



2020
Jefferson
Show Choir

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2020 Connection

Luke Backes

Nick Baker

Anna Benjamin

Aedan Bertrand

Carly Brod

Elias Caspari

Aubrianna
Churchill

Emily Colby

Zoey Coval

Gracen Crombie

Naomi Dargis

Chuck Decklever

Avery Espy

Max Everett

Ally Fellows

Landen Glenna

Solomon
Grueschow

Rachel Hadley

Gabe Hansen

Seth Harkner

Katie Hatton

Sarah Hatton

**Charles
Hodgeman**

Bella Hofer

Colin Jensen

Kailee Jensen

Jayden Johnson

Clare Koll

Andrew Kramer

Julianna Langer

Clayton Larsen

Devin Lindblom

Peter Linden

Kendall Loken

Jake McCarthy

David Mei

Teddy Miller

Maggie Mills

Ethan Nelson

Corynn Nord

Ginny Ogaard

Hannah Pham

Grace Phan

Quintin

Rippiebakke

Andie Schrader

Ryan Seaver

Taryn Shakir

JT Sjoquist

Justin Soderberg

Brook Sorensen

Any Sorenson

Paige Staub

Lucy Stedman

Nick Svntek

Tsione Teklu

Matt TenBroek

Karley Thurston

Juma Waganda

Ebba Wako

Lainey Walworth

Denotes Senior



2020 JIVE

Maria Aanestad	Katrina Daigle	Carly Johnson	Brooke Neeser	Darya Seaver	Helena
Alexis Abbey	Ella Doyle	Erin Johnson	Taren Nord	Amanda Snow	Thompson
Dylan-Hannah Adams	Elena Dunagan	Payton Johnson	Grace Pederson	Liv Squires	Christina Timm
Chloe Barbour	Erin Eikaas	Mackenzie Kirksey	Abby Post	Joey Stedman	SummerAnn Walker
Hannah Becker	Maya Engeholm	Elise Lee	Serenity Pratt	Dana Stephensen	Sydney Walworth
Kylie Borchartd	Bella Firnstahl	Abby Machtig	Aysia Reynolds	Maddy Sterling	Anaya Weiss
Abigail Brar	Alli Guberud	Sydney Meek	Olivia Rhodes	Maddy Stross	Greta Wolsky
Ruby Burns	Lily Hansen	Kyla Morgenstern	Greta Rippiebakke	Skylar Strudwick	Caroline Yue
Olivia Busch	Caroline Harding	Bridget Neeser	Patty Rynda	Gabrielle Stuart	Annika Zarth
	Emily Hawley				



2020 JIVE Band

Max Everett	Matt TenBroek	Gale Eidam
Landen Glenna	Clayton Carlson	Serena French
Seth Harker	Benjamin Carpenter	Tara Gibbs
Brook Sorensen	Charlie Detoffol	Preston Le



2020 Connection Band

Tori Marick	Tasha Pizel	Danika Smidt
Anna Mattsson	Davis Radtke	David Swanson
Nick Niziolek	Dylan Ringer	Ming Vang
Avery Papke	Bailey Skarbalus	Amy Wang



Tara Gibbs

Years in Show Choir: 4 (Connection Band)
Favorite Show Choir memory: Going to the Waffle House in Nashville with all my friends and the LA trip my freshman year
After graduating: Major in History at UW Eau Claire
Favorite song: "Under Pressure" by Queen and David Bowie
Advice to underclassmen: Make lots of friends



Andie Schrader

Years in Show Choir: 3 (2 years Connection, 1 year Jive)
My favorite Show Choir memory: My junior year in Connection and making finals at Waconia.
After graduating: I plan on attending Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. Major in Psychology and minor in Music to be a musical therapist.
My favorite song: "Dare you to Move" it always sounded like we were saying dare you to moo.
Advice to the underclassmen: Always look for a bright side, don't let yourself get dragged down into negative thinking.



I would like to thank my mom and dad who listened to my stupid, very hard to follow Show Choir stories, while I was dancing around the room probably screaming and being a nuisance in general. Both of you were always there when I needed to just rant about what was happening and just let it all out. Which was very often. You gave me the ability to have a positive and happy year. Thank you both.



