

FRUITPORT HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARS CLASS OF 2025



Shane Timothy Brosnan, son of Mike and Rebecca Brosnan, will attend Michigan Technological University to pursue a career in biomedical engineering. Shane was active in tennis, bowling, and track.



Phillip Paul Ferwerda, son of Chris Goldberg, will attend Muskegon Community College to pursue a career in welding. Phillip was active in trapshooting.



Emma Jean Fox, daughter of Steve and Jami Fox, will attend the University of Michigan to pursue a career in medicine. Emma was active in track, Michigan Youth in Government, and National Honors Society.



Elijah John Hulka, son of Janice Hulka will attend Princeton University and undecided on his career path. Elijah was active in Physicists Inspiring the Next Generation, Quiz Bowl, and National Honors Society.



Raena Marie Norbotten, daughter of Eric and Lea Norbotten, will attend Saginaw Valley State University to pursue a career in business management. Raena was active in DECA, cheer, and National Honors Society.



Valerie Rose Pollock, daughter of Dave and Kathy Pollock, is undecided on which college she will be attending to pursue a career in psychology. Valerie was active in cross country, track, Fellowship of Christian Athletes,

and student council.



Vincent Neil Pollock, son of Dave and Kathy Pollock, will attend either Grand Valley State or Michigan Technological University to pursue a career in aerospace engineering. Vincent was active in cross country, track, Boy Scouts, and National Honors Society.



Bailey Ann Poort, daughter of Margaret Poort, is undecided on which college she will be attending to pursue a career in literature and behavioral sciences. Bailey was active in Michigan Youth in Government, tennis, and imagery.



Lydia Shi, daughter of Thomas Shi, will attend University of Michigan to pursue a career in medicine. Lydia was active in National Honors Society, Quiz Bowl, and Michigan Youth in Government.

Fruitport Community Church Ramp Mission Put Temporarily “On Hold”

As spring approached, Fruitport Community Church was hoping to begin its 5th year of making ramps available to individuals in the Fruitport area. The portable aluminum ramp was installed FREE OF CHARGE, and left onsite for as long as the individual needed it. When no longer needed, the church would remove the ramp, and install it in another location.

Last year the volunteers installed 16 ramps, bringing the total to 34; many of which are still in use.

Unfortunately, we have been forced to put this wonderful mission on hold, due to permits, liability insurance, technical issues which we are hoping to resolve.

This mission is important to us, and we pray that we can soon reach a solution which allows us to continue.

Meanwhile, if you need a ramp, please call us at 231-865-3551 for more information.



Pictured are the volunteer crews for three of the ramps.

Hamas Captives 3/7/25

President Trump hosted former hostages Iair Horn, Omer Shem Tov, Eli Sharabi, Keith Siegel, Aviva Siegel, Naama Levy, Doron Steinbrecher, and Noa Argamani at the Oval Office Wednesday. The Israeli citizens--whose ages spanned from 20 to 65--recounted their harrowing experiences in Hamas captivity and offered their gratitude to Mr. Trump for his hand in their release.

Aviva Siegel, who was kidnapped from her home in Kibbutz Kfar Aza on October 7, described her time in captivity as “the worst thing that anybody could go through,” she told the president. To convey the brutality of the conditions, she shared that she witnessed her captor handcuff a boy who was held hostage and cut his hand before smiling. “They used to eat in front of us while they starved us,” she added.

Eli Sharabi, whose wife and two daughters were murdered by Hamas during the attack, described to Mr. Trump the “starvation, violence, and humiliation,” he suffered from on a daily basis. Upon his return to Israel after nearly 500 days in captivity, Mr. Sharabi had lost more than 40 percent of his body weight and weighed just 97 pounds.

Mia Schem, who was shot in the arm at the Nova festival and brought into Gaza, said in an interview after her release that “innocent civilians” in Gaza “don’t exist.”

“It’s important to me to reveal the real situation about the people who live in Gaza, who they really are, and what I went through there,” she told Israel’s Channel 13 news. “I experienced hell. Everyone there are terrorists. There are no innocent civilians, not one,” she said.