UP TO THE TAASC
Advisory and Assistance Services
at Tinker Air Force Base

POWWOW SEASON
Summer fun and celebration on the Flathead Reservation

ROCKSLIDE SAFETY
Mitigating danger at a large remediation site in Utah

SHAREHOLDERS
Tribal leaders accept yearly dividend from S&K
Montana is rushing into summer this year. The spring rains never materialized and as a result the wildfire danger is already declared to be high. We took advantage of this good spring weather and enjoyed an outdoor lunch when we held our Presidents’ meeting. We sat on the patio of the restaurant under the shade of large pine trees.

This is the first year we are holding two meetings a year with the Presidents of the S&K Technologies, Inc. subsidiaries. I continue to strongly believe that a face-to-face meeting is positive for all involved. While we all continue to communicate by e-mail and texting, nothing takes the place of in person meetings.

Our discussions included the topic of how the new bid and proposal approach was progressing. Everyone continues to be supportive of this approach and we will just have to wait and see if it improves our win rate.

We also took advantage of the Board of Directors’ meeting by having the Presidents meet with and talk with the board about the current state of the companies each President manages. The two new members of the board were fully engaged in the discussion.

On a less positive note, but most certainly a required action, S&K Aerospace, LLC, recently took the unprecedented action of filing a protest. This protest relates to the release of financial information regarding S&K Aerospace’s bid on the PROS V bidding process by officials of the federal government. Given the length of term of the PROS V contract and the sheer financial size of the contract, S&K Aerospace folks recognized that they had to protest the bidding release mistakes. This protest will play out over the next one hundred or so days.

S&K Technologies bestows yearly dividend to Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

The employees of the S&K Technologies, Inc. family of companies have proudly bestowed over **$3M in dividends** this year to their shareholder, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) of Montana. S&K is owned by the CSKT and its employees work not only to provide service to their customers, but with the mission to support the 7,000+ tribal members of the CSKT.

The dividend was paid in early April. Roberta Steele, then board member of S&K Technologies, presented the check during a tribal council meeting.

Rob McDonald, CSKT’s Communications Director said, “Dividend checks, like those that come from S&K Technologies, go into a tribally held account. The funds are used for economic development programs along with efforts to protect tribal assets and resources. The funds are a key part of the overall budget.”
An S&K Global Solution’s employee has played a positive role at the Precision Attack System Program Office at Robins Air Force Base. Clyde Lomax is a Logistics Management Analyst and is part of a team that has been awarded the 2014 Secretary of Defense Performance Based Logistics Award at the sub-system level for their solutions in delivering support of the Sniper Advanced Targeting Pod.

Implementing a PBL solution between the USAF Precision Attack System Program Office and Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control personnel delivered exceptional support of 358 Sniper Pods. Sniper Advanced Targeting Pods are electro-optical targeting systems used in detecting, identifying and engaging multiple moving and fixed targets at combat, operational and training locations around the globe. Used in multiple Air Force platforms, including the A-10, F-15, F-16, B-1 and B-52, Sniper pods provide unparalleled situational awareness, and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance unmatched by enemy forces.

“The Sniper PBL is a premier example of how public/private collaboration and focus on the warfighter in a teaming approach provides operational readiness and cost benefits for the Warfighter,” said Clyde. “The PBL arrangement improved readiness by 14 percent while simultaneously reducing costs by $77.3 million.”

Innovator of the Month: MAY - PowerView EG Financial Tool (IBIS)

Richard Castillo has been working closely with a division of the Engineering Directorate at NASA/JSC and with the EPIC applications team to develop a financial tracking and reporting tool. Recently, the directorate officially recognized Richard’s contribution, citing the savings of several hours every month in producing financial reports. Since then, the entire Engineering Directorate has decided to adopt this tool for financial tracking and reporting. For the innovations contest, Richard shared the limelight with EPIC team members that helped to make this innovation successful.

Innovator of the Month: MAY - Open Source Software Load Balancer

As requirements for an aging hardware load leveler were relaxed, the EPIC team determined it was cheaper to switch to a software solution. First, the team verified with the customer that software was acceptable, especially for the cost savings. Then, they went an additional step and found a way to do it with open source (free) software instead of commercial software, saving the customer over $39K.

