

# CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2020

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Rock Island senior Jayliyah Lewis waves to friends during the school's virtual graduation procession on the southeast lawn of the high school, May 29, 2020.

## 2020: A class like no other

There's something special about every graduating class of high school seniors. Each graduate carries the promise of endless possibilities. A new chapter of life begins, and it's a time for celebration.

This year, though, the Class of 2020 stands apart. Never before has one class of seniors faced so much together, overcome such unusual obstacles, and under such unusual circumstances. COVID-19 turned the world upside down. Schools closed. Activities were canceled. Traditions interrupted.

And then, a national protest over racial inequality, led mostly by young people.

Yet, the Class of 2020 has persevered. Across the Quad-Cities, we saw students, teachers and parents rally to complete coursework and harness technology to stay connected. We saw businesses supporting schools. We saw neighbors cheer on our seniors. And in the end, we came together.

This special commemorative edition honors the accomplishments of the Class of 2020. The section opens with Salute to Academics and

Achievements, a program started 27 years ago to recognize outstanding students in seven areas: Academics, Arts, Humanities, Leadership, Math and Science, Vocational Education and Journalism. We've honored more than 10,000 students in that time. This year's program features more than 300 students from high schools across the region.

### ► SALUTE TO ACADEMICS

Students recognized in this section were selected by their high schools and invited to submit information about themselves and their plans for the future. They also were asked to write a short essay describing something they learned during high school that they'll take with them into the future.

These pages have your reflections on the past four years. So many of you shared lessons you've learned that you will carry with you throughout your next journey.

In the second half of "Celebrating the Class of 2020" you will find student profiles that were submitted by graduates via

the Quad-City Times' virtual graduation page: [qctimes.com/virtual\\_graduations](https://qctimes.com/virtual_graduations). Sponsored by St. Ambrose University and TBK Bank, the site features videos, stories, graduate profiles and more. It is our honor to host the webpage as a platform to gather, share stories and celebrate during unprecedented times.

Through and through, students have shared a message of hope in the future – whether pursuing legal studies or chemistry; health sciences or mechanics; your plans are big and bold and we excited for what your future holds.

After graduation each of you will follow a different path – for some of you your journey will take you far away, and for others it will keep you close to home. Wherever your journey takes you, know that your community, and your hometown paper, is proud of you and is cheering you on.

Congratulations, Class of 2020. You deserve our appreciation, gratitude for your inspiration, and our best wishes for the future. It's in your hands.

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DAVENPORT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Lauren Posten**, child of Dave and Michelle Posten, plans to major in Biochemistry and Neuroscience at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill.



Posten

**Top 3 achievements:** Winning the Thomas Anthony Dooley Scholarship, receiving a 33 on the ACT, and becoming a Governor's Scholar.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** There are many high school memories that will stick with me for years, but my experiences in AP Chemistry class are some that I know I will never forget. Don't get me wrong, stoichiometry and thermodynamics are memorable units, but it wasn't what we learned about the chemistry that made the class so impactful. Mrs. Killian, our kind-hearted, energetic teacher, truly went above and beyond for her students. Two of my close friends and I were always the last to leave her classroom because we truly wanted to stay and hang out with her. Some days we bombarded her with questions about whatever we were learning at the time, but others we ate cake and talked about our problems, either way, we enjoyed every second in room 639. High school flies by so fast and I treasure my moments in 639 now more than ever because my experiences were cut short.

**Sam Saveraid**, child of Scott and Anne Saveraid, plans to major in accounting, minoring in economics at the University of Southern California.



Saveraid

**Top 3 achievements:** Iowa Governor's Scholar, Academic Excellence for all four years, and I earned 5th place in Iowa during the National Economics Challenge.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** On March 11th, I bought a durian with a friend for \$60. The durian is an exotic fruit, known for its smell, which is compared to rotting flesh. However, my friend and I had the wonderful idea of taking it to school to celebrate the start of "spring break." The unusual fruit and its extraordinary odor quickly cemented itself into our school's community, causing a gas-leak scare, which led many teachers to panic and wonder what was going on. The day I brought the durian to school was the last day of my high school career. Little did I know that such a formative time in my life was coming to an abrupt end. However, I look back on that day with a smile on my face. Despite being such an intense student for all four years, I ended it while laughing with my friends. Learning to live in the moment was important for me before I start my journey to adulthood because you never know what's coming.

