

## **Alden High School Student Achievement Recognition:**

The 2021-2022 school year will mark the implementation of our new Academic Achievement recognition honors. The High School BSAT has established the following designations to be used to recognize students at graduation:

Summa Cum Laude: GPA = 97% - 100%

Magna Cum Laude: GPA = 94% - 96.99%

Cum Laude: GPA = 91% - 93.99%

The GPA for graduating seniors will be determined over the seven semesters leading up to Graduation including two semesters each for freshman, sophomore, and junior year, plus the first semester of senior year. Each accomplished group will be recognized throughout the weeks leading up to graduation. For the Graduation Ceremony itself, each accomplished group will be recognized in the graduation program and students will be given a graduation cord of distinction to wear for the ceremony.

## **CRYSTAL BULLDOG AWARD:**

The Crystal Bulldog award will be presented annually to a graduating senior who, in the estimation of peers, faculty, staff and administration, consistently exhibits the values of Alden High School. Such values include but are not limited to integrity, respect, compassion, and service to others. The recipient exhibits dedication and commitment to the formation of a school community founded upon excellence. Additionally, this individual demonstrates intellectual competence, realizing academic potential through hard work and persistence. Students do NOT apply for this award. Faculty and Staff members will have the opportunity to nominate students. Faculty/Staff and students who will vote for the Crystal Bulldog award recipient in a weighted manner (each levels vote will be assigned a certain numerical amount). The recipient will receive an award and will be given the honor of speaking at the commencement ceremony on behalf of the graduating class.