Light Bulb Innovators: MAY and JUNE

In May, Light Bulb Innovators found a way to eliminate duplicated steps with tracking action items. They coordinated this change with their customer, saving an estimated half hour a month in action tracking time. They also began exploring ways of converting to digital, rather than paper records.

In June, the Light Bulb Innovators are finding more ways of realizing a paperless office, even for official, signed documents. This saves time in preparing, signing, and storing documents, as well as making those documents more accessible to anyone who needs to read them. Realizing the promise of a paperless office is a big emphasis for the entire EPIC contract. New NASA and national archive requirements for records management are pushing towards electronic records rather than paper. The EPIC team intends to eliminate the need for paper documents by the end of the year and have since had records management professionals working to replicate the electronic signature capability already.
S&K Global Solutions is one of four contractors supporting the second iteration of the U.S. Air Force’s Tinker Advisory and Assistance Support Contract (TAASC II). This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract vehicle is an avenue for private contractors to provide general advisory and assistance services at three Air Logistic Complexes located at Hill AFB, Utah; Warner Robins AFB, Georgia; and Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. As projects are added to the contract, S&K Global Solutions competes for each task with competitive pricing and an experienced workforce.

Advisory and Assistance services cover a broad range of specialties, all with the goal to support existing personnel and projects being conducted at the Air Logistics Centers. S&K Global Solutions offers a quick turn staffing solution with professionals that are highly qualified and require no additional training.

Our personnel work directly with our Air Force customer on programs like the Engine Compartment Improvement Program (CIP) for the J85 T5 Engine Tester, B-1 Advisory and Assistance Services Program, C-32/C-40C Life-cycle Management, and high frequency global communications systems.

The biggest challenge is how diverse our workforce has to be,” said Le’Roy “Roy” Callender, Program Manager, when asked about the size and scope of staffing a contract like TAASC II. “It’s really a matter of turning over every rock, developing personal relationships, and networking through employees and government coworkers to find excellent people who can do a great job from Day 1.”

When leadership at an Air Logistics Complex lets a new task, the four competing contractors must mobilize quickly to provide a pricing and technical proposal for the work. Speed of response, flexibility, and price drive task awards in this environment. S&K Global Solutions has the ability to understand the customers’ needs, translate it into a solution, and actively perform the work at a price point the government requires.

“As a manager, there is no better feeling than when the Government Contracting Officers Representative overseeing your employee beams about their work, saying they provide ‘excellent support and the quality of their work is outstanding,’” said Roy.

Kartik Saha, Program Manager with S&K Global Solutions, is one such employee. Kartik has provided program management support of the J85 T5 Engine Tester since the start of the TAASC II contract. In fact, he was the first employee hired for the effort. His actions have improved engine performance and reliability, gaining flight safety, fleet readiness, and streamlining engine maintenance while reducing maintenance costs.

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“Kartik is a versatile program manager capable of working complex engineering tasks,” said Roy. “He coordinates with the Department of Energy on reverse engineering of 21 engine cable harnesses and an engineering effort to reverse engineer the O-Rings for the TF34 engine.”

Embedded with the B-1 Integrated Battle Station Program, Journeyman Logistics Specialist Donna Warden coordinates with personnel in Texas at Dyess Air Force Base ensuring maintenance personnel had the necessary training schedule and support equipment quantity to maintain and service the B-1. The aircraft was scheduled to return to station after undergoing a major modernization program.

Integrated Battle Station Program is a combination of three different upgrades to the B-1 which includes a Fully Integrated Data Link, a Vertical Situation Display upgrade (VSDU), and a Central Integrated System upgrade. The VSDU upgrades the B-1’s forward cockpit by replacing two unsupportable, monochrome pilot and co-pilot displays with four multifunctional color displays, giving pilots more situational awareness data in a user-friendly format.

Under another project, S&K Global Solutions Senior Equipment Specialist, Michael Gillespie, was deployed to assist in the return to service of a C-40C aircraft after the aircraft underwent a complete depot maintenance checkout. Michael provided over-the-shoulder inspection and verification of critical aircraft systems and functions. He witnessed the functional check flight of the aircraft and met with aircrew and maintenance personnel to discuss the performance of the aircraft. After a thorough review of the aircraft maintenance records and documentation, Michael provided his recommendation that the aircraft be returned to service.

