

THE TRAIL TRIBUNE

CONGRATULATIONS Class of 2026

THE LEGACY

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Where are our Nighthawks headed next?



The Trail Tribune was co-founded by Wilson W. and Elisa H. – both of whom are graduating today. Congratulations Wilson and Elisa, and to all of our graduating Tribuners.

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Introducing Our Graduation Speakers

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Wilson

Valedictorian - Class of 2026



Wilson is Class of 2026's Valedictorian! Beyond his title of Valedictorian, Wilson considers himself a storyteller, advocate, and professional "doom-scroller." Aside from his prolific academic performance and impressive track record on the North Trail Speech and Debate team, Wilson has been amplifying the creative voices at school through his work as the founder of the Literature Club, Film Club, and The Trail Tribune. When he is not empowering underrepresented voices,

Wilson spends his time dreaming about justice, making brain-rot-inspired covers of pop songs, and writing poetry. Wilson hopes that North Trail will grow into a school defined, and strengthened by its beautiful diversity. As a word of advice to fledgling Nighthawks, he says, "Remember, your story is always worth telling. When it feels like nobody is listening, that's when it matters the most to tell it."

Ziyan

Convocator - Class of 2026



As an active member of North Trail's student community, Ziyan is ready to support his peers one last time through his role as the convocator. His involvement in Key Club, Leadership, Student Well-Being Action Team, and sports has fostered a sense of connection and belonging at school. Ziyan is confident that the trials and tribulations he endured in AP Chemistry and Biology have prepared him to make a positive impact in the

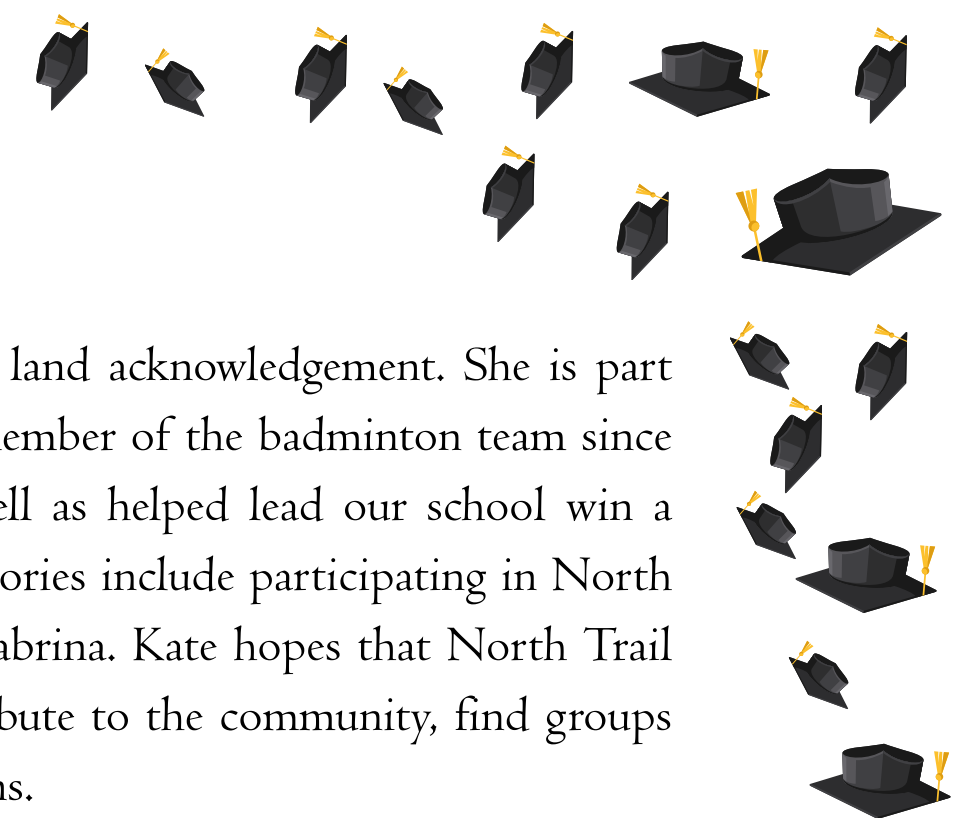
future. In his words, "We didn't just go to school; we were the pioneers who helped shape North Trail to be what it is today." Ziyan is proud of the community he and his fellow students have built and is excited to see what future classes will add to what they started.