Lainey Walworth

Years in Show Choir: 4
Favorite Show Choir memory: Going to Nashville!
After graduating: I am attending UW-Eau Claire to study Special and Regular Early Childhood Education.
Favorite song: "You Say" by Lauren Daigle
Advice to underclassmen: Take in every moment, it goes by in the blink of an eye!

Thank you to my parents for all of your love and support for the past four years, and for being my biggest superfan!

Ally Fellows

Years in Show Choir: 4 (2 years Jive, 2 years Connection)

Favorite Show Choir memory: Being the sunflower girl and Nashville.

Favorite Song: "Lost Boy"

Advice to underclassmen: Always try to keep a positive mentality, it makes even the hardest of times a little easier.

Thank you to my parents, for always supporting my love for the arts and for giving me all of the opportunities to do what I love.



Corynn Nord

Years in Show Choir: 4

Favorite Show Choir Memory: Dairy Queen and bonfires after summer rehearsals

After graduating: Attending college majoring in psychology and behavioral studies

Favorite song: "I'm still standing!" by Elton John

Advice to underclassmen: Find joy in everything you do and appreciate the little things!

Thank you to my mom, dad and my friends for being my biggest supporters!



Anya Sorenson

Years in Show Choir: 4 (3 years Jive, 1 year Connection)

Favorite Show Choir memory: When Jive made finals at Altoona for the first time and everyone in Connection jumped, screamed, hugged me, and told me they were proud of me.

After graduating: I plan to major in Aerospace Engineering at Iowa State University and maybe work for NASA one day!

Favorite song: Currently, "Cherry" by Harry Styles

Advice to underclassmen: Time really does fly by, so don't waste away the present by always worrying about the future. Just be happy.

Thank you to all the other seniors, as we went through this journey together. Love you :)





Bella Hofer

Years in Show Choir: 4

Favorite Show Choir Memory: Nashville trip

After graduating: I plan to attend CSE at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities in the fall

Favorite song: "Hymn of Acxiom"

Advice to underclassmen: Let yourself have fun! And stay positive :)

Thank you to my parents, for putting up with so much craziness for 4 years and coming to so many competitions! Thank you so much!



Carly Brod

Years in Show Choir: 4 (2 years Jive, 1 year Connection crew, 2 years Connection)

Favorite Show Choir memory: When Jive made finals for the first time at Altoona.

After graduating: I plan to attend University of Wisconsin River Falls in the fall, majoring in Psychology and minoring in Biology.

Favorite song: "Fly me to the Moon" by Frank Sinatra

Advice to underclassmen: It's not all about winning or losing, it's about the experiences and friendships that are made along the way.

I have to thank all the teachers that taught me over the past four years. I also have to thank everything the choir program has done for all of us.



Kendall Loken

Years in Show Choir: 3

Favorite Show Choir memory: Nashville trip with my friends

After graduating: I plan to attend college studying either marketing or exercise science.

My favorite song: "To Die For" by Sam Smith

Advice to underclassmen: Make sure to have fun and enjoy the memories with your friends.

Thank you to my mom, my dad, my sister, and my friends for supporting and loving me unconditionally.



Ming Uang

Years in Show Choir: 3 (Connection Band)

Favorite Show Choir Memory: Nashville tour and meeting my best friends through Show Choir

After graduating: I will be attending the U of M to study Music Education

Favorite song: "Sweet Creature" by Harry Styles

Advice to underclassmen: Stay in your lane

Thank you to my family and friends for coming to competitions



Nick Niziolek

Years in Show Choir: 1 (Connection Band)

Favorite Show Choir memory: Wearing sunglasses for the finals show at Rock the North

After graduating: Planning on going into aerospace engineering at the U of M

Favorite Show Choir song: "Welcome to the Night"

Favorite song overall: "You and me" by Meute

Advice for other trumpets: Practice practice practice doing one of these shows as a lead trumpet is like running a marathon

Thank you to all of those who convinced me to do it this year it was a blast!

