

BILL BURCH

SCHOLARSHIP AND RECOGNITION

BREAKFAST



Za-Ga-Zig Shrine Temple

April 7, 2023

“Excellence Is Our Goal”

Southwest Polk High School

Program

Welcome and Recognition of GuestsSteve Pettit

Breakfast

Introduction of SpeakerLanny Brand

AddressMacKenzie Bills

Presentation of Recognition Awards

Lanny Brand Counselor

Amy Daugherty Counselor

Kari Fast Counselor

Michelle Feldmann Counselor

Jessica Nolting..... Counselor

Valerie Powell Counselor

Presentation of the Bill Burch Humanitarian Award

Closing Remarks Steve Pettit

Featured Speaker

MacKenzie Bills

2012 Bill Burch Humanitarian Award Recipient



MacKenzie Bills graduated in 2012. MacKenzie was President of Teen Leadership Connection and National Honor Society, competed in Speech and Debate, played clarinet in the SEP Marching Band, danced at Pat Barton Dance Studio, and helped out at the nursery every Sunday at the Altoona United Methodist Church. MacKenzie went off to become a Public Policy Fellow at the Culver Public Policy Center at Simpson College where she majored in Political Science and International Relations and minored in French and Religion. After graduation, MacKenzie won a Fulbright Grant to Malaysia and also campaigned against female genital mutilation at the U.S. Embassy in Djibouti, Africa. She continued working as a contractor for the U.S. State Department working in the Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor Bureau where she researched and edited the Congressionally mandated International Religious Freedom Reports. In her last position, she managed the Trafficking in Persons Report as well as researched and reviewed anti-human trafficking policy for Central and East Africa. Recently, MacKenzie ran for Iowa State House in her hometown of Altoona, Iowa.



Seniors

Aubry Allen

Paige Dawson

Lindsay Baerenwald

Jhonpaul Espiritu

Carrie Baier

Emma Etnyre

Brylee Barnes

Presley Ewing

Gabrialla Blaine

Delaney Ferguson

Lance Borth

Aspen Forristall

Lily Brindley

Stephanie Fritch

Addison Brunner

Zachary Funk

Maesi Caes

Harrison Gibson

Jack Casey

Piper Goode

Madison Chafa

Carissa Gregory

Jenavieve Christensen

Lauren Headington

Emma Cochran

Jordan Holloway

Seniors

Olivia Jackson

Raelyn Parrott

Jensen Jones

Olivia Parsons

Maci Kincaid

Eliza Patchin

Emily Michael

Brooklyn Sartell

Hannah Millard

Alexus Schmidt

Lillian Morris

Hannah Schwemm

Ella Narber

Gabriel Stiles

Josie Newton

Camryn Thompson

Emily Nguyen

Kaden Townsend

Melanie O’Farrill

Mackenzie Weems

Carson Owens

Gwenyth Willeford

Cade Parker

Joseph Zelenovich

Juniors

Allison Beck	Kaeden Kain
Maddie Caes	Sienna Larsen
Kaylee Carlson	Seneca Molstre
Leah Childs	Kelvin Nguyen
Breanna Dao	Spencer Olesen
Kayla DenOtter	Savannah Richardson
Olivia DeVos	Amanda Seeliger
Aidan Douglas	Brooke Seeliger
Abbie Fitzpatrick	Felicity Severs
Harrison Formaro	Lauren Simpson
Noah Frank	Eva Solseth
Ivy Glendening	Alyssa Werthmann
Alexia Hanson	Quinn Whinery
Gavin Holmes	Addison Whipple
Bruce Johnson	Payton Wicks

