



# GRADUATION 2018

Portage Area High School  
Seventieth Annual  
Commencement Exercises  
2018

Monday Evening

June 4, 2018

7:00 pm

High School Auditorium

# PROGRAM

**POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE**..... *PAHS Band*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**..... *Kasey Chobany*  
*President of Senior Class*

**"THE NATIONAL ANTHEM"**..... *PAHS Band*

**LIGHTING OF THE REMEMBRANCE CANDLE**..... *2018 Class Officers*

**WELCOME** ..... *Ralph J. Cecere, Jr.*

**STUDENT ADDRESS**  
*"Persistence"* ..... *Christy Smith*

**STUDENT ADDRESS**  
*"A Walk Down Memory Lane"*..... *Jamie Kostan*

**VOCAL SELECTION**  
*"We're All in This Together"*..... *A cappella Ensemble*

**SALUTATORIAN ADDRESS**  
*"Because of Them"*..... *Alexa Glista*

**VALEDICTORIAN ADDRESS**  
*"The Illusion of Intelligence"*..... *Kasey Chobany*

**PRESENTATION OF THE SYMBOLIC PLAQUE TO THE CLASS OF 2019**  
*Class of 2018*..... *Kasey Chobany*  
*Class of 2019*..... *Jack Single*

**REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF CLASS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT**..... *Ralph J. Cecere, Jr.*  
*High School Principal*

**REMARKS AND PRESENTATION OF ACADEMIC AWARDS**..... *Eric Zelanko*  
*Superintendent of Schools*

**SENIOR ROLL** ..... *Kasey Chobany*

**PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS** ..... *Portage Area Board of Education*

**DECLARATION OF GRADUATES**..... *Eric Zelanko*  
*Superintendent of Schools*

**"ALMA MATER"**..... *PAHS Band*

**RECESSIONAL**  
*"Aces of the Air"* ..... *PAHS Band*

# CLASS of 2018

*\*High Honor*  
*^Honor*  
*+National Honor Society*  
*°Admiral Peary Vo-Tech*

Michael Bartoletti <sup>^</sup>	Corbyn Haney <sup>^</sup>	Angel Nagy <sup>*°+</sup>
Logan Baumgardner <sup>*+</sup>	Quincy Husar <sup>^°</sup>	Josie Nemitz <sup>*+</sup>
Kayla Bergmann <sup>^</sup>	Lucas Jubina <sup>^</sup>	Tanner Panick
Emma Beyer <sup>^</sup>	Lakin Kalinoski <sup>^</sup>	Kiley Papcun <sup>^</sup>
Mathew Boast <sup>*+</sup>	Haley Kenney <sup>^°</sup>	Jacob Piatak <sup>^</sup>
Logan Cadwallader <sup>°</sup>	Noah Kerch <sup>^</sup>	Noah Ports <sup>*+</sup>
Kasey Chobany <sup>*+</sup>	Makayla Klein <sup>^</sup>	Thomas Randazzo <sup>^</sup>
Luke Chobany <sup>^</sup>	Makayla Klock <sup>^</sup>	Alexis Rummell <sup>^</sup>
Greta Crouse <sup>^</sup>	Daisy Koban <sup>^</sup>	Garrett Sanher
Barry Crum <sup>^</sup>	Dylan Kopnicky <sup>°</sup>	Nathan Secriskey <sup>°</sup>
Harley Crum	Jamie Kostan <sup>*+</sup>	Logan Shaffer <sup>^</sup>
Issabella Crum <sup>^</sup>	Philip Krisko <sup>*+</sup>	Christy Smith <sup>*+</sup>
Courtney Diehl <sup>^°</sup>	Joshua Krumenacker <sup>^</sup>	Kacy Smith <sup>*+</sup>
Micheal Dugan <sup>°</sup>	Rebecca Lee <sup>*+</sup>	Ryan Stohon <sup>^</sup>
Abram Eshelman <sup>*+</sup>	Anthony Lewis	Abigail Thomas <sup>^</sup>
Gabriel Eshelman <sup>^</sup>	Rebecca Livingston <sup>^</sup>	Erika Thrower <sup>*+</sup>
Marisa Ference <sup>*+</sup>	Richard Llewellyn <sup>^</sup>	Robert Troxel <sup>^</sup>
Jacob Flynn <sup>^°</sup>	Austin McCabe	Nicholas Wells <sup>^</sup>
Zeke Fox <sup>°</sup>	Kylee McCarty <sup>*+</sup>	Stephanie Wheeler
Dominic Gallo <sup>^</sup>	Matthew McCloskey <sup>^°</sup>	Barett Wiggins <sup>^</sup>
Kourtney Gates <sup>*+</sup>	Lucas Miko <sup>^</sup>	Zachary Wiggins
Alexa Glista <sup>*+</sup>	Jenna Moratti <sup>*+</sup>	Hayley Wilson <sup>^°</sup>
Justin Hampton <sup>°</sup>	Ashley Nagle	Alexis Yon <sup>^°</sup>