Amanda Snow

Years in Show Choir: 4 years in Jive

Favorite Show Choir memory: Getting to know so many awesome and talented people! I love y'all!

After graduating: I plan to take a gap semester before going to University of Wisconsin La Crosse to study Criminal Justice in the spring.

Favorite Song: I've performed is definitely Rise! Best ballad ever!

Advice to underclassmen: Have fun and feel the music! Performing is so much easier when you go into it with a positive mindset!



*I want to say thank you to my mom for working so hard to get me where I am and to my dad, who even though he couldn't always come to my performances, he was there in spirit!
Thank you to everyone who made my Show Choir experience unforgettable!*



Landen Glenna

Years in show choir: 2

Favorite show choir memory: It's just a soutenu!

After graduating: College! TBD

Favorite song: "9 to 5" Dolly Parton

Advice to underclassmen: Make the most of any situation. Stay positive and be kind.

Thank you to Julie Walworth for coming to my rescue. Also my parents.



Tasha Pizel

Years in Show Choir: 2

Favorite Show Choir memory: Nashville

After graduating: I'll be studying statistics at the University of Wisconsin - Madison

Favorite song: "Adore You" by Harry Styles

Advice to underclassmen: Take every opportunity you have to try new things, you never know until you try!

Thank you to my parents, for always supporting my musical endeavors



Brook Sorensen

Years in Show Choir: 2.5

Favorite Show Choir memory: The bus ride down to Kansas City when my friends and I played random games to pass the time.

After graduating: I plan to study biology at the University of Minnesota as well as perform with the marching band there.

Favorite song: "Live to Fight Another Day" by The Cog is Dead

Advice to underclassmen: Stop worrying so much about things that aren't going to matter down the road. Just let yourself have fun and enjoy it while it lasts.

Thank you to Jessica Stark, who convinced me to rejoin Show Choir





Rachel Hadley

Years in Show Choir: 3

After graduating: Studying graphic design

Favorite Song: "Dancing Queen" by ABBA

Advice to underclassmen: Keep a positive mindset and don't compare yourself to others

Thank you to my mom for being my best friend



Darya Seaver

Years in Show Choir: 1

After graduating: Get a degree in Psychology or Social Work

Favorite song: "Don't Stop Me Now" by Queen

Advice to underclassman: Join as soon as you hear about Show Choir, don't wait as long as I did.

Thank you to my mom for seriously being the best mother a girl could ask for and for letting me join my last year and being incredibly supportive.



Karley Thurston

Years in Show Choir: 3

Favorite Show Choir memory: Making it to finals my sophomore year in Jive at Altoona

After graduating: I plan to study Math and Computer Science next year at Macalester

Favorite song: "Big Black Car" by Gregory Alan Isakov

Advice to underclassmen: Procrastination causes unnecessary stress

Thank you to my family and friends for helping support me along the way





JT Sjoquist

Years in Show Choir: 3

Favorite Show Choir memory: Getting smothered with a pillow by Teddy and Jaylan in our hotel room in Kansas City for laughing too much

After graduating: I plan to attend the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point to study Physics

Favorite song: "Castle on the Hill" by Ed Sheeran

Advice to underclassmen: Enjoy the comps as they happen, make memories at all of them, and write them down

Thank you to my Mom and my Dad for everything



Ebba Wako

Years in Show Choir: 3

Favorite Show Choir memory:
The Fritz's Railroad Cafe!

After graduating: Study computer science at the University of Minnesota Twin-Cities

Favorite song: "Banana Pancakes"
by Jack Johnson

Advice to underclassmen: Don't stress too much over the little things. All in all, everything is gonna be okay.

Thank you to the awesome Trailer Crew, all my fellow seniors, and the family and friends I'll take with me after high school



Sarah Hatton

Years in Show Choir: 2

Favorite Show Choir memory: When all of trailer crew waited for the trailer to arrive for an hour before the NSP comp. We sang Disney songs, did some ballet and desperately searched for our other dolly and it was so much fun.

After graduating: I'm going to go to a college, TBD on which one, and hopefully major in Neuroscience.

