

Press Release



Po-Hi 2019 Valedictorian and Salutatorians Announced

The Ponca City Senior High School 2019 Graduating Class is proud to announce Joshua Grant Fairbanks as the Valedictorian and Shae Angelina Burden and Katherine Laine Parr as the Salutatorians. Po-Hi graduation is Friday, May 17, 8:00 pm at Sullins Stadium. Ceremonies will be held at Robson Fieldhouse in case of inclement weather. Graduation will be livestreamed again this year on the Ponca City Public School Facebook page for friends and family who are unable to attend. Baccalaureate is Thursday, May 16, 7:00 pm in Howell Auditorium.

Joshua Grant Fairbanks is the son of Jim and Mandy Fairbanks and the grandson of Grant and Deanna Hodges and Victor and Jeanette Fairbanks. He attends Northeast Baptist Church in Ponca City. He plans to attend Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, OK to major in Pre-Engineering and play soccer for the Mavericks. He plans to graduate with an Associate's of Science Degree in Pre-Engineering and then attend Oklahoma State University to study Civil Engineering.

Shae Angelina Burden is the daughter of Timothy and Jackie Burden and the granddaughter of Susan and Terri Burden, and Jim and Denise Killius. Shae is the oldest of three children. Her younger sisters are Jacey and Trinity Burden. She currently works at Taco Bell and has been working there since September of 2017. She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma to become an architect.

Katherine Laine Parr is the daughter of Stephen and Leanne Parr and the granddaughter of Beverly and the late Leland Smith as well as Patricia and the late Gary Parr. Katie is the younger sister of 2017 Po-Hi graduate Matthew Parr. Katie plans to further her education and dance career at Oklahoma State University and major in International Business/Pre-Law, eventually becoming a United States Legislator.

Joshua Fairbanks - Awards/Honors/Clubs/Activities

Class of 2019 Valedictorian
Superintendent's Honor Roll (9-12)
Certificate of Distinction (12)
Earl Sullins Scholastic Award for Highest GPA (12)
OBEC (12)
Community Service Award (12)
Social Studies Departmental Award (12)
Oklahoma Boys State Delegate (11)
Academic All State Nominee (12)
Noon Lions Club Student of the Month for December (12)
National Honor Society (11-12)
National Honor Society Vice President (11-12)
National Society of High School Scholars (11-12)
Boys Varsity Soccer Team (9-12)
Soccer Team Captain (11-12)
Lead the Soccer Team in Goals Scored (11)
Lead the Soccer Team in Assists (11)
Team MVP (11)

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Varsity Soccer Letter (10-12)
All District Honorable Mention (10)
All District (11)
All State Honorable Mention (12)
All State First Alternate (12)
Highest Freshman GPA for Po-Hi Soccer Team (9)
Highest Sophomore GPA for Po-Hi Soccer Team (10)
Highest Junior GPA for Po-Hi Soccer Team (11)
Highest Senior GPA for Po-Hi Soccer Team (12)
Football (9-12)
Varsity Football Letter (11-12)
All District Honorable Mention (12)

Shae Angelina Burden - Awards/Honors/Clubs/Activities

Class of 2019 Salutatorian
Superintendent's Honor Roll (9-12)
Lettered in Academics (9-12)
Certificate of Distinction (12)
OBEC (12)
Oklahoma Academic Scholar (12)
AP Government Academic Award (12)
Physics Academic Award (12)
Math Departmental Academic Award (12)
Noon Lions Club Student of the Month for January (12)
Student Council Representative (12)
National Honor Society President (12)
Senior Class Vice President (12)
Football Homecoming Queen Candidate (12)
Princess Po-Hi Candidate (12)
Oklahoma Girls State Delegate (11)
Outstanding Female Student for the Junior Class (11)
Football Homecoming Attendant (11)
Zoology Academic Award (11)
Pre-AP Trig/Calc Academic Award (11)
History Through Film Academic Award (11)
Ponca City High School Soccer Team (10-9)
Highest Sophomore GPA for the Ponca City High School Soccer Team (10)
Junior Varsity Ponca City High School Soccer Team Player of the Year (10)
Lettered in Soccer (10)
Pre-AP English II Academic Award (10)
AP US History Academic Award (10)
Soccer Homecoming Attendant (10)
Highest Freshman GPA for Ponca City High School Soccer Team (9)
Pre-AP English I Academic Award (9)

Katherine Laine Parr - Awards/Honors/Clubs/Activities

Class of 2019 Salutatorian
Superintendent's Honor Roll (9-12)
Oklahoma History Academic Award (9)
Bronze, Silver, Gold Scholarship Pins (9-12)
English Department Award (12)
OBEC (12)
Certificate of Distinction (12)
Community Service Medallion (12)
DAR Good Citizen Award (12)
Oklahoma Academic Scholar (12)
Oklahoma Academic All State Nominee (12)
Wendy's High School Heisman Nominee (12)
Student of the Month Nov. 2018

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Wildcat of the Week April 29 - May 3

Oklahoma Girls State Delegate (12)

Council Member

Vice-Mayor

City Party Chair

Caucus Party Chair

Credentials Committee Chair

Senator

Po-Hi Steppers

4 year Outstanding Achievement in Dance (Camp) (9-12)

3 year Excellent Achievement in Dance (Camp) (10-12)

3 year All-American Dancer (10-12)

2 year Member of Dance Company (11-12)

3 year Member of Kick Company (10-12)

Outstanding Dancer at Camp (12)

1 Year Miss High Kick (12)

2 year National Kick Company (10-11)

Captain of National Champion Po-Hi Steppers

Freshman Class President (9)

Student Council Member (9-12)

NHS Member (11-12)

FCA Member (9-12)

Highest GPA Award for Student Council (9-12)

Member of St. Mary's Youth Group

Pictured L-R: Joshua Fairbanks, Shae Burden, Katherine Parr

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