The Arts

**Laura Sitz**, child of Robert and Lori Sitz, plans to major in Finance and Accounting at the University of Iowa.



Sitz

**Top 3 accomplishments:** 4.0 GPA, Iowa All-State Bassoonist, and Senior Class Officer.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** An experience that has been especially meaningful to me is participating in the Iowa All-State Festival. The process of preparing for an audition for this prestigious ensemble taught me time management and discipline. To prepare, I would stay after school many days to practice, as well as take lessons outside of school and practice on my own. After being accepted into the All-State Orchestra, I began practicing and preparing for the event. When the day of the festival came, I was overwhelmed with excitement. It was an incredible

experience to play challenging music with a group of dedicated young musicians. I loved meeting people from all over the state and learning about their own musical experiences. I will take this with me forever as I plan on playing in an orchestra in college.

**Victoria Young**, child of Dianna Donahue and Matthew Young, plans to minor in 3D studio art and major in Biology on a Pre-Med track at the University of Iowa.



Young

**Top 3 achievements:** Scholastic Art and Writing winner at the regional and national; received 3 honorable mentions, 1 silver key, 3 gold keys, and one silver medal; Selected for the K-12 National Ceramics Exhibition in Richmond, Virginia, and I was a 2020 Iowa Art All-State Awardee.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** High School will always be something I never forget, everything from my first day of freshman year to the day I found out that my senior year was over. It is crazy to think that in years to come the future generations will learn about the pandemic that affected me so greatly. Something that I will never forget is the day when my view on my art was changed forever. I was never the type of person to look at my art and be able to say that I loved it. In fact, I always struggled to appreciate my art and criticized everything that was wrong. I was always worried about what other people would think of it. But one day, my art teacher helped me understand that it doesn't matter what other people think. I learned that art is a wonderful thing that does not have to be perfect.

Humanities

**Amelia Balk**, child of Steve and Angie Balk, plans to major in economics and minoring in international relations at the University of Iowa.

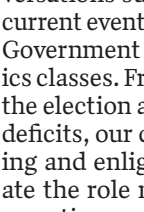


Balk

**Top 3 achievements:** Finished high school with a 4.0 cumulative GPA; Selected to speak at Iowa Girls State, and Worked with the Youth Conservation Corps under the direction of the U.S. Forest Service in Lake Tahoe, Calif.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** While at home during this pandemic one of the things I miss most is the conversations surrounding our daily current event homework in my AP Government and Macroeconomics classes. From impeachment to the election and Amazon to trade deficits, our dialogue was engaging and enlightening. I appreciate the role my teachers played, sometimes as a moderator, other times as devil's advocate, that caused me to question not only other's views but my own. This reinforced to me the necessity of respect. Our conversations also offered me a chance to apply and connect concepts learned in class to real life, an essential skill for a career in politics. Current events are a reminder that a simple classroom idea and old fashioned conversation can go a long way in one's education.

**Anna Winn**, child of Jenny and Kirby Winn, plans to major in English or Journalism/Communications at Augustana College, Rock Island.



Winn

**Top 3 achievements:** DAR Good Citizen Award Essay Contest Winner, Selection to the Iowa All-State Chorus and Academic Excellence, and a 4.0 GPA.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** As someone who has always had a deep appreciation for reading and writing, my English classes in high school have definitely been my favorite classroom ex-

Class of 2020

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periences. A specific memorable experience, however, would have to be my junior year in AP English where I got to read several books written by authors from different time periods. I love English classes because through many of the reading and writing assignments, you are able to experience life in the past and encounter different cultures. During a poetry unit in AP English, I researched a poet from the 1950s and analyzed how his work was influenced by the time period in which he lived. It may have been the longest paper I've ever written, but I didn't mind because I was getting a really cool history lesson while also gaining experience with poetry and writing.

Leadership

**Jennifer Mahl**, child of David and Tamara Mahl, plans to major in Secondary Vocal Music Education at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.



Mahl

**Top 3 achievements:** AP Scholar, President of Tri M chapter 7461 and Academic Excellence (4.0 GPA) 4 years

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My team and I sat in anticipation at the table together. It was the end of the day at regionals, and we were awaiting the announcement of the state qualifiers. I was staring at the floor and wringing my hands as the announcer

lifted the microphone to his lips. "Our first qualifier... team BBP." I turned to our table in disbelief and clapped my hands over my mouth. We were the top team at the 2020 Regionals! Through all my years at Central, my most meaningful activity has been Mock Trial. I have been lucky enough to be a two-year team captain, and our team has qualified for the state competition three out of four years. My incredible teammates and amazing coaches are what makes us so successful. I will always remember how we supported each other, and how we all worked together so well.

