

GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH LIGHTNING

"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 15:5-6

May 2026

Grand Island Lutheran High School

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As we close the first school year at Grand Island Lutheran High School, it is hard not to look back with gratitude for all that God has done for our Lightning community this year.

May brought a lot to celebrate, including five students qualifying for the Nebraska State Track Championships and the graduation of our very first senior class.

Watching our fifteen seniors walk across the stage as the first graduating class in GILH history was a really special moment. This group handled a lot of change this year, and they helped shape what Grand Island Lutheran High School will become moving forward. We are excited to see where God leads each of them next.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this first year possible- our students, families, teachers, churches, supporters, and community members. We are grateful for the encouragement, prayers, and support you have shown our school throughout the year.

As summer begins, we pray that God blesses your time with family and friends and gives you lifelong memories and rest for the months ahead. We are already looking forward to another great year at GILH.

Have a blessed summer!

— Jeremiah Slough

Senior Spotlight

**Brooke
Adams**



Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

-Proverbs 31:25

*SF Community College
Lincoln*

**Tenisha
Bader**



For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

-Jeremiah 29:11

**Darrin
Bexten**



Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and He will make straight your paths

-Proverbs 3:5-6

*Workforce/ Central
Community College-Online*



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Senior Spotlight

**Aubree
Fosket**



Your word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.
-Psalm 119:105

Central Community
College-Grand Island

**Atley
Hadenfeldt**



God is our refuge and strength, a
very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though
the earth give way, though the
mountains be moved into the heart
of the sea.

-Psalm 46:1-2

Xenon-Grand Island

**Annalise
Hauser**



Even though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death, I
will fear no evil, for you are with
me; your rod and staff, they
comfort me."

-Psalm 23:4

Hastings College



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Senior Spotlight

**Trevor
Hohlen**



Let me hear in the morning of your
steadfast love, in you I trust. Make
me know the way I should go, for to
you I lift up my soul.

-Psalm 143:8

Central Community
College-Hastings

**Chloe
Keasling**



Teaching them to observe all that
I have commanded you. And
behold, I am with you always, to
the end of the age.

-Matthew 28:20

Central Community College
Grand Island

**Ema
Koch**



Be strong and courageous; do not
be afraid, the Lord your God goes
with you. He will never leave you
or forsake you.

-Deuteronomy 31:6

Concordia University-
Seward



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Senior Spotlight

**Rafe
Mendyk**



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-Proverbs 3:5-6

*University of Nebraska
Kearney*

**Ryloe
Nielsen**



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-Proverbs 3:5-6

*Central Community
College-Grand Island*

**Ramsey
Rathjen**



I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

-Philippians 4:13

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College-Grand Island*



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Senior Spotlight

**Chad
Rostvet**



But seek first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness, and all these
things will be added to you.

-Matthew 6:33

*NE Community College
Norfolk*

**Vance
Smith**



Have I not commanded you? Be
strong and courageous. Do not be
afraid; do not be discouraged, for
the Lord your God will be with
you wherever go.

-Joshua 1:9

*Metropolitan Community
College-Omaha*

**Colton
Zehendner**



And he said to him, "Truly, I say
to you, today you will be with me
in paradise."

-Luke 23:43

*Concordia University-
Seward*



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Notes from the Front Office:



GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH
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YOUTH BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL
CAMPS

We hope you'll join us this summer at
Grand Island Lutheran High
for our Youth Sports Camps!

A white volleyball and an orange basketball are shown in a circular frame.

K-8 Volleyball (3 day) July 13-15th (\$40)

Grades K-3: 9:00am-10:30am
Grades 4-8: 10:45am-12:15pm

K-2 Boys and Girls Basketball (2 day) July 20-21st (\$25)

Grades K-2: 1:30pm-2:45pm

3-8 Girls Basketball (2 day) July 16-17th (\$30)

Grades 3-8: 10:30am-12:00pm

3-8 Boys Basketball (2 day) July 20-21 (\$30)

Grades 3-5: 9:00am-10:30am
Grades 6-8: 10:45am-12:15pm



REGISTER NOW

Scan the QR Code to
Register Online!
Registration Deadline:
July 10th

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1ST ANNUAL 5th-8th GRADE BOYS
OVERNIGHT BASKETBALL CAMP
AT GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH

Cost is \$100
Includes 2 meals, snacks,
drinks, and a t-shirt

STARTS: MONDAY, JULY 27TH @2:00PM
ENDS: TUESDAY, JULY 28TH @11:00AM

- Skill Development
- Camp Competitions
- Live Games
- Device-free Experience
- Bible Lessons
- Movie Night

All boys entering 5th-8th grade
are invited to attend a fun-filled
Overnight Camp Experience!

Scan the QR code to
Register Online!
Registration Deadline
July 23rd

GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH
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A square QR code used for online registration.

SUMMER
Office Hours:
Tuesday-Wednesday
8:30am-12:30pm





GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH

ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR 2026-2027



Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is now open. Please log into your Family Portal, click Apply/Enroll, then Reenrollment where you will find your current student listed. If you have an additional student who will be new to the school, please start with a new application for them.

