

Board Report
High School Principal

Jim Knott
January 12, 2026

Final exams were held on December 18 and 19, effectively ending the first semester at DC West. Second semester classes began for students on Tuesday, January 6. Winter activities continued over winter break and are at about the halfway point. The first semester Honor Roll is included on the second and third pages of this report.

With the state ACT test date coming up for all juniors on April 1st, part of the focus at the high school is to make sure all of our students are as prepared as possible. As mentioned in my previous board report, John Baylor ACT Test Prep classes start in January for all juniors and volunteering sophomores. Baylor Test Prep provides five, one and a half hour sessions during the school day in January and February to prepare students for the ACT test. Lessons focus on math, science, ELA, and general test-taking strategies.

Every school year, students from all over the Omaha Metro area are nominated and selected to attend the UNMC High School Alliance on the UNMC campus daily from 1:00-3:00. The program is designed to offer unique and innovative health science classes to high school juniors and seniors who are interested in entering a health career field after high school and college. The Alliance provides students the opportunity to observe, shadow, and work alongside world-renowned health care professionals and researchers at UNMC. DC West junior Aspen VerMaas was selected to attend the program this year and will continue in the program as a senior next year.



High School enrollment as of January 7, 2026

9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
58	92	82	68	300



Semester 1 Honor Roll of Distinction 2025-2026				* All A's
Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	
Bohnenkamp, Addison *	Anderson, Lola R	Albrecht, Hailey Jo *	Anderson, Bailey	
Brazda, Chloe *	Backer, Elijah Scott	Alexander, Trent J	Anderson, Bella R	
Bruckner, Whitney	Bakken, Jocelyn M *	Balus, Liliana *	Asher, Nolan G *	
Chipman, Riley	Barbur, Nathaniel J	Beyl, Noelle Joy *	Biesterfield, Collin	
Cunningham, Alex	Barnes, Gavin *	Bias-White, Peyton	Blank-Jimenez, Jayden	
Dahlberg, Hannah *	Bridges II, Cole *	Bonacci, Lydia G	Coyle, Brooke	
Englert, Teagan	Campbell, Haylee A	Bussen, James S.	Foster, Kayden	
Espinosa, Beckett	Casper, Peyton	Cooke, Allyson *	Giles, Joslyn	
Esser, Lily	Churchhill, Ewan	Deemy, Eliana	Gleason, Ian	
Finck, Kinley *	Duran, Gabriela	Fletcher, Emily M	Gregurich, Kyle	
Garcia, Orpha	Fahnholz, Dawson *	Gottsch, Hayden P	Hayner, Nylee	
Genereux, Jackson	Gifford, Kate Caroline *	Gottsch, Julian D	Hays-Lavender, Adora	
Getsfred, Bella	Graves, Zoe *	Hanke, Tanner	Henrichs, Tess *	
Giles, Emmett *	Harris, Aurora A	Harlow, Hudson	Hermanson, Sabrya	
Hoops, Cole	Hilker, Khloe Lee	Hernandez, Angel	Hinrichs, Barrett *	
Idrees, Hadassah	Holm, Lucas	Hert, Ava	Hoops, Caiden	
Jeffrey, Jaxsan	Huntley, Lillian *	Higginson, Scarlett	Jarecke, Maren *	