Favorite song: "From Now On"

Advice to underclassmen: Take a deep breath, eat some chocolate, you can do this. And if you actually can't do this and everything falls apart, then that's okay too. Just keep moving forward.



Thank you to my family for listening to me rant, my friends for keeping me a somewhat sane person, and all of my crew friends for being my favorite part of Show Choir. I'd also like to give a special shout out to my best friends duck tape, spreadsheets, and hairspray, I wouldn't have been able to do it without you.

Nick Baken

Years in Show Choir: 2

Favorite Show Choir memory: Dessert and a Show 2019.

The nervous energy going into my first show from joining into the choir so late will always be a memory I cherish forever

After graduating: Going to St. Thomas University as a liberal arts and teaching student and then becoming something of a choir director/teacher myself

Favorite song: "All My Own Stunts" by Arctic Monkeys

Advice to underclassmen: Always stay living in the moment, because every moment in life is unique and there's never gonna be another one like it

Thank you to JT Sjoquist, Ebba Wako, Jamie Schimdt and Aedan Bertrand



Gabriel Hansen

Years in Show Choir: 4

Favorite Show Choir memories: "Gib", Shinsuke Nakamura, Jeff Jeffy's Jeff Jeffion, LA, Interdisciplinary Party, & splitting my pants into two entirely separate pieces.

After graduating: I plan on attending Gustavus Adolphus college to major in Life Sciences on a premedical track, minor in vocal performance, and watch as many sunsets as I possibly can.

Favorite song: "Father & Son" by Cat Stevens

Advice to underclassmen: Nobody cares what shoes you are wearing or what your hair looks like, and if they do: leave 'em behind. The sooner you stop

caring what other people think about you, the sooner you will figure out who you are.

Thank you to Mr. Kelly, Mr. Brown, Jordan, Tom, Brandon, and immeasurably more role models this group provided me with over the years. I will truly miss everything this group has meant to me.

David Mei

Years in Show Choir: 3

Favorite Show Choir memory: When Mr. Brown told us the story of his roommate and the toilet.

After graduating: Attend the U of M.

My favorite piece I performed with connection: Stand in the Light.

Advice to underclassman: Do whatever makes you happy.

I want to thank Brown, Jamie, and all my peers for making this a wonderful experience.





Paige Staub

Years in Show Choir: 3

Favorite Show Choir memory: Any and every trailer crew morning.

After graduating: I'll be majoring in nursing at St. Scholastica.

Favorite song: "Lunar Lullaby"

Advice to underclassmen: You should sleep more often, sleeping is important.

Thank you to hairspray and duct tape.

Charles Hodgeman

Years in show choir: 2

Favorite show choir memory: First time at Altoona, singing Sweet Caroline at awards.

After graduating: Attend Normandale then Iowa State, then hopefully become a published writer.

Favorite song: "Fireflies" by Owl City

Advice to underclassmen: Enjoy your time in show choir. It's not about winning, but about the people and the experiences you get along the way.

I'd like to thank Mr. Brown and Jaime, for leading all of Connection. And thank you to all my friends, who not only got me into Connection, but also made it a memorable experience for me.



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Colin Jensen

Years in Show Choir: 2

Favorite Show Choir memory: Our trip to Nashville

After graduating: I will be attending college at Drake University in Des Moines, IA

Favorite Song: "Welcome to the Night"

Advice to underclassmen: Just have fun on stage!

Thank you to my parents for supporting me.



Bailey Skarbalus

Years in Show Choir: 3 (3 years Jive Band, 2 years Connection Band, 1 year Connection Concert Choir)

Favorite Show Choir Memory: Anytime I am with my friends

After graduating: College, majoring in television production and music

Favorite song: "Broken" by Anson Seabra or "Someone You Loved" by Lewis Capaldi

Advice to underclassmen: Make friends and embrace the good moments

Thank you to all my friends and family. I don't know where I would be without them. If they didn't believe in me, I would be a completely different person. The interactions I have had with people have truly shaped me.





The question isn't,
Who's going to let me? It's,
Who's going to stop me?
-Ayn Rand





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