

Press Release



Po-Hi 2018 Valedictorian and Salutatorian Named

The Ponca City Senior High School 2018 Graduating Class is proud to announce Abigail Jeanette Spiers and Kyle Allen Shepard as the Valedictorians and Arieli Madai Villalobos as the Salutatorian. Po-Hi graduation is Friday, May 25, 8:00 pm at Sullins Stadium. Ceremonies will be held at Robson Fieldhouse in case of inclement weather. Graduation will be livestreamed this year on the Ponca City Public School Facebook page for friends and family who are unable to attend. Baccalaureate is Thursday, May 24, 7:00 pm in Howell Auditorium.

Abigail Jeanette Spiers is the daughter of Jacey Hopkins and the granddaughter of Jack and Jeanette Stone of Clinton, OK. Abigail is one of five children. Her older brother, Joshua Spiers, was named Valedictorian as well in 2016. Abigail works at the Children's Museum, Exploration Destination. She plans to attend the University of Central Oklahoma to become either an orthodontist or pediatric dentist.

Kyle Allen Shepard is the son of Mark and Andrea Shepard and the grandson of Gary and Nancy Shepard of Ponca City, Sharon Shepard and Kim Mercer of Winfield, KS, and Don and Brenda Warden (and the late Rick Goode) of Tecumseh, OK. Kyle is the younger brother of Po-Hi 2015 graduate Blake Shepard, deceased. He currently works at Frontier Siding & Window and owns his own lawn service. He is also a student intern for Lewis Associates Architects in Ponca City. Kyle plans to attend Oklahoma State University and double major in Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering.

Areli Villalobos is the daughter of Javier and Lucy Villalobos. She attends the First Hispanic Baptist Church in Ponca City. She plans to attend Oklahoma State University to major in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in hopes of becoming a doctor.

Abigail Spiers – Awards/Honors/Clubs/Activities

Class of 2018 Valedictorian
Superintendent's Honor Roll (9th-12th)
Oklahoma Girls State Delegate
Oklahoma Girls State Delegate Camp (11th)
Pre-AP Chemistry Award (10th)
Po-Hi Stepper (9th-12th)
Po-Hi Stepper Lieutenant Officer (12th)
Po-Hi Stepper - National Dance Competitions Winner
National Honor Society (3 years)
National Honor Society Secretary (12th)
DECA (9th-12th)
Placed 1st in DECA State Competition in 2016
Attended DECA National Convention in Nashville, TN in 2016
Student Council Representative (3 years)

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Student Council Summer Basic Leadership Workshop (11th)
Chosen to Attend Student Council State Convention 2017
2M2L (Too Much To Lose) Club
Football Homecoming Queen 2017

Areli Villalobos – Awards/Honors/Clubs/Activities

Class of 2018 Salutatorian
Superintendent's Honor Roll (9th-12th)
National Honor Society
Vice President of National Honor Society (12th)
Oklahoma Academic All-State (12th)
Oklahoma Girls State Delegate (11th)
Student Council Representative (11th & 12th)
Students Standing Strong Leadership Team
National Hispanic Scholar (12th)

Kyle Shepard – Awards/Honors/Clubs/Activities

Class of 2018 Valedictorian
Superintendent's Honor Roll (9th-12th)
Academic All-State Nominee
Certificate of Distinction
Oklahoma Boys State Delegate
Academic letter & Pin (10th)
Academic Bar & Pin (11th & 12th)
OBEC (Oklahoma Business & Education Coalition)
Community Service Award (Over 150 Hours Community Service)
Blake Shepard Memorial Fund
Outstanding Sophomore Boy
Foreign Language Academic Award
PAP English Academic Award (9th)
AP Geography Award (9th)
Foreign Language Award (11th)
Student Council GPA Award (11th)
Student Council Member (3 years)

Pictured L-R: Areli Villalobos, Kyle Shepard, Abigail Spiers

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