Enroll today!

**ENROLL
TODAY!**



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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS ON EARNING SPRING NCPA ACADEMIC ALL-STATE!

BOYS TRACK
MAXIMUS MORA
DARIUS UDEN

MUSIC
EMMA STRONG
COLTON KRUEGER

GIRLS TRACK
GRACE BADER
SKYLER LIESS

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



**CONGRATULATIONS TO BLAKE
HOLLIDAY ON BEING SELECTED
FOR THE HASTINGS COLLEGE
"OPEN SPACE" ART INTENSIVE
THIS SUMMER!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
BROOKE ADAMS FOR SIGNING
TO CHEER AT SOUTH EAST
COMMUNITY COLLEGE!**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO COLTON
ZEHENDNER ON SIGNING TO RUN
CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK AT
CONCORDIA SEWARD THIS FALL!**



**LUKE OLSON-
MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**
**ABIGAIL UDEN-
FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**



**RAFE MENDYK-
BRAD FOSSBERG AWARD
WINNER**



**COLTON ZEHENDNER AND
ANNALISE HAUSER-
OUTSTANDING LIGHTNING
AWARD WINNERS**

**TAYLOR KELM
FIRST PLACE**



CONFERENCE ART RESULTS

JR. HIGH

COLORED DRAWING

CHLOE BAKER-HONORABLE MENTION
HARPER BENNETT- HONORABLE MENTION

COLORED PENCIL

OLIVIA SALMON-FIRST
COLIN DRIEWER-THIRD
JORDAN LIESS-HONORABLE MENTION
JORDAN LIESS-FIFTH
ABIGAIL MEYER-HONORABLE MENTION
BLACK AND WHITE

ABIGAIL MEYER-FIRST

HIGH SCHOOL

PENCIL DRAWING PORTRAIT

ANNALISE HAUSER-FIRST
PENCIL DRAWING OTHER
TAYLOR KELM-THIRD
KATELYN HOINS-FOURTH

GRACE SALMON-HONORABLE MENTION

COLORED DRAWING

DAISY CANADY-SECOND

COLORED PENCIL

BLAKE HOLLIDAY-SECOND

DAISY CANADY-THIRD

KATELYN HOINS-FOURTH

BLACK AND WHITE

TAYLOR KELM-HONORABLE MENTION

SCRATCH ART

TAYLOR KELM-FIRST

ALEX AUGUSTIN-SECOND

ACRYLIC/OIL/TEMPRA

ANNALISE HAUSER-SECOND

PRINTMAKING

MAXWELL MURDOCH-HONORABLE MENTION

SPECIAL PROJECTS

ANNALISE HAUSER-FIRST

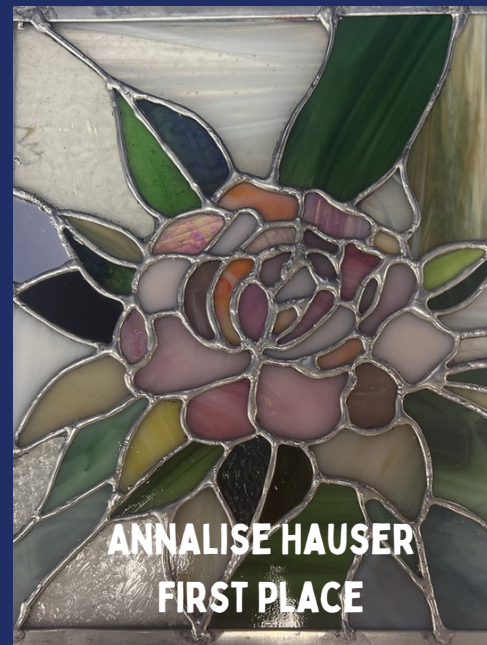
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SCULPTURE AND JEWELRY

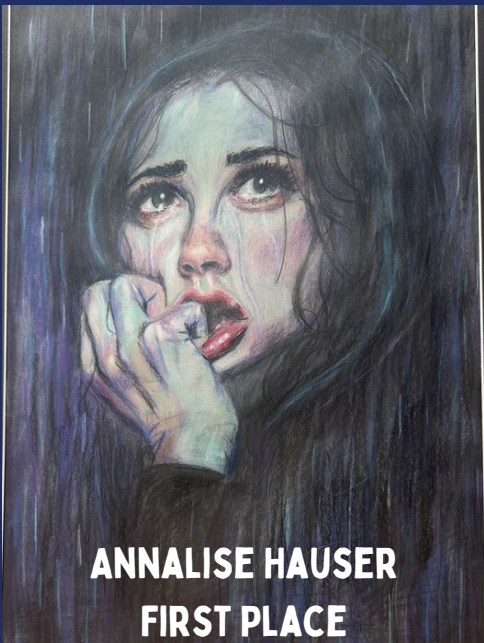
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MIXED MEDIA 3D

