

BILL BURCH

SCHOLARSHIP AND RECOGNITION
BREAKFAST



Za-Ga-Zig Shrine Temple
April 4, 2025

"Excellence Is Our Goal"

Southeast Polk High School

Program

Welcome and Recognition of GuestsSteve Pettit

Breakfast

Introduction of SpeakerJessica Nolting

AddressLuke Williams

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

Luke Williams

2018 Bill Burch Humanitarian Award Recipient



Luke graduated from Southeast Polk High School in 2018, where he was actively involved in football, basketball, baseball, soccer, track, Student Council, SALT, MVP, and FCA.

After high school, he pursued a degree in Exercise Science at Minnesota State University, Mankato, where he played football and served as Vice President of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Luke then continued his education at Drake University, earning his master's degree last fall.

Currently, Luke is a Sales Executive at OpenLoop Health, a healthcare technology company based in Des Moines. In his role, he helps expand access to high-quality virtual care by partnering with healthcare organizations across the country. His passion for service extends beyond his career, as he actively finds ways to support others—whether through his church, coaching, or advocating for accessible healthcare solutions.

Luke credits much of his success to the lessons he learned at SEP: the value of hard work, perseverance, and giving back. He is honored to speak with you today and hopes to inspire you to embrace opportunities, lead with purpose, and make a lasting impact on those around you.



Seniors

Irina Ahissou

Brynn Fuller

Addison Bartels

Ashley Gilson

Lexi Bartelson

Charles Goode

Jay Bohnstengel

Jaxson Greiner

Allison Brannen

Holden Hansen

Eric Chodur

Lucas Jenks

Kylie Ciesielski

Sadie Jimenez

Grace Corwin

Margaret Johnson

Andrew Dawson

Sophia Juhler

Ethan DeBrower

Joshua Korte

Jessica Dinh

Sophia Kuhns

Mackenzie Emerson

Darin Litwiler

Coen Farley

Ashlynn Marks

Seniors

Bradley Mauer

Hailey Rivas

Kirsten Milczski

John Luke Shulenberger

Emerson Miller

Jaraspoom Silawan

Nathaniel Moberg

Anson Sinnwell

Claire Morrissey

Collin Tewes

Brooklyn Nanthanorath

Evan Tollari

Annabel Narber

Teagan Welch

August Nau

Kennedy Wetmore

Rachael Nelson

Matthew Wilson-Langman

Maxwell Ohorilko

Kylie Winter

Carter Pearson

Hayden Wolf

Claire Reisner

Madison Worthington

Addelinn Rickertsen

Juniors

Ebelechukwu Agu

Averleigh Jelsma

Grady Braunschweig-Norris

Ximena Jurado

James Cortes

Bella Justice

Meghan Cunningham

Madison Keoouthai

Allison Etnyre

Isabel Powers

Luca Fenton

Anya Schlatter

Liam Fields

Gabriella Severs

Cohen Fuller

Jaelynn Sherman

Gabriel Gituma

Tyler Simpson

Emma Hageman

Grace Vandelaar

Kennedy Harris

Avery VanZante

Payton Hazelton

Kate Wahman

Gavin Heckler

Aiden Walker

Ava Hennigar

Isabela Webb

Adalynne Holland

Emma Wiederstein

Sophomores

Emory Braunschweig-Norris

Ainsley Brunner

Lillian Corwin

Keelyn DeVries

Contessa Guerrero-Jones

Emilia Hamel

Eliza Heaberlin

Mandy Inman

Max Johnson

Bailey Kain

Kathryn Nau

Cassandra Nolte

Jadyn O'Brien

Sophie Pearson

Mya Pixler-Knight

Dominic Schulte

Brady Stairs

Blayke Stubbs

Leslie Tran

Noah White

Noah Wright

Bill Burch Humanitarian Award Winners

2024 – Spencer Olesen
2023 – Maci Kincaid
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



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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 to 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.

2024	Sydney Jamison	2016 Bill Burch Award Winner
2023	MacKenzie Bills.....	2012 Bill Burch Award Winner
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