**Monifah Ponton**, child of Latoyal Poole and Terrance Sims, plans to major in Psychology, Social Work, and Business at Scott Community College



Ponton

**Top 3 achievements:** Founder/Co-President of the Club Shades of Melanin, Becoming a Senior Class Officer, and Being President of the Gay-Straight Alliance Club.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Mr. Hartje, a great forensic speech teacher, gave the class our final assignment to be completely original and memorized. As a gen-z member, we feel an unnecessary weight from society to fix global warming, solve world hunger, and end racism. As an African-American, I can't deny my history. It was my main

topic but I had a hard time deciding if times have truly changed. We're so caught up in what we feel we can't do, we don't take pride in the freedoms we have. My grandparents sharing their upbringing makes me grateful for the life I live now. I no longer take advantage of eating where I want, walking where I want, or saying what I want. Mr. Hartje helped me humble myself and have a greater passion to help better society. We all have a role that can make America a great place of equality, opportunities, and kindness.

Math/The Sciences

**Nick Vazquez**, child of Kristina Conard-Vazquez, plans to major in Computing Security and Computer Science at Iowa State University with plans to transfer to Carnegie Mellon University or Case Western Reserve University.




Vazquez

**Top 3 achievements:** Carnegie Mellon SAMS Scholar, FIRST Tech Challenge State Qualifier, and Recipient of George Washington Carver Full-Tuition Scholarship at Iowa State.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Throughout my time at Central and now more than ever, I have learned that experiences are not everlasting. As this graduating class knows very well, the last year

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of your high school career, or any important moment in your life may come to an abrupt end. As John Keating once said: “Carpe Diem” or “Seize the day”. Make use of the time that you have to brighten someone’s day or to set yourself on the path to success because no one can guarantee that there will always be a tomorrow. One day you may be able to look back at old pictures and relish the experiences you’ve had, but why waste the time looking at the world through a viewfinder when it’s right in front of you?

**Ezekiel “Zeke” Wynsma**, child of Brenda Peters and Joseph



Wynsma

Wynsma, plans to major in Physics at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

**Top 3 achievements:** 2019 First Tech Challenge Robotics State Qualifying Team, 2020 recipient of the Quad Cities Science and Engineering Council Scholarship, and Iowa Mock Trial State Qualifying Team in 2017, and 2019.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** For all four years of high school, I have been a member of my school’s FTC robotics team. When I first joined robotics freshmen year, I was looking forward to building a robot and learning about electronics and computers. However, I soon learned that robotics is

not only about engineering and programming. A large amount of fundraising and documentation is required to keep the operation afloat. At first, I was unhappy whenever I got stuck having to log a journal entry about the latest changes to the robot or write a sponsorship letter. However, one day I was tasked with designing the team t-shirts we would wear to our next competition. I found that I loved graphic design, it was fun like building a robot but without the hassle of getting my hands dirty. I continued to take any design opportunities I could take, and now as a co-captain, I am considered the authority on any graphic design or documentation projects.

Vocational Education

**Anne Cunningham**, child of Dave and Melissa Cunningham,



Cunningham

plans to major in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** Academic excellence, 4-year varsity soccer player, and National Honor Society.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My time in high school will follow me throughout my life, with the experiences and memories I have obtained. Although the ending was not exactly what I expected it was certainly memorable. This uncertain time has taught me much more than I would ever have

thought. I have gained knowledge from all the classes I have taken for the past four years, but currently, I have learned how to work through the unforeseeable and unknown. Many challenges have been presented through this time. I have had to use my experiences to work through my AP Calculus exam, my senior year losses, my three dual credit classes, moving towards college, working, and being away from others. I will take these lessons I have learned in and out of the classroom with me into the future.

**Andrew Kloss**, child of Joel Miller and Amber Greving, plans to attend Scott Community College.



Kloss

2016 Microsoft Office Specialist State Championship Fall Qualifier 1st Place.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** The most unforgettable learning experience I have experienced happened during the 5th-grade social studies class. My teacher, Mr. Goodman, was on the younger side and tended to use more unconventional but very effective teaching tactics. One of these unconventional tactics was music. While our class was learning about the Pilgrims who came on the Mayflower and the Puritans who followed shortly after, he made a remix of Wu-Tang

Clan’s “Method Man” to teach us. I remember thinking as he handed out the lyric sheet that singing this was one of the most embarrassing and stupid things I would ever have to do in school, and that there was no way I would learn anything from it. I was wrong. As we practiced the song each day and the test rolled around, all I had to do was sing the song in my head and I had the answers.