TAASC II is a wide ranging advisory and assistance support contract. S&K Global Solutions performs a critical function to the Government by recruiting and staffing highly qualified and trained individuals with hands-on experience that require no additional training. “Our strength as a company rests solely on our people-our number one asset. The real story is the people- we find good people,” said Roy.
Rockslide in Utah slows remediation of Uranium Tailings

S&K Team helps mitigate further impact from event

An S&K Aerospace team has been recognized for their outstanding support to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) in response to a rockslide that took place at the site of a large uranium tailings cleanup project. The DOE Office of Environmental Management has managed the cleanup of the Moab site under the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) project since it assumed site ownership in 2001. S&K Aerospace is one of two prime contractors for DOE on the project.

Rail transport of the tailings was suspended for almost two months after an estimated 4,500 cubic yards of debris fell from the steep hillside onto the rail bench near the project loading area on November 18, 2014. Luckily, no one was injured and loading operations weren't directly impacted, but DOE suspended rail shipments until a risk analysis of the hillside and potential future rockslides could be evaluated.

This is when S&K’s Technical Assistance Contractor (TAC) Team became instrumental in supporting DOE. Initially the staff secured rockfall experts and monitoring equipment to minimize impacts from future rockfalls. This included consulting with Departments of Transportation from Colorado and Utah and others familiar with rockslides that frequently occur in that part of the country.

Based on their analysis, experts divided the 2,000-foot stretch of rail bench into three zones. Furthest away from the November rockslide, Zone 3 was deemed safe to restart loading operations in mid-January because the lower portion of the slope is flatter, creating a natural “catchment” for rockfall. Trains carrying the tailings were reduced from the normal 136 containers to 64 containers so that they didn’t extend beyond the safety of Zone 3. The trains have since been extended after implementation of additional safety measure, and the trains are currently 104 containers.

One of the safety measures was the procurement by the TAC Team of a radar system to monitor movement on the hillside. The radar unit was acquired in an expedited manner from a South African company. The unit detects and records rock movement, which accelerates just prior to a rockfall. It operates continuously and can be monitored remotely. The unit functions by sweeping the horizontal and lateral area of the hillside while emitting a radio signal and measuring the time for the signal return. Several factors affect the size of rock the radar unit is able to detect, including lateral and vertical distance from the unit, reflectivity of the material, angle of the rock surface, and wind speed.

Military Homecoming

S&K Aerospace employee gets a surprise early return from her soldier husband

Scheduled to return in the middle of July, Nathan Zahn surprised his wife and family at a Sky Sox game in Colorado Springs, Colorado. His wife, Alicia Zahn, is an employee with S&K Aerospace. Both kids, Ava (8) and Andrew (6), were on the field getting ready to announce “Play Ball” at the start of the game, when Nathan was brought on the field to help out.

Nathan was deployed for five months at two locations: Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia and Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. The family shared hugs and tears of joy and Alicia says her and the kids are so happy for his safe return.

The moment was captured by a local news team. To see the video, follow this link: http://bit.ly/1KYjFZ4
performing assessments and preparing and implementing work controls in an effort to safely return to “normal” operations.

Photos (clockwise) show the path of the rockslide above the portal tunnel and the new radar unit which will monitor the hillside for additional movement. It was a beautiful warm day in Georgia for a picnic.

On May 15 the S&K Aerospace PROS IV Management Team hosted a cookout to celebrate the successful transfer of the PROS IV operations to Warner Robins, Georgia from Stockbridge, Georgia. The transfer included the relocation of the PROS IV warehouse facility which is approximately 7,000 square feet and conveniently located down the street from the S&K Aerospace Byrd Way office. The successful move required a team effort to stand up the warehouse facility and prepare the Byrd Way office for the additional personnel and shipping/receiving. It was a beautiful warm day in Georgia for a picnic.

Photos clockwise from top: Photo 1: (left to right) Vince Skidmore, Gary Keltner, Dwayne Wilson, Alan Shaw, Tim Horne, Greg Harp, Gustavo Salas. Photo 2: (left to right) Kim Powell, Paige Powell, Katherine Krauland Mike Herak, Dena Cave, Shannan Bertrand, Megan Peacock, Brandi Ellingham. Photo 3: (left to right) Richard Petty, Melanie Brooks preparing the meal.