### Administration

Eric Zelanko ..... Superintendent of Schools  
 Ralph J. Cecere, Jr. .... High School Principal  
 Jeremy Burkett..... High School Dean of Students, Athletic Director  
 Christian Serenko ..... Elementary School Principal  
 Jennifer Pisarski..... Elementary Dean of Students  
 Pete Noel ..... Special Education Director  
 Ryan Clouse ..... Director of Technology  
 Jeff Vasilko ..... Business Administrator

### High School Faculty & Staff

Amy Bagby	Sara Gdula	Dennis Link
Becky Baker	Mary Ann George	Tina Lutz
Elena Bandzuh	Bernard Gorba	Phillip Miller
Kristine Bartoletti	Kristen Gribbin	Kelly Myers
William Bearer	Vivian Herman	Barb Panick
Renee Bednarski	Nicole Hunt	Nicole Panick
Scott Burda	Ashley James	Gayle Price
Joshua Burkett	Tyler Johnson	Brian Randall
Kay Chappell	Bryan Jubina	Floyd Rousell
Becky Chobany	Travis Kargo	Jay Shuck
Lisa Dividock	Chuck Kassick	Marty Slanoc
Lydia Dobrowolsky	Mary Kenny	Jennifer Szpala
Amanda Donoughe	Sonny Kerch	Aileen Weaver
Michael Fox	Marsha Kick	Tara Williams

### School Board Members

Erik Thrower—President  
 Kathy Hough—Vice President  
 Matthew Decort—Secretary  
 Dennis Squillario—Treasurer

J. T. Bandzuh	Susan Berardinelli	Jason Corte
John Jubina	Christian Smith	

# Senior Awards

Art Burkett Memorial Award ..... Kasey Chobany  
 Portage Area Ed. Assoc. Scholarship ..... Christy Smith,  
 Philip Krisko  
 Richard J. Bernazzoli Portage Pride Award..... Thomas Randazzo,  
 Jamie Kostan  
 Jerome A. & Frances D. Yetsko Family Scholarship..... Jamie Kostan  
 Portage American Legion & Sons of American Legion..... Makayla Klock,  
 Philip Krisko, Abram Eshelman  
 Wessel & Company Scholarship..... Jamie Kostan  
 Clifford M. Beck Student Art Award ..... Garrett Sanner  
 Jonathan P. Price Art & Humanities Award..... Makayla Klein  
 Sacred Heart Ushers Club Scholarship..... Michael Bartoletti  
 Dominic Gallo, Corbyn Haney, Makayla Klein, Rebecca Lee, Jenna  
 Moratti, Kiley Papcun, Robert Troxel  
 Baker Memorial Scholarship..... Jenna Moratti  
 William Tibbott Memorial Scholarship..... Greta Crouse, Corbyn Haney  
 Brian Swank Memorial Award..... Corbyn Haney  
 S & T Bank Scholarship ..... Greta Crouse  
 John Koza Alumni Assoc. Award..... Christy Smith  
 Brian Lamar Scholarship..... Michael Bartoletti