Young Journalist

**Julissa Chavez**, child of Manuel and Marta Chavez, plans to major in Social Work. Interest at the University of Iowa.



Chavez

Editor of Yearbook as a junior.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom learning experience that I’ll remember forever would be when Mrs. Heinen taught me the importance of detail and the virtue of patience. I learned that it is normal to make mistakes, but we eventually have to fix the error we made. Over time, I became more precise with my school work and noticed how this also applied to the real world. I’m extremely blessed and thankful to have had her as a teacher as she taught me a simple life lesson that I will carry throughout my entire life.

**Chloe Wheeler**, child of David and Andrea Winters, plans on



Wheeler

attending Scott Community College for two years then transferring to the University of Iowa and double major in Photography and Art Education

**Top 3 achievements:** Placed 3rd in the 2019-2020 IHSPA spring journalism contest category photo story (Class B), nominated for the Buttleman Journalism Scholarship 2019-2020 school year, and rated superior and qualified for nationals for the Fine Arts Festival 2020 (photography).

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?**

When I first started high school as a freshman, I didn’t know very many people and wasn’t very involved in school activities. As my sophomore and junior year rolled around, I decided to join the Blackhawk Newspaper as a photojournalist. In that capacity, I took photos and performed interviews for the writers. During my senior year, I became the photo editor for the Blackhawk Newspaper. I helped the photojournalists learn how to use a camera and gave them assignments. I attended presidential caucus rallies as a member of the press where I did interviews and made photographs of people attending the event along with the presidential candidates. Each assignment helped me grow as a photographer. I have learned so much from the newspaper, and it will definitely help me in the future.

DAVENPORT WEST HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Meghan Nahnybida**, child of Rick and Amy Nahnybida, plans to major in Computer Science at the University of Iowa.



Nahnybida

**Top 3 achievements:** Iowa Governor’s Scholar Award, 4.0 GPA, Junior Rotarian

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Throughout high school, I have learned many important lessons. However, the lesson that stands out the most is the importance of collaborating with others. Whether it is spending countless hours on a project with teammates or simply studying for a calculus exam with my peers, working alongside classmates is an unmatched experience. Instead of being dreadful of team projects, I learned to embrace them and see how critical the experiences are to becoming a well-rounded student, teammate, and person in general. Teamwork is a lesson that I will definitely take with me into my college education, career, and life.

**Nhan Tran**, child of Quang Tran, plans to major in Computer Software Development at Indian Hills Community College.



Tran

**Top 3 achievements:** 4.0 GPA, Second Place in Hawkeye Programming Challenge Division II, Iowa Governor’s Scholar

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** An experience that I’ll remember forever has to be when I was in my sophomore year of high school. There was a difficult problem that stumped most people in the class. I solved the problem, and no one was surprised that I could solve it. That was an encouraging moment for me.

The Arts

**Maesi Geigle**, child of Jackie and Chris Geigle, plans to major in American Sign Language / English Interpreter at Scott Community College.



Geigle

**Top 3 achievements:** Davenport Noon Optimists Club Scholarship, Outstanding Per-

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former Award, and Most Dedicated Member Award.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A class-

room learning experience that I will never forget is the time where my choir teacher told my class that life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it. The

single comment on a random day in the choir has always stuck with me because it made me realize how in control of my life I actually was. I’ll remember that experience

forever because now I can live life better by simply changing how reacted when challenges occur.

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West

From L4

**Michael Hill**, child of Monike and Jeremy Hill, plans to major in Music Education at the University of Iowa.



Hill

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** There are two moments in my high school career that stand out. The first memorable moment was when our jazz band was a wild card in the state jazz competition. The second was when our percussion ensemble received the best in center designation and was able to perform at Iowa State University. Both instances required more intense rehearsals in preparation for those events.

