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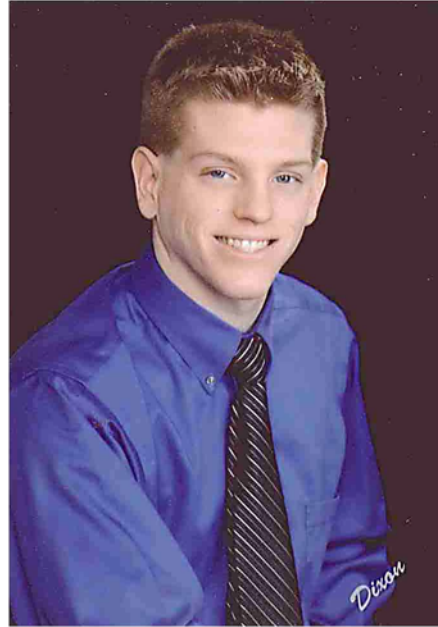
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NLHS Winkler and Gandy Announced as Top Grads

Paris, TX, May 20, 2010 – Matt Winkler has been named Valedictorian of the North Lamar High School Class of 2010 and Sarah Gandy has been named Salutatorian. The two will address

their classmates, teachers, families, and guests during North Lamar's graduation ceremony scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Saturday, June 5 at R. L. Maddox Stadium.

Winkler is the son of Kathy and Mike Winkler and Gandy is the daughter of Lisa and Bill Gandy.

Other honor graduates in the class of 222 include Deana Aultman, Natasha Clayton, Ty Crawford, Andrew Crosswhite, Cole DeVoss, Charli Duval, Billy Goette, Taylor Harris, Macy Hines, Rayn House, Steven Jahn, Casey Jones, Brytnie Miller, Adam Skidmore, Sinjin Smith, Leslie Spann, Anne Stankus, Taylor Steelman, Katherine Thomas, George Tyndall, Hilary Wilkerson, and Anna Winters.

Winkler plans on attending Rice University in Houston and getting his degree in Bioengineering with a major in Pre-med.

"My dad has inspired me to follow a career path that I am passionate about which I have discovered is to become a doctor to make other people's lives better," said Winkler when asked about choosing his career path.

In addition to making a positive impact on the lives of others through practicing medicine, Winkler would like to find a cure for cancer through research.

While in high school, the valedictorian was involved in swimming, track and field, and Project STEEM. He was a member of the 3A One Act Play State Champions, was a three time UIL Academic Regional Qualifier, and a Beta National Qualifier in Science.

Outside of school Winkler volunteered at Paris Regional Medical Center and the Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort in the summer of 2007.

Reflecting on the success of his senior year, Winker gives his peers accolades, “I especially thank the Project STEEM kids and the One Act Play cast, crew, and directors. You each are like family to me, and I love you all.”

After getting her undergraduate degree from the University of Texas in Austin where she has been accepted into the Emerging Scholars Program for calculus and will major in chemistry, Gandy has set her site on graduate school. There she plans to study genetics and specialize in forensic medicine that will hopefully lead her to working in a forensics lab.

“My first knowledge in this field was from the television and CSI shows,” said Gandy on what inspired her. “After looking into all the aspects of genetics, I was really intrigued by the many opportunities that a genetics career can include.”

Outside of school, the salutatorian is a member of the USA Gymnastics Senior National Team for Double-Mini Trampoline. She’s acquired three national titles, two international titles, and has medaled in many other competitions including a bronze medal at the world championships in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Gandy’s school activities include National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Beta Club, Student Council, and track where she placed second in district and was a regional qualifier.

Science awards she received while in high school include first place in the school’s science fair and second place at the regional science fair where she was a recipient of the Army Award.

Doing for others has become a passion and has been mirrored in her volunteer work. Gandy ran and organized two canned food drives, helped organize and put together 185 care

packages for the Paris unit in Iraq, and ran and organized a toy drive for Galveston hurricane victims.

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