*Alice McGivney Mazur Memorial Scholarship*.....*Kasey Chobany,  
Abram Eshelman, Kourtney Gates, Alexa Glista,  
Rebecca Lee, Jenna Moratti, Christy Smith,  
Abigail Thomas, Nicholas Wells, Stephanie Wheeler*

*Max Goldstein Award* .....*Kasey Chobany*

*Rotary Club of Portage Scholarship*.....*Issabella Crum,  
Courtney Diehl, Marisa Ference,  
Rebecca Livingston, Noah Ports, Barrett Wiggins*

*IUP C. Edward Keller Scholarship*.....*Gabriel Eshelman*

*Andy & Pauline Gruss Family Scholarship*.....*Zachary Wiggins*

*Robert A. Funari Scholarship* .....*Logan Baumgardner*

*Madame Trudy Banks Memorial Scholarship*.....*Kourtney Gates*

*Neil Waksmunski Memorial Scholarship*....*Kasey Chobany, Thomas Randazzo*

*American Red Cross Award*.....*Abigail Thomas*

*Ryan Zurich Memorial Scholarship*.....*Thomas Randazzo*

*Nursing Award*.....*Jamie Kostan*

*Doris Lazere Memorial Scholarship*.....*Kacy Smith*

*Portage Area Cruisers Car Club Scholarship*.....*Lucas Miko*

*Wrestling Boosters Scholarship* .....*Logan Shaffer*

*Environmental Award*.....*Philip Krisko*

*Portage AMVETS Scholarship*.....*Alexa Glista, Barrett Wiggins*

*Portage Moose Lodge #131 Scholarship*.....*Issabella Crum, Philip Krisko*

*St. Francis University Assisi Scholarship*.....*Kiley Papcun*

*Mt. Aloysius Academic Scholarship*.....*Noah Ports, Makayla Klock,  
Kylee McCarty, Issabella Crum, Emma Beyer, Abigail Thomas*

**Challenge Program Awards**

*Community Service* ..... *Kayla Bergmann*  
*Academic Improvement*..... *Tanner Panick*  
*Attendance*..... *Makayla Klock*  
*Academic Excellence* ..... *Kasey Chobany*  
*STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math)*.....*Mathew Boast*

*Baker Memorial Scholarship*.....*Jenna Moratti*

*William Tibbott Memorial Scholarship*..... *Greta Crouse, Corbyn Haney*

*Army ROTC National Scholarship*.....*Philip Krisko*

*Clarion University Golden Eagle*.....*Thomas Randazzo*

*LaRoche College Merit*.....*Zachary Wiggins*

*Slippery Rock University Merit Scholarship*.....*Mathew Boast*

**CLASS OFFICERS**

*PRESIDENT*.....*Kasey Chobany*  
*VICE PRESIDENT*..... *Alexa Glista*  
*SECRETARY*.....*Christy Smith*  
*TREASURER*.....*Jamie Kostan*

*Class Color* ..... *Lavender*  
*Class Flower*..... *Sunflower*  
*Class Song* ..... *"Thunderstruck"*  
*Class Motto*..... *"Sometimes you will never know  
the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."  
Dr. Seuss*

**Alma Mater**

*Alma mater, alma mater,  
Voices sing of thee  
Sing of victories in the past  
Sing of memories that last  
Nestled in the Alleghenies,  
Guarded by God's own hand  
Alma mater, alma mater,  
Greatest in the land  
The green and white our colors true  
Hail, all hail to you!*

*Frank Scipione '50  
Portage Area Schools, PA  
Orig. 1954, arr. 2009*