Humanities

**Anton Kordick**, child of Robert and Melissa Kordick, plans to major in Bioinformatics at Iowa State University.



Kordick

State Participant

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Giving a speech about why vegetables don't exist might sound completely ridiculous, however, for me, it was when everything I had learned about speech came together. I gave a strong intro that grabbed the attention of my class. More importantly, I was able to hold the class's attention beyond the intro and into the three-body points. When the conclusion came, it tied the speech up wonderfully. During my speech, I had made my class laugh and smile, but more notably, I had given a speech that my class was unlikely to forget. After two years of working with my speech coach Mrs. Rietz, the different elements of speech that she had taught me finally clicked. Soon after my vegetable speech, I earned my ticket to go to nationals for speech and de-

bate. And everything I had learned came together in an absurd speech about why vegetables don't exist.

**Molly Friede**, child of Ann and John Friede, plans to major in History and English Education at the University of Northern Iowa.



Friede

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will never forget my AP English class with Ms. Sheehey. She is by far one of the most influential teachers I have had. She has taught me so much. Her class is what helped me discover my love of classic literature. For example, the book Moby Dick by Herman Melville will never leave me for as long as I live. If Ms. Sheehey had not taught me to appreciate classic literature and the literary elements hidden throughout the novel, I could have never fully appreciated the novel. I had originally planned to major in History Education. However, after taking AP English, I decided to double major in History and English Education.

Leadership

**Annie Chu**, child of Thanh Chu and Thu Chu, plans to major in Accounting and Business Analytics at Iowa State University.



Chu

Secretary of Senior Class Officers

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** During my freshman year, I took a class called IGESS which integrated Geometry and Earth Space Science. At the end of every quarter, we were required to make a project. I loved how my group always went above and beyond, and our projects would turn out amazing! During one of the projects, we had to create our own solar system. We put in so much time and effort into this project and it even lit up! We were so thrilled to make it and the name selection process was fun.

Presenting this project was also a blast because we were extremely enthusiastic to show off our work. I will forever remember this class because of our projects, and it was a fun class in general.

**Brandon Schutte**, child of Brad and Tanya Schutte, plans to major in Computer Science at Iowa State University.



Schutte

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A learning experience I will never forget is when I had the privilege to be a Teacher's Assistant. I was able to have the privilege to help teach and tutor the younger students so that they may have assistance in learning new and difficult topics.

Math/The Sciences

**Brittany Vick**, child of Tanya Vick and David Vick, plans to major in Political science, the pre-law route at the University of Iowa.



Vick

in super-regionals for school's FTC team, a selected Junior Rotarian for West High School.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A learning experience I will remember forever was during my freshman year. Certain students were selected to take IGESS, which stood for integrated geometry earth space science, as a class opposed to taking geometry and earth science separate. Having to combine two separate subjects to make one unique way of learning was always fun and exciting, but also forced me to apply my knowledge to the real world. I will always remember this because I felt like it was a time in school where I learned something useful but also learned in a teaching style different than other traditional classrooms.

**Mason Dunn**, child of Dr. Heather Dunn, plans to attend the United States Naval Academy and major in Chemistry

**Top 3 achievements:** Track



Dunn

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** The ability to bond with my teachers. When I built bonds with my teachers my enjoyment of the class increased and I focused and got more out of the topic of study.

Vocational Education

**Adam Parcel**, child of James and Lori Parcel, plans to double major in Political Science and Economics at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.



Parcel

Republicans, and 2019 Quad Cities Youth Leader of the Year.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** In my sophomore year of high school, I took my first college business class. This is an experience I'll never forget. I learned what it takes to build a business from the ground floor up. One has to be willing to work hard and sacrifice. I got to know my business teachers and they have been mentors to me throughout high school. Their words and guidance have helped me believe in myself and to have the courage to take the risks necessary to achieve my goals and dreams.

**Jeb Collins**, child of Don and Cris Collins, plans to study welding at Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo Iowa



Collins

**Top achievement:** Vocational welding  
**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** In welding, my instructor Mr. Zinn, taught me how a real life welding shop works and it really showed me how real life works instead of being in class and not getting and real life experience.

and Cross Country Captain, National Honors Society President, and Health Occupation Students of America President

Young Journalist

**Daizie Johnson**, child of Brad Johnson and Deanna Sherwood, plans to major in Elementary Education / Social Work at the University of Northern Iowa.