The unit was installed in mid-January and several TAC Team members attended a weeklong training course in operation and maintenance of the radar unit. Effective use of the unit on the project began in mid-March with adoption of a radar operations procedure.

A Radar Team consisting of TAC and Remedial Action Contractor staff monitor the hillside and report daily on movement. Much of the “movement” detected thus far has been associated with environmental conditions, such as how the hillside responds to changes in temperature and humidity and vegetation that can appear to the unit as movement. The project has dealt with several hiccups as it learns how to set appropriate warning thresholds on the radar unit and address alarms associated with the environmental conditions. “We’ve learned a lot and have a lot more to learn,” said Joe Ritchey, who serves as hillside monitoring manager. “The radar unit is intended to provide warning of a major rockfall. Smaller rockfalls can be mitigated by increasing the distance between workers and the hillside in the highest risk area.”

Beyond acquisition of and key involvement in the radar unit, the TAC Team also supports evaluation of the risk associated with the hillside by performing visual geological inspections, rockfall modeling, and probability analysis.

The DOE Federal Project Director also acknowledged the TAC Team’s hard work in response to the rockslide. The project is still performing assessments and preparing and implementing work controls in an effort to safely return to “normal” operations.

“Everyone on the Team, from training to field services, pitched in to accomplish a project-critical activity in a very short time. We are incredibly proud of their work.”

-Tony Amadeo, President of S&K Aerospace.
PROS IV Team Members
S&K Aerospace (a few monthly awardees)

1) Katherine Krauland is an S&K Aerospace Country Coordinator working on the PROS IV contract. Katherine is assigned 86 countries and works with each PROS IV department and team to ensure the customers requisitions are properly processed. She provides oversight on 10,293 requisitions, of those 4,678 are active. Katherine accepted 896 narratives, processed 64 XQ/RQ, reviewed 4,181 requisitions, and performed 897 BV status updates. Katherine has received and processed 970 emails from AFSAC/Country/Vendors. Katherine is a proven asset to the PROS IV team!

2) Debbie Smith is the main point of contact for PROS IV OEMs. Debbie turned 93% of requirements with pricing into contracts during the month of March with zero errors. She is actively managing more than 200 requirements. During the recent PROS IV Forum, Debbie represented the program and supply team and actively engaged with suppliers and customers. Her effort during the Forum opened the communication channels between PROS IV and Raytheon. We are currently working direct with Raytheon on more than 20 requirements that have no support.

3) James Southwick is Employee of the Month for S&K Aerospace PROS IV Supply Team. While training seven new team members, James identified improvements to the processes written in the Supply Process Guide. Aside from training new team members and fielding numerous questions on a daily basis, James has continued to stay on top of his work preventing workable requirements from being delayed and meeting program/management expectations of moving items to on-contract. He is consistently on top of his work even if it requires him to stay late to get the job done.

4) Kevin Forest is Employee of the Month for S&K Aerospace PROS IV Warehouse Team. Kevin single-handily transformed the Defense Transportation Shipping program through developing strong processes and applying methods of follow through. Kevin is a true team player as he assisted Supply shipping by processing 101 pieces for shipment to the appropriate Freight Forwarder and processed the appropriate codes with only 1 error. Kevin has learned nearly every position and process used in the warehouse.

QUARTERLY & MONTHLY AWARDS

Paula Lawton
S&K Global Solutions

Since hiring with S&K Global Solutions in February, 2013, Paula has been a supervisor on the NASA Engineering Product Integration Contract (EPIC) as well as leading the Branch functional team. In addition, Paula has been back-up Program Manager on the EPIC contract for the past year and has taken over the role of Program Manager on the IRCSS contract this last fall. Specifically since taking over the IRCSS contract, Paula has negotiated two subcontracts (with Rethink and Oceanix), bringing this work under the IRCSS contract for a total of $624K, more than tripling the existing IRCSS contract. With the successful management of the work and developing the relationship with the NASA customer, Paula expects the NASA managers to bring another 2-3 WYE into S&K Global Solutions onto IRCSS this summer from the CRAVE 2 contract. This alone would be noteworthy, but managing contracts and programs are new to Paula. She has diligently been taking courses to complete her BA, which she finished this spring.