Sophomores

Eric Chodur

Brooklyn Nanthanorath

Grace Corwin

Annabel Narber

Andrew Dawson

Rachael Nelson

Ashley Gilson

Hailey Rivas

Jaxson Greiner

John Luke Shulenberger

Margaret Johnson

Collin Tewes

Sophia Juhler

Evan Tollari

Sophia Kuhns

Kennedy Wetmore

Bradley Mauer

Matthew Wilson-Langman

Nathaniel Moberg

Kylie Winter

Bill Burch Humanitarian Award Winners

- 2022 – Myah Shipley
- 2021 – Patrick Tunks
- 2020 – Mariah Kacer
- 2019 – Paige Blackford
- 2018 – Luke Williams
- 2017 – Jackson Cole
- 2016 – Sydney Rosenboom
- 2015 – Jacey Huinker
- 2014 - Jessica Cole
- 2013 - Mackenzie West
- 2012 - Mackenzie Bills
- 2011 - Kelsey Duff
- 2010 - Jared Barkley
- 2009 - Christopher Jessen
- 2008 - Tyler Duff
- 2007 - Zach Ballard
- 2006 - Kirby Norris
- 2005 - Sadie Bartling
- 2004 - Kayla Boyd
- 2003 - Tony Ross
- 2002 - Chuck Howald
- 2001 - Andrew Reed
- 2000 - Nick Boyd
- 1999 - Meggan Juhl
- 1998 - Chad Johnson
- 1997 - Jeremy Peterson
- 1996 - Christopher Van Fosson
- 1995 - Heather Murken
- 1994 - Jacob Hamlin
- 1993 - Heather Keeling



BILL BURCH

SOUTHEAST POLK COUNSELOR

1974 - 1992

We have named this breakfast in Bill's honor and present a Humanitarian Award to a student selected by faculty who best exemplifies Bill's outstanding personal qualities of sincerity and compassion toward others. He will be remembered as a man who had time to relate to students and adults alike.

A Tradition of Excellence

The Annual Scholarship and Recognition Breakfast was first organized in 1985. The purpose of the event is to honor 100 of our high school students for outstanding scholastic achievement.

We have been fortunate have some of Iowa's foremost educators and leaders serve as speakers. They represent the Spirit of Renaissance and tradition of excellence associated with this event.

2022	Nick Boyd	2000 Bill Burch Award Winner
2021	Jessica Christensen	2014 Bill Burch Award Winner
2020	Event not held due to COVID	
2019	Heather Hanneman	1995 Bill Burch Award Winner
2018	Chuck Howald	2002 Bill Burch Award Winner
2017	Kayla Bond	2004 Bill Burch Award Winner
2016	Mark Putnam	President, Central College
2015	Lon Moeller	Associate Provost, University of Iowa
2014	Angela I. Walker Franklin	President, Des Moines University
2013	John C. Reynders	President, Morningside College
2012	Raynard S. Kington	President, Grinnell College
2011	David Maxwell	President, Drake University
2010	John W. Byrd	President, Simpson College
2009	Gary Steinke	President, IAICU
2008	Kent Henning	President, Grand View University
2007	Dr. David Roe	President, Central College
2006	Dr. John K, Menzies	President, Graceland University
2005	Mrs. Christie Vilsack	First Lady of the State of Iowa
2004	Dr. Jack Ohle	President, Wartburg College
2003	Dr. William Johnston	President, Iowa Wesleyan College
2002	Kim J. Linduska	DMACC Senior Vice President
2001	Kent Henning	President, Grand View College
2000	R. Kevin LaGree	President, Simpson College
1999	Dr. David Roe	President, Central College
1998	Keith Fenton	President, AIB College of Business
1997	Dr. Robert Koob	President, University of Northern Iowa
1996	Dr. Fredrick V, Moore	President, Buena Vista University
1995	Dr. Pamela Ferguson	President, Grinnell College
1994	No speaker due to inclement weather	
1993	Dr. Joseph A, Borgen	President, Des Moines Area Community College
1992	Dr. William M. Wiebenga	President, Central College
1991	Dr. Stephen Jennings	President, Simpson College
1990	Dr. Constantine Curris	President, University of Northern Iowa
1989	Dr. Hunter Rawlings III	President, University of Iowa
1988	Dr. Gordon Eaton	President, Iowa State University
1987	Terry E. Branstad	Governor, State of Iowa