Johnson, Polly	Jarecke, Ruby *	Holding, Brayton *	Johnson, Sailor	
Jurgensen, Tristan	Jensen, Alea	Holding, Hunter	Jorgensen, Kai *	
Knoell, Amelia *	Johnson, Harbor J *	Hunter, Halaina	Kelley, Joy	
Knott, Jackson *	Kirby, Cohen *	Jeffrey, Adisan M	Kincanon, Emma *	
Kopocis, William	Klawitter, Addison	Kopocis, Emma *	Kosiske, Lillian	
Kulbe, Issabell	Koile, Davis	Korb, Tucker	Kruse, Cheyanne	
Lowndes, Grace *	Kubicek, Alexa F *	Lakner, Lillian *	Lemay, Abigail	
Lucas-Islas, Riley	Lakner, Aubrey *	Landauer, Jack	Listenberger, Cade	
Maca, Harold *	Listenberger, Brock T	Mentzer, Jesse W	Loewe, Rylan *	
Mangimelli, Avery	Mayer, William A *	Murphy, Ericka *	McGavren, Isabella	
Mangimelli, Mason	Mitchell, Mason	Newbauer, Ava	Moehling, Molly	
McCollister, Sawyer *	Monroe, Chevelle	Perez Pages, Yhosvel	Nelson, Kolten	
Meyer, Baeron	Murphy, Megan	Ray, Carina Kay	North, Amelia *	
Moss, Hudson	Parr, Annaliese *	Richards, Aubree	Oien, Benjamin	
Myers, Jaelynne	Perkins, Tristan A	Shaw, Mallory Beth	Olsen, Trey	
Negley, Keegan	Ptacek, Griffin *	Songer, Ryder L	Parr, Grant	
Ondrejko, Stella	Rader, Hayden *	Steskal, Parker	Pettit, Mason	
Ostler, Beckett	Rayer, Braden	Travis, Gage	Phillips, Alexander *	
Redmond-Olivier, Austin	Rehberg, Cozmo	VerMaas, Aspen	Phillips, Madelyn *	
Richards, Adrianna	Renner, Melanie *	Walsh, Talia *	Pralle, Anella *	
Rippe, Kamryn	Royuk, Matalyn	Walvoord, Ava G	Rayer, Abby	
Shafer, Moses	Sibbernse, Sadie *	Wiese, Brody	Rippe, Kyler *	
Soesbe, Emma	Steinbach, Jack *	Wiese, Ella	Royuk, Reece	
Stark, Tanen	Stover, Brooklyn	Zook, Sindee *	Sattem, Jetta *	
Swierczek, Makayla	Thompson, Brooklyn		Schieber, Trey *	
Thiessen, Drake	Thompson, Olivia L		Schlingman, Evan	
Trost, Kenzie	Troshynski, Harper		Schroeder, Waylon	
White, Vincent	Troshynski, Reese		Schuiteman, Jackson	
Wurtz, Cameron	Troy, Landon M		Stammer, Joseph	
Zach, Lilee *	Urban, Isabelle *		Strong, Addison *	
	Wade, Brooke		Swierczek, Jaxon	
	Wade, Evie *		Taft, Ethan	
	White, Grace		Thiessen, Cade	
	Willmott, Quinn *		Trost, Colton	
			Vieth, Jodie	
			Welton, Connor	
			West, Jasmine *	
			Wilcox, Beau *	
			Wohlers, Zane	
			Zach, Izzabella	



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Semester 1 Merit Roll of Distinction 2025-2026

SENIORS	SOPHOMORE
Mariniello, Robert	Acton, Chloe
Monroe, Damian	Biesterfield, Brody
Pace, Caleb	Croft, Braden
Valadez, Paul	Dye, Austyn
	Galvin, Toren
	Gritten, Bailey
JUNIORS	
Altamimi, Fatima	Harlow, Ashton
Braun, Amalia	Hermanson, Kash
Cappello, Mikayla	Kracht, Ryan
Green, Kaylee	Lerrick, Conley
Imm, Tyson	Marten, Logan
Janke, Wyatt	Martin, Sam
Johnson, Abigail	McGavren, Fransesca
Langford, A'Zyana	Rojas, Chloe
Little, Melanie	Williams, Arion
Luthy, Johanna	Williby, Gibson
Mathes, Falon	
Saathoff, Chloe	
FRESHMEN	
Schmidt, Blake	Dennell, Chloe
Schnatz, Dalton	Hernandez Medina, Zuleimy
Stanzel, Carson	Palko, Lily
TenEyck, Wyatt	Wegner, Emmerie
White, Remington	