Paula is well deserving of the employee of the quarter for these accomplishments that not only affect our profitability now, but have poised us for future work as well.
During the summer, much of western Montana becomes a tourist hotspot with many recreational activities. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have capitalized on this increase in tourism by providing gaming, resort, marina, and cultural activities to entice tourists to visit the Flathead Reservation. The Reservation is comprised of two Nations with two separate and distinct languages, the Salish and the Kootenai people, hence the “S&K” in our company name.

During the month of July (Salish: “Month of Celebration” and Kootenai: “Ripening of Service Berries”), both Nations—Salish and Kootenai—have their celebration or powwow. This is a chance for each Nation to show their different styles of dance and song.

**Powwows**

Gathering of Native American people and tribes for the trade of goods has been a tradition for thousands of years. These gatherings usually include trade, dance, songs, and games. More recently these gatherings have been called celebrations or “powwows.” One of the oldest known “modern powwows” is Arlee, Montana. The Arlee Fourth of July Celebration is in its 114th year, dating back to 1898.

Although gathering of Native Americans for cultural reason was outlawed in the United States in 1898, the Salish decided to have a celebration on America’s Independence Day and include some of their cultural ceremonies. It wasn’t against the law for the Salish people to celebrate America’s Independence Day, even though they were not American citizens, so it became their loop hole.

Today, powwows are celebrated by most tribes throughout North America, usually between Memorial Day and Labor Day; known throughout Indian Country as “Powwow Season.”

**Dancing**

A typical powwow includes dance, song, vendors, traditional games, and sometimes rodeos. Still, the focal point of many powwows is the dance and song. Dancers and drummers travel from all over to attend powwows to either compete in dance and drum competitions or just dance because they want to.

Dance competitions are separated by male/female, age, dance categories, and sometimes southern/northern. Similarly, drumming competitions are all-around, but may be separated by northern/southern. Northern dancers/drummers are typically from the northern part of the US and Canada. Southern dancers/drummers are from the southern part of the US and Mexico. Although northern and southern are different in style, contemporary dancers and singers borrow from one another making the powwow experience more unified.

**Drumming**

Large, handmade drums that carry a larger bass sound are used primarily for powwows or large community gatherings. They can be heard miles away, often echoing throughout the powwow grounds and surrounding valleys.

The songs produced on the larger drums are honor songs, powwow songs, flag songs, veteran songs, and inter-tribal songs. Song styles are very diverse throughout Indian Country. Naming of the drum groups usually depends on the area they represent. Some larger groups might represent many tribal nations. Northern drums often sing at a higher octave falsetto. Southern drums will often sing a lower-toned song.

Larger powwows sometimes separate the northern and southern drums in competition due to their diversity.
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Get signed up and get the benefit!

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Okay, so eating the occasional candy bar to fend off an impending afternoon coma isn’t going to cause the world to implode, but the best part about it was standing up, seeing a friendly face and experiencing that jolt of enthusiasm you get from laughter.

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Here's a silly picture of my dog. He's 14 years old now and enjoying a big career change; modelling.

Cheers!

-Amy
Congratulations to Kasey Miller and Shane Osborn who, after earning their canoeing merit badge, were married on March 28, 2015 at the scenic George L. Smith State Park in Twin City, Georgia. Kasey is a Staff Support Specialist with S&K Aerospace at the Warner Robins, GA, office.

Congratulations to Gabrielle Lorraine Clevenger, the daughter of Ammy Pearson, S&K Logistics Services Technical Data Engineer II, who graduated with Honors from Houston County High School. She will be attending Valdosta State University in the fall studying Nursing.

Congratulations to Jacob Daniel Sumrow, the son of Jeffrey Sumrow, S&K Logistics Services Technical Data Engineer II, who graduated from Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, FL, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts - Game Art and Design.

Congratulations to Jordan Doss, the son of Gregory Doss, S&K Logistics Services Program Manager, who graduated from Houston County High School. Jordan will be attending Georgia Military.

Liselotte (Lilo) Hope Ritchey was born on May 27 in Manama, Bahrain, to John and Mandy Ritchey, youngest son of Joe Ritchey, Senior Program Manager for the Moab Technical Assistance Contract Team. Lilo was born 13 weeks early and weighed only 2.5 lbs and was 14 inches long. She is a fighter and is getting stronger each day.