Kate

Land Acknowledgement

Kate is grateful to share her culture with North Trail through the land acknowledgement. She is part Plains-Cree from Treaty 4, Swedish, and French. As an invaluable member of the badminton team since the beginning, she has won one silver and two gold medals, as well as helped lead our school win a divisional champion banner. Some of her favourite high school memories include participating in North Trail's first pep rally, and baking in the school kitchen with Chef Sabrina. Kate hopes that North Trail will continue to be a welcoming place where all students can contribute to the community, find groups where they can thrive, and take opportunities to expand their horizons.



Aaryaa

Ceremony Emcee



Aaryaa is one of our emcees for the 2026 Graduation Banquet. For Aaryaa, North Trail was the place where she learned to fear less and become proud of who she really is. Aaryaa is a foundational member of North Trail's prestigious drama program, as well as one of its first students. She is also a member of the Key Club and has participated in numerous leadership initiatives across the school. Through her achievements and legacy at North Trail,

Aaryaa hopes to inspire students who have suffered long stretches of failures to move forward and reach their full potential. In Aaryaa's words, "I want every student to recognize their achievements and to be proud of themselves, instead of belittling themselves or comparing themselves to others."

Sanaa

Ceremony Emcee & Toast to the Teachers



Sanaa will be one of our emcees for this year's Graduation Ceremony and will also deliver a Toast to the Teachers at the graduation banquet. This role is especially meaningful to Sanaa as she once emceed North Trail's grand opening ceremony, making this a full circle moment as she finishes high school. Throughout her time at North Trail, Sanaa has been involved in leadership initiatives such as planning seasonal pep rallies and serving as Co-Chair of the Graduation Committee. She

is also a member of The Trail Tribune, where she has helped strengthen the school community by sharing student and staff voices through her writing. Sanaa shared that the support and encouragement she received from teachers throughout high school inspired her to become a high school teacher herself one day and inspire her future students just as her own teachers inspired her.

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Anahat

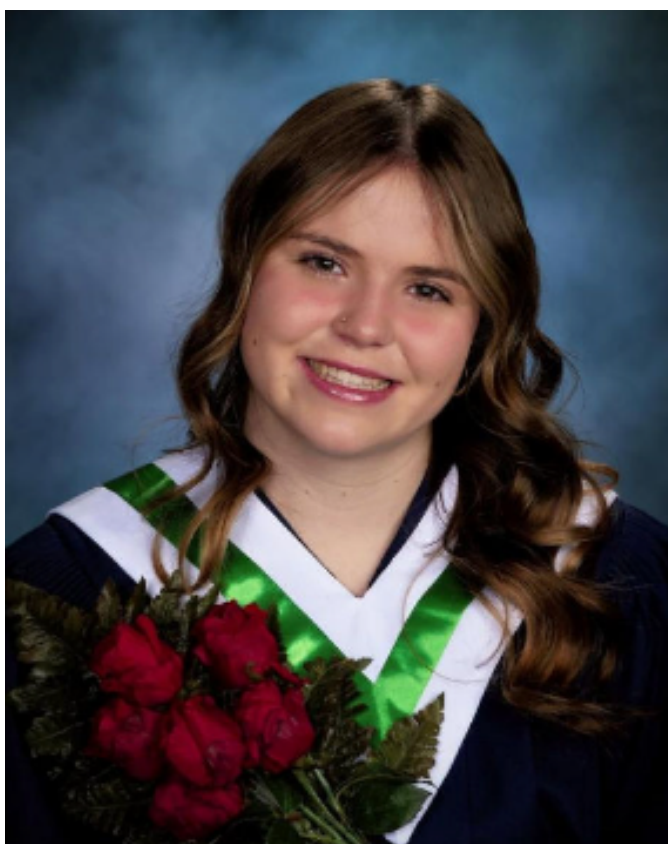
Toast to The Parents

Anahat is our toastmaster for the Toast to the Parents at the 2026 Graduation Banquet. As a first-generation immigrant, Anahat hopes that the future classes of North Trail recognize the importance of community and carry their enthusiasm forward. Anahat loves North Trail's strong sense of leadership, teamwork, and community. Her passion for making a positive impact on the lives of others has led her to start Cancer Kids First, a club that raises funds for the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation. Anahat says that her biggest inspiration is her mom, who was her motivation to try new things and never give up. She says, "Without my mom, I would have achieved none of the things that I am proud of today."



Maya

Banquet Emcee



Maya will be bringing her bubbly charisma to the Graduation Banquet as one of our emcees. As a senior Leadership student who built our school culture from the ground up, Maya hopes the Leadership Program will continue to grow with enthusiasm. She also formed the NTHS Athletic Council with her fellow emcee, Caitlyn, where they engage the crowd at tournaments with halftime games and giveaways. She hopes that North Trail

will continue to build a culture where everyone is supported and confident within the school. In her words, "My time at North Trail was transformed by the amazing people who go here. They have all shaped my high school memories!"