Johnson

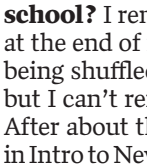
**Top 3 achievements:** National Honors Society, Shaheen yearbook Co-Editor, and Future Teacher club.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will always remember the teachers that impacted my life for the better throughout this journey. Despite the countless times I entered their rooms stressed out and clueless, Mrs. Choate and Mrs. Ray never hesitated to lend a hand or give advice. Choate has never missed a moment of my growth during high school; I attended her classes proudly each year as an English I and yearbook student until senior year when I was awarded a Co-Editor position for West's 60th-anniversary yearbook. Ray has inspired much of my passion for writing as my English 2, contemporary literature, and Intro to Education teacher from sophomore year to present. Throughout the last four years (and especially this year) Choate and Ray have not only been great teachers but wonderful mentors. Overall, my inspiration to major in education is because of their strong influence and kind hearts.

**Timothy O'Leary**, child of Timothy O'Leary Sr and Bjaney O'Leary, plans to major in Journalism at the University of Missouri Columbia, Columbia, MO.

**Top 3 achievements:** Best of SNO recognition on multiple of my pieces, Quill and Scroll National honor society winner, and Media Editor of the Beak 'n' Eye—student newspaper.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I remember very clearly, at the end of my sophomore year, being shuffled from class to class but I can't remember the reason. After about three cycles, I landed in Intro to Newspaper. On its own, the class wouldn't be anything special but the whole experience always gives me a handful of anecdotes to use when I talk about it.



O'Leary

DAVENPORT NORTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Makenzie Lieferman**, child of Gina Acosta and Mike Lieferman, plans to major in Accounting and Finance at Augustana College, Rock Island.



Lieferman

of High School Scholars.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One learning experience I will always remember occurred during my sophomore year geometry class. During this class, I had my first experience with a student-teacher, who taught the course for most of the term. This had a major impact on my academic career as her determination and focus while also really enjoying what she did inspired me. I will always remember the connection I made with her and how enjoyable it was to learn.

**Ashton Snarr**, child of Tod and Jamie Snarr, plans to major in Psychology at Utah State University, Logan, Utah.



Snarr

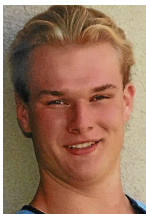
4-year varsity letter winner.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will never forget when I took AP Biology. That was the hardest class I took throughout high school. Each

day brought new challenges and new information. I had never felt so overwhelmed by a class before. However, my teacher was a huge support to me. She taught me to never give up and to continue to work hard. She showed me that it was okay to ask questions and to not know every little detail about everything. I learned that hard work pays off and that dedication to something will truly give you the results you desire. Most importantly, she taught me to believe in myself. This is the most valuable lesson that I learned in high school and was definitely a product of several amazing teachers helping and loving me along the way.

The Arts

**Jackson Baxter**, child of Kevin and Lisa Baxter, plans to major in Physical therapy at St. Ambrose University.



Baxter

**Top 3 accomplishments:** Selected as a member of the 2019 academic all districts football team, president's list and Dean's list at Eastern Iowa Community College for multiple semesters, member of the National Honor Society chapter at North,

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Every time the music department would bring in a guest musician or group to play for us I was always astounded at how well they could perform. That would always motivate me to try harder

Class of 2020

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North

From L5

to become a better musician so that I would be able to perform at the same level they do someday.

**Shelby Fick**, child of Daren and Trish Fick, plans to major in Music Education at Illinois State University, Bloomington-Normal, Ill.



Fick

**Top 3 achievements:** Section leader of the Davenport North orchestra, St. Ambrose University Chamber orchestra, and the Quad City Youth Symphony orchestra, being elected as the Junior Thespian Coordinator for my school's state award-winning theatre program, and being Cymbal Section leader on the drumline.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Although many come to mind, one experience in high school stands out as one that is an experience I will always remember. I was struggling to learn a new musical skill in middle school, and my orchestra teacher at the time had been working on it with me for months. She had been trying different techniques all while learning one of my favorite pieces to this day. She worked tirelessly to help me figure this musical concept out – and one day it happened. I began to play and something clicked. It worked! The teacher and I instantly smiled and she told me that she was proud of me. This teacher helped build and grow my work ethic and discipline as a musician, showing me that when something seems tough, you must continue to persevere. That is a classroom learning experience I will never forget.

Humanities

**Catherine Tappero**, child of Brandi and Michael Tappero, plans to major in Biology on a Pre-Med track St Ambrose University.