Emmerich Finch Schumacher was born on April 14th. He arrived at a whopping 9 lbs, 3 oz and 20 ½ inches long. His grandpa is Ken “KM” Schumacher, S&K Global Solutions Program Manager in Bremerton, WA.

Kelsey Haley, daughter of Chris Haley, S&K Logistics Services Procurement Lead, graduated from Perry High School Honor Graduate, 8th in her class, with AP Honors and the AP Award with Distinction and is starting classes at the University of Georgia this fall to study Biology and eventually enter pre-med.

Welcome home and God speed all at the same time! Corporal Tyler Haley, U.S. Marine Corp, son of Chris Haley, S&K Logistics Services Procurement Lead, recently returned from his first 7 month deployment to the Middle East. Tyler made it home on leave to see his sister graduate and is now preparing for his second deployment to the Middle East later this summer. He is currently stationed at Miramar MCAS, in San Diego, CA.
Congratulations to Matt Shaffer, son of S&K Aerospace employee Michelle Shaffer. Matt graduated from Fruita Monument High School in Colorado this spring and will attend the Monfort School of Business at the University of Northern Colorado in the fall. He plans to major in Finance.

Cody Rodgers recently graduated from Boston University with a BS degree in Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering. He has now joined the US Navy and will begin Officer Candidate School in July in Charleston, SC. Afterwards, he will begin training as a Nuclear Propulsion Submarine Engineer. Cody’s mom is Diana Rodgers, Orion Program Flight Software Project Support with S&K Global Solutions at NASA’s Johnson Space Center in Houston. Pictured are Diana, Cody and his brother, Casey.

Jarrod Merriman, 17, son of Angela Merriman, Logistics Specialist with S&K Global Solutions in Warner Robins, GA, graduated from Houston County High School on May 23, 2015. Jarrod was a member of the Black and Silver Brigade Marching Band for four years, served as a State Officer (Central Area Vice-President) for FBLA, was on the Board of Directors for Keep Warner Robins Beautiful for eight years, and he served as the Editor-in-Chief for the Silver Treasures yearbook his Senior year. Jarrod will attend Middle Georgia State University in the fall.

“Yesmine’s is a beautiful cheerful person who brings joy to everyone’s life.” says Ahmed Krassi, Country Manager for S&K Aerospace Middle East Division in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Yesmine just graduated and will attend Jefferson Technical College to get her Associates in Business, then she will transfer to the Aveda School for Esthetician & Dermatology. Pictured left to right are; Allia Krassi, Baby Ahmed Krassi, Ayah Krassi, Yesmine Krassi, Irazema Barrios, Malak Krassi, and Reema Krassi.

Congrats to Rachel Megan Callahan who graduated from Houston County High School with Four Year Honors on May 23rd. Rachel is the daughter of Jeanne M. Smith, Logistics Management Specialist with the S&K Global Solutions USAF F-15 manpower support crew at Robins AFB, GA.

Congratulations to A1C Erica L. Currie, the niece of Dan Childs, S&K Logistics Services Quality Control, Shipping Manager, who graduated from the USAF Basic Training at Sheppard AFB, San Antonio, TX. She is attending Technical School at Goodfellow AFB, San Angelo, TX, studying Operational Intelligence. Her first duty assignment is Holloman AFB, Alamogordo, NM.

“Thomas, you were my son but you only ever gave me strength,” that is how Tina Colton feels about her step-son Thomas. Thomas Mercer, looking dapper as ever, graduated from Polson High School on Saturday, May 30th, as valedictorian with a perfect 4.0 grade average. He is the step-son to Scott Colton, Corporate CFO in Montana. He is pictured with his mom, Tina Colton. Thomas plans to attend the University of Rochester on a Navy Scholarship and will study engineering.

Jelicia Parker graduated from Clear Brook High in Friendswood, TX, on June 5th. She will attend San Jacinto Community College for a year to get core classes out of the way then will go on to Prairie View A&M University to pursue her longtime dream career as a Neonatal Nurse. Jelicia is the daughter of Sonja Parker, a Configuration Management Specialist with S&K Global Solutions.