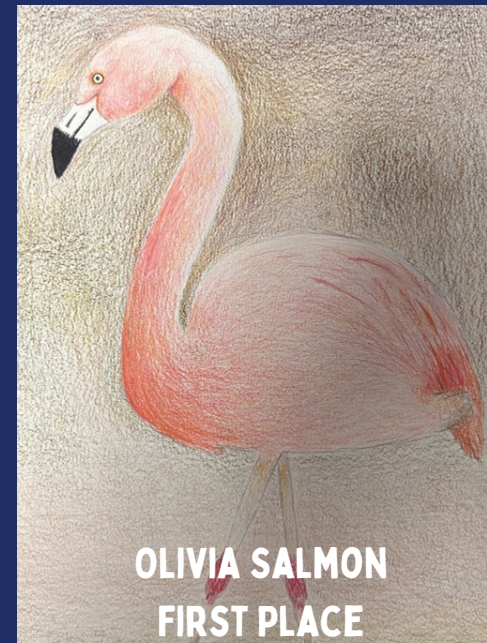
ANNALISE HAUSER-SECOND



**ANNALISE HAUSER
FIRST PLACE**



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**OLIVIA SALMON
FIRST PLACE**



**ABBI MEYER
FIRST PLACE**





Spring Concert

April 30, 2026



GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH LIGHTNING

Track and Field Highlights

District Track Results

Girls Long Jump

5th-Lauren Smith

Girls High Jump

3rd-Lauren Smith *State Qualifier

Girls 400 M

2nd-Abigail Uden *State Qualifier

Girls 1600

6th-Skyler Liess

Girls 100 Hurdles

5th-Skyler Liess

Girls 300 Hurdles

4th-Abigail Uden

6th-Skyler Liess

Girls Discus

3rd-Abby VanBibber

Girls Shot

4th-Abby VanBibber

Boys Long Jump

5th-Darrin Bexten

6th-Josh Olson

Boys High Jump

1st-Luke Olson *State Qualifier

Boys 200 M

5th-Max Mora

Boys 400 M

2nd-Max Mora *State Qualifier

Boys 800 M

3rd-Colton Zehendner

Boys 1600

3rd-Darius Uden

4th-Colton Zehendner

Boys 3200

1st-Max Mora *State Qualifier

Boys 110 Hurdles

6th-Seth Reynolds

Boys 300 Hurdles

1st-Max Mora *State Qualifier

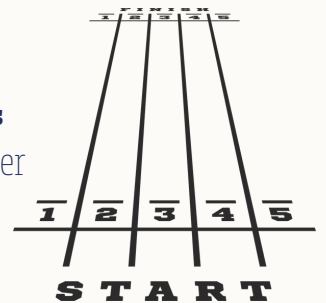
6th-Seth Reynolds

Boys 4x100

6th-Luke O, Uriah F,
Vance S, Darrin B

Boys 4x800

5th-Xander R, Seth R,
Jesse C, Caden H



Congratulations to the following athletes for breaking school records!

Maximus Mora-400 M (51.73)

Lauren Smith-High Jump (4'11")

Abigail Uden-300 Hurdles (50.88)

Luke Olson-High Jump (6'4")

GRAND ISLAND LUTHERAN HIGH LIGHTNING

Track and Field Highlights

Conference Track Results

Girls Long Jump

2nd-Abigail Uden
4th-Lauren Smith

Girls High Jump

4th-Lauren Smith

Girls 100 M

5th-Abigail Uden

Girls 200 M

4th-Abigail Uden

Girls 400 M

3rd-Abigail Uden

Girls 300 Hurdles

5th-Skyler Liess

Girls Discus

4th-Abby VanBibber

Boys Long Jump

5th-Josh Olson

Boys High Jump

1st-Luke Olson

Boys 100 M

3rd-Maximus Mora

Boys 200 M

2nd-Maximus Mora

Boys 400 M

4th-Maximus Mora

Boys 800 M

6th-Colton Zehendner

Boys 3200

5th-Darius Uden

Boys 4x100

6th-Luke O, Uriah F, Vance S,
Darrin B.

Boys 4x800

4th-Darius U, Josh O, Xander R,
Colton Z

Jr High Conference Track Results

Girls Long Jump

3rd-Maeve Nott

Girls 100 M

4th-Maeve Nott

Girls 200 M

5th-Autumn Clement

Girls 800 M

5th-Abbi Meyer

Girls 100 Hurdles

5th-Autumn Clement

Girls 200 Hurdles

3rd-Maeve Nott

Boys Triple Jump

3rd-Micah Captain

Boys 4x800

6th-Jordan, Aceyn, Xavier, Micah





Darius Uden finished
the 3200 in 11:15

Luke Olson
placed 4th in
the High Jump



Maximus Mora
placed 8th in the
400M and 7th in
the 300 Hurdles



Lauren Smith placed 16th
in the High Jump



Abigail Uden finished
16th in the 400



State Track

GOLF



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May Highlights



LIGHTNING CORE VALUES

A-Accountability

We take responsibility for our actions, words, and growth.

B-Belief

We trust in God-and in the abilities He's given us.

C-Consistency

We show up with integrity and do our best every day.

D -Discipline

We stay focused, work hard, and grow through challenges.



ALUMI
Spotlight

