



Sheboygan Lutheran High

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One Student at a Time*

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Two Sheboygan Lutheran High School Students Achieve Top ACT Score

Two Sheboygan Area Lutheran High School seniors, Andrew Dirkse and Caden Solle, recently earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36.

About one-quarter of 1% of students who take the ACT earn a top score. In the U.S. high school graduating class of 2022, only 3,376 out of 1.34 million students who took the ACT earned a top composite score of 36.

Andrew Dirkse, son of Paul and Patty Dirkse, is deliberating his final college selection with plans to pursue a career in neurology. During his time at Lutheran High, he participated in National Honor Society, Student Council and Drama Club. He utilized his musical talents as a section leader and conductor for Sheboygan Lutheran's Chamber Choir, as a pianist for Lutheran High's jazz band and as a participant in Lakeshore Youth Chorale and Sheboygan Symphony Chorus. He was elected to the Big East Honors Choir three consecutive years and took part in the Wisconsin State Music Association State Honors Music Project in 2022.

Caden Solle, son of Tom and Carla Solle, will be attending Liberty University to study mechanical engineering. During his high school career, Caden was president of National Honor Society and involved in Interact Club and Student Council. He was captain of the school's co-op soccer team, which made a state championship appearance two consecutive years, and he received All-Conference and Pacesetter awards. Caden also led the Lutheran High golf team with a First-Team All-Conference nomination and Pacesetter award. As a talented saxophonist, Caden was section lead for Lutheran High's jazz and symphonic bands and participated in the Big East Honors Band and Wisconsin State Honors Band.

"Andrew and Caden have been exemplary students throughout their high school careers, excelling in the classroom, shining in their extracurricular pursuits and being strong Christian leaders among their peers and in the community," commented Derek Bult, Principal of Sheboygan Area Lutheran High School. "Lutheran High is thrilled to have not one but two students achieve the top ACT score. On behalf of the faculty, staff and student body of Lutheran High, we congratulate these young men on this tremendous accomplishment and wish them continued success in all their endeavors."

"Earning a top score on the ACT is a remarkable achievement," added ACT CEO Janet Godwin. "A student's exceptional score of 36 will provide any college or university with ample evidence of their readiness for the academic rigors that lie ahead."

The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science, each scored on a scale of 1-36. A student's composite score is the average of the four test scores. This curriculum-based achievement exam measures what students have learned in school. Students who earn a 36 composite score have likely mastered all the skills and knowledge they will need to succeed in first-year college coursework in the core subject areas.