Caitlyn

Banquet Emcee



Caitlyn is thrilled to be an emcee for the 2026 Graduation Banquet! From connecting students with children in Uganda under Key Club's Pen Pal Initiative to emceeing an impressive total of five Pep Rallies, she embodies a passion for building North Trail's school spirit. Caitlyn is the President of the Grad Committee and has fundraised more than \$1,000 towards graduation through planned events, such as Nostalgia Night.

As a Mechanics student throughout her years at North Trail, Caitlyn hopes that more girls will explore the trades and spread awareness about the stigma surrounding women in the workplace.

Ms. MJ Eagleson

Teacher Reply to Class of 2026



Ms. Eagleson will be delivering the Reply to the Toast to the Teachers at the graduation banquet. Ms. Eagleson has been a valued part of the North Trail community as a Social Studies teacher, Cross Country and Track coach, and GSA sponsor. Known for creating engaging classroom experiences through simulations and roundtable discussions, Ms. Eagleson has inspired students to take ownership of North Trail's culture and identity as Nighthawks. Coaching

student-athletes and fostering meaningful classroom dialogue have been among her most cherished memories at the school. This year, Ms. Eagleson will sadly be leaving North Trail after being elected President of the Calgary Public Teachers' local of the ATA – she will be missed dearly.

Elaine Cohen

Parent Reply to Class of 2026



Elaine Cohen, mother of Sarah Cohen will be delivering the Reply to the Toast to the Parents at this year's graduation banquet. Elaine has been a dedicated supporter of school communities for nearly two decades, serving on school councils since 2008 and holding active leadership roles for 15 years across four schools. A proud mother of two and an elementary school office staff member, Elaine has spent countless hours volunteering in classrooms, on field trips, and at school events.

She hopes North Trail continues to strengthen its strong sense of community and the diversity that defines the Nighthawk spirit. Among her favourite memories are attending school events and witnessing the meaningful relationships and pride shared between students, staff, and administrators.



"One of two options. Either still living with my parents in their basement or being a cybersecurity researcher."
- Zackery V

"In a big house, living with a nice big window, where the sun comes up every morning, and I can sit for half an hour doing nothing."
- Gabriel O

"Probably still in university, learning at UofC or in med school by that time."
- Hazel C.

"Either rich and happily married to a beautiful girl, or married to Simon and living in his van."
- Tristan K

"Probably somewhere in Europe, eating really good food and getting fat with my low paying job. It's gonna be great!"
- Wilson W

"Oklahoma, not here."
- Mavie M

I see myself broke, working off Uni debts and living in an apartment in Edmonton."
- Jett N

"I want to live like a vagabond and live in a van off in the forest."
- Simon M.

"Living in a beautiful mansion that's right next to my best friend, Skye's. I also have two dogs, a cat, and a Lamborghini. I'm also a doctor, and a businesswoman, and very rich!"
- Jessica L

"I see myself as the queen of England."
- Mya V

TALES FROM THE TRAIL

Where do you see yourself in ten years?

"Living somewhere with a beautiful view of the ocean, and eating lots of delicious food!"
- Elisa H

"In a beautiful white mansion, with 2 dogs, preferably miniature schnauzers. With a personal chef and every morning eating caviar with sushi. And Elisa will also be in my mansion."
- Skye H.

"3 years into my career. Hopefully starting teaching, getting recruited by someone at the university or maybe teaching in Switzerland or Germany. If not, be somewhere in New York!"
- Caitlyn L

"In Toronto, then in the Bay Street working in an investment firm. Making a couple of million"
- Manas S.

"Not in Calgary. on a beach somewhere, chilling."
- Sophie D

"Either working somewhere in the government or somewhere in environmental science."
- Widda N

"I hope I'd be travelling by then, like Hawaii."
- Janet M

"I like to imagine myself at the top of the ladder, big corporation. I want to be in medical. Also probably in the Maldives with Janet."
- Apollo F

"I hope I'm burning even brighter."
- Evan M.

"Maybe fellowship in anaesthesiology, making that bank. Not living in my mom's house. A fiance who's really handsome, very tall, brunette, with glasses, and he's gonna be really smart. He's either gonna be working in finance or in engineering, and he's gonna be super amazing, and just a great guy."
- Nia J

"I see myself running a marathon!"
- Ziyen R

"In Toronto, then in the Bay Street working in an investment firm. Making a couple of million"
- Manas S