Tappero

**Top 3 achievements:** Valedictorian, Varsity Dance Team and Show Choir Captain, and 150-plus Volunteer Hours.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Pre-calculus was definitely a push for me in high school and involved a lot of studying to stay on top of my grades. In one specific week, like many other high schoolers, I had been so busy with my other involvements from going to state for the dance team and my dance studio as well as work for all of my other classes, that I completely tanked a test for the first time ever. I stood in front of Mr. Hunter in tears from the oh so common combination of stress and fatigue that all high schoolers experience and I remember feeling so defeated. Despite this,

I came back the next week and luckily was able to retake it and do much better. From this situation, I learned the importance of prioritizing and time management with the craziness of balancing high school activities and academics. For this lesson and so many others, I am forever grateful for the many teachers at North, like Mr. Hunter, who have shaped me into who I am today.

**Trevor Voss**, child of Adam and Dawn Voss, plans to major in Computer Engineering at Scott Community College, Bettendorf, Iowa, and then transfer to Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.



Voss

**Top 3 achievements:** Seal of Bili-literacy in Spanish, a score of 5 on the AP Calculus AB exam, and 4.0 GPA throughout High School.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One of the most memorable learning experiences that I had during high school was during Spanish II in my sophomore year. I have always really enjoyed learning new languages, and as a result, it came to me easily. Because of this, my teacher allowed me to work at my own pace throughout the semester and continue on into Spanish III during that time. About two weeks before the end of the semester, I had already finished the material from both classes. Instead of sitting in the classroom and wasting time, I would go to see a different Spanish teacher during his prep period every day, and we would speak Spanish to each other. This greatly helped me develop my skills and was also enjoyable at the same time.

Leadership

**Camry Dillie**, child of Ann and Chris Peterson, Chris and Julie Dillie, plans to major in Sports Management at Cardinal Stritch University Milwaukee, Wisc.



Dillie

**Top 3 achievements:** Senior Class President, Secretary of National Honors Society, and 1st Team All-Metro for Basketball.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom learning experience that I will remember forever is in Mrs. Schmid's class, Math for Liberal Arts, when we were learned about credit and taxes. She took us into the hallway and we did an activity where you would either take a step forward or backward if the actions she described would help or hurt your credit. This taught me a lot about credit and how it works and that will help me so much in my adult life and when I start building credit!

**Abby Saskowski**, child of Mike and Abby Saskowski, plans



Saskowski

Honor Thespian, Vice President of North Drama Club, and a four-year varsity soccer team member.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I looked forward each day to my 2D drawing class. Mr. Schaeffer not only challenged us to learn about art, but to always consider the "bigger picture". On one memorable occasion, he described his experience building his home and decorating his kids' bedrooms. Instead of taking the easy or expected route, he set out to make a uniquely beautiful space suited to his family. This opened my eyes to the possibilities before me, the choice to go against expectation, and still create something beautiful. His work inspires me to set goals, to work hard, and to push toward achieving what I want in life. He is one example of many teachers that have impacted my life while attending North High School.

Math/The Sciences

**Jacob Hansen**, child of Matt and Jayme Hansen, plans to major in Computer Engineering at the University of South Florida, Tampa, Fla.



Hansen

**Top 3 achievements:** 2019 State Mock Trial Outstanding Attorney Award, National Merit Finalist, and Homecoming King.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** The entire math department at North is incredibly strong, and I could go on and on about how great any one math class was. I learn best by asking questions, and all the teachers I've had have willingly stayed after school or into lunch to answer extra questions. This trend has continued even during this pandemic. In particular, my AP Statistics teacher, Mrs. Schmid, has devoted extra time to help me better understand the material during online classes. She has stayed after her virtual office hours each week to answer all my extra questions, sometimes for up to half an hour! And when a friend and I had a question on a Saturday, she even took an hour out of her day to help us out! The willingness to spend time assisting me with my learning is something that I will always remember from my teachers.

**Emma Janecek**, child of Mike and Trish Janecek, plans to major in Psychology Major at St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa. She plans to be a Speech-Language Pathologist.



Janecek

Mention 2019

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** In 10th grade, I began to really dig into the study of life in Mrs. McCreery's Honors Biology class. She enthusiastically gave us the tools to succeed with hands-on learning experiences, personal lab experiments, and online simulations. Because of the amount of exciting, applicable material I was able to absorb in this course, I decided to take a shot at Advanced Placement Biology with Mrs. McCreery. For three terms of my junior year, I came to school knowing that I would be challenged through coursework and the material that we were being taught. Still, through vegetable labs, safaris, and test preparation, our little class came together to tackle it all. I will forever look back at my time in 136 and remember the importance of asking questions, smiling, and being passionate, as modeled by Mrs. McCreery.

