

Graduating Eagles

Look where our Eagles are going this year...Tell us your story. Each year a new group of Eagles heads off to college, the military, or other adventures. Nick Bazett of Troop 550 is the valedictorian of his class and will be going to UCLA to major in biochemistry. This is his first step for his long-term goal of becoming a physician. Jonathan McDaniels is headed to Southern Oregon University to study Music Education with a goal of becoming a high school orchestra teacher.

Before heading off to college some of our Eagle have impressive summer plans. Matthew Wong of Troop 139 will be a ranger at Philmont Scout Ranch. Patrick Carlock, also of Troop 139 will spend three weeks in Northern Europe. Nick Bazett of Troop 550 will be scuba diving in Fiji. Congratulations to all the Graduating Eagles of the Golden Empire Council.

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| <p>Caden Almer Troop 550 El Dorado District</p> | <p>Caden graduates at the top of his class this year (2018) from Union Mine High School. He will be attending Pacific University of Oregon where he was recruited to play football. In High School, Caden was a two-time Varsity Football and Volleyball player and was 1st Team All-League in both sports. Caden was also nominated for the 2018 Optimist All-Star Volleyball team. Caden plans on continuing to explore his love for outdoor adventure this summer by embarking on a road trip to visit as many National Parks and natural wonders as possible across California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona and Nevada. Caden has a bright and adventurous future ahead of him!</p> |
| <p>Nick Bazett Troop 550 El Dorado District</p> | <p>Nick recently graduated from Ponderosa High School where he is honored to be the 2018 Valedictorian. In addition to Boy Scouts, throughout his high school years Nick has been actively involved with numerous school clubs, sports and band. During the marching band season, Nick was the drummer in the front ensemble and during the symphonic band season, Nick served as the percussion section lead. Nick attended SeaBase in 2017 and became certified in scuba diving and looks forward to scuba diving this summer in Fiji. Nick will attend Camp Winton this summer with his troop as a Junior Assistant Scoutmaster and then participate in a week-long community service effort with his church youth group through the Sierra Service Project organization. Nick will attend UCLA in the fall where he will major in biochemistry. After his undergraduate work, Nick hopes to attend medical school to attain his goal of becoming a physician in order to continue his lifelong work of service to others.</p> |
| <p>Nick Bender Troop 53, Sacramento Pioneer Express District</p> | <p>Nicholas Bender (Eagle Scout, December 2017) will graduate with honors from El Camino Fundamental High School in Sacramento in June. He is a recipient of a Cal Worthington Scholarship from the San Juan Education Foundation and received an American Government class award from his high school's Social Science Department. In the fall, he will attend California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo as a Political Science major. On a whim he applied for a job as an entry-level summer firefighter for the Oregon Department of Forestry; unfortunately, he suffered a fractured fibula during track season and had to decline an offer to continue onto the next stage of the hiring process. Currently he is planning to seek summer employment closer to home and take part in family travels and camping around the state of California.</p> |

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| Christian Blair Troop 139, Davis Yolo District | Christian Blair will be attending Loyola Marymount University in the Fall. |
| Patrick Carlock Troop 139, Davis Yolo District | Patrick Carlock will be spending 3 weeks this summer in Sweden, Denmark, and the Netherlands. In the Fall, he plans to attend University of California, Santa Cruz, majoring in Hisotry of Art and Visual Culture. |
| Adam Grabowski Troop 484, Vacaville Trailblazer District | Adam Grabowski proudly received his Eagle rank in Troop 484 Vacaville in 2017. He will be recognized as the California Interscholastic Federation CIF State Scholar-Athlete of the Year by the State Legislature at the State Capital May 31, 2018. He will be commended on his 4.6 GPA, 3 varsity sports including being team captain for 3 years and Sierra-Delta League MVP. A Presidential Volunteer Service Award winner, Adam organized sports camps and tutored at The Leaven, an organization for local underserved youth. He will be attending UCLA, studying Business Economics and hoping to walk-on to the UCLA Bruin Basketball team. |
| Luke Mangney Troop 139, Davis Yolo District | Luke Mangney plans to attend Cal Poly and will major in civil engineering. |
| Jonathan McDaniels Troop 7050, Yuba City Buttes Area District | Jonathan McDaniels passed his Eagle BOR on February 27, 2018. Jonathan is graduating from Marysville Charter Academy for the Arts, and will be attending Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Oregon beginning this fall. He will be a music major working towards a Bachelor of Music in Music Education. He plans to become a high school strings orchestra teacher upon completion of college. |
| Kaj Olson Troop 53, Sacramento Pioneer Express District | Kaj Olson is planning on attending the University of Oregon where he has been accepted into the Product Design program. This summer, he will be traveling to Poland and to Spain. Afterwards, he will spend a week working on a Navajo Indian reservation at a construction work camp. |
| Iason Pitsillides Troop 139, Davis Yolo District | Iason Pitsillides will attend Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, majoring in environmental science. |
| Kyle Stachowicz Troop 139, Davis Yolo District | Kyle Stachowicz will attend Georgia Tech to study computer science. |
| Matthew Wong Troop 139, Davis Yolo District | Matthew Wong plans to spend the summer as a Ranger at Philmont Scout Ranch. He will attend California State University, Sonoma in the Fall majoring in Biology. |