



# Duchesne High School to graduate 8 valedictorians

Duchesne High School has eight seniors who will graduate at the top of their class as this year's valedictorians.

Adam Herron, Triton Ivie, Brittany Montague, Heather Moon, Lisa Pace, Ashley Ponath, Taylor Rowley and Stacey Taylor all have the highest grade point averages in the graduating class, which in the case of these eight students is 4.0.

Each student has taken a rigorous course of study, which includes advanced math and science classes and Utah State University concurrent enrollment classes. Five of the students have ACT composite scores of 30 or higher, with the others close behind.

"We've had co-valedictorians before, but never eight students with such commendable credentials," said Duchesne High counselor John Foster. "This has been an unusual group of students who through the years have challenged and encouraged each other academically to perform well. In fact, this whole class is full of remarkable students with outstanding accomplishments. I'm proud of all of them."

Herron is the son of Dave and Deborah Herron. He was offered a four-year presidential scholarship at UST, but will be attending Brigham Young University to major in mechanical engineering. He played Frolbas in "Les Miserables," Nathan Detroit in "Guys and Dolls," and had minor roles in "High School Musical" and "Oklahoma."

While in high school, Herron participated in cross country, track, golf, FBLA, and was named the Outstanding Student in speech & drama, social science, math, science, business, and music. He was a member of the state champion Academic Decathlon team, receiving the sixth highest score at state two years in a row and competed nationally. He is an Elks scholarship national finalist, Boys State delegate, General Sterling Scholar runner-up, and Youth City Mayor. An Eagle Scout, he has staffed Timberline National Youth Leadership training three years. He was recently awarded an associate of science degree from USU.

Ivie, the son of Jim and Talana Ivie, has received several scholarship offers around the state, but has decided to accept the presidential scholarship from USU where he will study biochemistry. Ivie has portrayed Javert in "Les Miserables," Sky Masterson in "Guys and Dolls," Ryan in "High School Musical" and "Ali Hakim" in "Oklahoma," all major roles.

In high school he participated in cross country, track,

basketball, drama, FBLA, and concurrent enrollment classes. He participated in the Washington, D.C., study tour sponsored by Utah Fast Pass, was a delegate to Boys State, is an Eagle Scout and has staffed Timberline for three years. In his spare time he makes chain mail armor. He also plays the bagpipes.

Montague is the daughter of Peter and Leslie Montague. She will attend Southern Utah University on a presidential scholarship. Brittany won the talent award at Homcoming singing an original composition and accompanying herself on the guitar. She has had major and minor roles in four school musicals and was named best actress twice in region competitions and once at state. She has been involved with cross country, track, solo and ensemble, chorus, speech and drama, and concurrent enrollment classes. She was named Academic All-State in cross country, basketball and track and was the Sterling Scholar candidate in speech and drama. She participated in the Washington, D.C., study tour sponsored by Utah Fast Pass.

Moon is the daughter of Lee and Kathy Moon. After graduation she plans to attend BYU in accounting. Moon was the Muste Sterling Scholar winner for the Northeast Region. While in high school, she was a member of three state champion drill teams, a state champion Academic Decathlon team and had major and minor roles in four school musicals. She was also involved with FBLA, speech, drama, chorus, a two-week study trip to Europe, Girls State, and concurrent enrollment college classes.

Pace is the daughter of Cleston and Karen Pace. She has been awarded a presidential scholarship to Dixie State College, where she will major in English. Pace is the editor of the yearbook, has an article soon to be published by "The New Era," and has a novel ready to be published. She has taken concurrent enrollment college classes and was a Sterling Scholar candidate in English and literature. She also attended Girls State as a delegate.

Ponath, daughter of Klicinn and Conwell Ponath, is the recipient of a presidential scholarship from Dixie State College, where she will major in English. While in high school Ponath has been involved in speech and drama, track, choir, guitar, portrayed minor roles in four musicals and served as FBLA President. She represented the school as a Sterling Scholar candidate in business.

Rowley is the son of Mike and Janae Rowley and will

attend SUU next year on a presidential scholarship majoring in music education. Rowley portrayed four major roles in school musicals: Will Parker in "Oklahoma," Troy Bolton in "High School Musical," Nicely Johnson in "Guys & Dolls," and Jean Valjean in "Les Miserables." He was named Academic All-State in basketball and also participated in cross country, track, FFA, FCCLA, speech, drama, choir, guitar solo and ensemble, all-state choir and concurrent enrollment classes. He served as class president three years. Rowley is an Eagle Scout and served on Timberline staff for five summers.

Taylor is the daughter of Patricia and the late Lyman Taylor. She will attend Snow College on an academic scholarship, majoring in biology. Taylor plays piano, violin, organ and guitar. She has been involved with basketball, cross country, track, drama, speech, and four school musicals. She was named Academic All-State in cross country and basketball, won the Energy Solutions Foundation scholarship as a sophomore, was a Sterling Scholar candidate in science, and attended Girls State.



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Duchesne High School's graduating class includes eight valedictorians. Front row: Heather Moon, Brittany Montague, Ashley Ponath, and Stacey Taylor. Back row: Adam Herron, Taylor Rowley and Triton Ivie. Absent when the picture was taken was Lisa Pace. All eight students have 4.0 GPAs.

