Tops in Texas Journalism Award.

Campbell is a 1A-4A Robotics State Champion and qualified for the World Robotics Championship. He is also a 3 times Regional Qualifier in Cross Country. Campbell is Captain of the Hawk Soccer Team, a member of Cross Country and the award winning Hawk Yearbook Staff. He has coached youth soccer at Texarkana Soccer Association and served in varying community capacities within First Baptist Church. Campbell received scholarships from University of Alabama. He plans to attend the University of Alabama and major in Biology and hopes to pursue a career in Radiology.



Jacob Daniel Jones

graduated eighth in the 2022 graduating class of Pleasant Grove High School and is the son of Ellen Jones. He is a member of the President's Education Excellence Awards Program and a member of the University Interscholastic League Scholars Awards Program and Top 10% of his class. He is a member of National Honor Society, and a member of the Gifted and Talented Program. Jacob is the 2022 Hall of Fame recipient for Career & Technology and received the 2022 Outstanding Academic Achievement for Practicum of STEM. Jacob is a member of National Quill & Scroll, a member of the award winning Hawk Yearbook Staff, serving as photographer, and has won State Awards in Photography. He is an AP Scholar, was named to the NSPA Honor Roll and qualified for UIL Academics Regionals 2 years in a row. Jacob is a 1A-4A Robotics State Champion and qualified for the

World Championship in Robotics. Jacob has received the Baylor University Distinction Scholarship, the University of Central Arkansas Academic Achievement Scholarship, and the Texas A&M College Station Engineering Scholarship. Jacob plans to attend Texas A&M College Station and double major in Chemical Engineering and Mathematics. His hope is to create a medicine to cure or circumvent the effects of Dementia and Alzheimers.



Grant Moore Mitchell

graduated ninth in the 2022 graduating class of Pleasant Grove High School and is the son of Dr. Trey and Julie Mitchell. He is a member of the President's Education Excellence Awards Program and a member of the University Interscholastic League Scholars Awards Program and Top 10% of his class. He is a member of National Honor Society, and a member of the Gifted and Talented Program.

Grant is a member of PGTV serving as anchor, editor, camera man and actor. He is the recipient of the 2022 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award in Practicum A/V Production. Grant is a 4 year member of Hawk Tennis, a State qualifier, a 4 time District champion, a 4 time Area Qualifier, a 4 time Regional Qualifier and was selected as a member of

the 2022 John Newcombe Tennis Ranch European Travel Team where he will spend three weeks in England and Scotland playing tennis against academy students and spend 3 days watching Wimbledon. Grant was accepted to and completed the John Ratecliffe Congressional Student Leadership Program and was named a Scholar by the College Board National Recognition Program based on excellence on the PSAT UIL Scholar Award. Grant received the STEM Scholarship from the Patterson School of Accounting and an Academic Merit Scholarship and was named an Engineering Scholar by the Engineering Scholarship Committee at the University of Mississippi. Grant will attend the University of Mississippi and will pursue a degree in Civil Engineering.



Gracie Paige Carr

graduated tenth in the 2022 graduating class of Pleasant Grove High School and is the daughter of Eric and Gina Carr. She is a member of the President's Education Excellence Awards Program and a member of the University Interscholastic League Scholars Awards Program and Top 10% of her class. She is a member of National Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, (serving as President), Art Club (serving as President), Keyettes (serving as Treasurer), a member of the Gifted and Talented Program, and Student Council. Gracie is the recipient of the 2022 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award in Visual Art Lab. She has received 13 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards including Gold and Silver Keys, Accounting UIL Silver Medal, heART Award, Citizen of the Month Award, 3 State Award of Excellence Awards in ARTiculate and and UIL Mascot Best Props. Gracie is

a graduate of Today's Youth Tomorrow's Leaders with Leadership Texarkana and participated in Heart Walk. She received the Ellen Campbell Leadership and Service Award Scholarship. Gracie plans to attend the University of Central Arkansas and major in Accounting, become a CPA and pursue a career in Forensic Accounting.

Congratulations 2022 Graduates!

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