Vocational Education

**Cody Burch**, child of Corey and Angela Burch, plans to go into the skilled trades.



Burch

**Top 3 achievements:** Maintained above 3.9 GPA and won an outstanding achievement from the science department during my freshman year. Extracurricular – I won my first ever golf meet this year, at duck creek golf course with my best score ever which was a 75

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**Alex Glover**, child of Sara and Al Glover, plans to major in Business at Scott Community College.



Glover

**Top 3 achievements:** A c a d e m i c All-District for varsity football, 1st honors all four years, earned Presidents list from Scott Community College for Fall 2019 semester, and awarded \$1,000 scholarships from both the Quad Cities Builders & Remodelers Association and Quad City Area REALTORS.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One classroom experience that I will remember forever will be the experience I had during the Student Build Home Program. I had the opportunity to learn many areas in the building process. There is a satisfying feeling being involved with a group of people with a common goal in mind and a distinct job to accomplish. I gained leadership skills, teamwork, a positive work ethic, pride in workmanship, accountability, and an understanding of the importance of safety in the workplace.

Our teacher, Mr. Peckenschneider, did an outstanding job of creating a balance between work and having fun as you work. He was great at coming up with different competitions we students could do while completing the work. He was a great role model because he demonstrated and taught various soft professional skills to help us excel in the future. Thanks to this experience, I know the direction for my future career

Young Journalist

**Jordyn 'Jai' Edwards**, child of Patches Fessel and Robert Edwards, plans to study Nursing in the United States Navy.



Edwards

**Top 3 achievements:** Editor in Chief for the 2019-2020 Norwica, team captain of the girls' tennis team, and second honors.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My favorite classroom activity was in my MCJROTC class. Every day was something new, and you never knew what to expect. I made a promise to one of the Gunnery Sgts. that I would eat a raw egg, and two days after that, I did! We've had lots of laughs in that classroom.

**Tyler Runge**, child of Kara and Eric Smith ( Davenport ), James Runge ( East Moline ), plans to major in Graphic Design at Iowa State. Ames, Iowa.



Runge

**Top 3 achievements:** Eagle Scout, Dual Grad, and Norwica Yearbook Staff

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One classroom experience I won't soon forget is when we were trying to meet a deadline for a page in the yearbook. We were all scrambling to finish what needed to be done with it. Some students left the classroom to find the names of people in photographs while the rest of us decided on the best layout and text for the page. We ended up finishing the page just in time. Times like these showed how fun working on the yearbook could be.

UNITED TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Nicole Boodhoo**, child of Simone Boodhoo and Nokhram Boodhoo, plans to major in Bio-medical Sciences at the University of Iowa.



Boodhoo

**Top 3 achievements:** Valedictorian, Illinois State Scholar, and President's Award for Educational Excellence.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A learning experience that I will never forget is the fun mixture of critical thinking and amusement of Western Civilization Studies. I truly appreciate how much effort and time my teachers put into each and every class period. I was always excited to go to this class because I was able to analyze and evaluate information at such a high level, but I was still surrounded by a relaxed and calm learning environment. I will always remember how many fun

and engaging activities our teachers would implement into the class. Thank you to Mrs. Monson and Mr. Round for preparing me for the college atmosphere, and thank you for always supporting each and every one of your students along the way. This is an experience that I will remember forever.

**Mackenzie True**, child of Jill and Brandon True, plans to major in Accounting at Western Illinois University – Quad Cities.



True

**Top 3 achievements:** Co-valedictorian, Illinois State Scholar, and John Deere Award Recipient

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** UT has an absolutely amazing staff of teachers that make a huge difference in this world. I will never forget any of my teachers and I am so grateful to have been taught by them. They truly care for each and every student and do everything

in their power to make us feel special.

**Hailey Pappas**, child of Steve and Lora Pappas, plans to major in Biological Sciences at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, Ill.



Pappas

**Top 3 achievements:** Student Council President, Illinois State Scholar, and PEO Star Scholar.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will never forget my AP Chemistry class with Mr. Obrecht. He always made our labs fun and educational; we were always laughing and smiling in his class.

The Arts

**Avery Weller-VanHollebeke**, child of Sarah Vanhollebeke and Heidi Bernier, plans to major in Social Work at Western Illinois University.

**Top 3 achievements:** I was proud of myself for having pieces displayed at the festival of trees



Weller-VanHollebeke

**school?** I will never forget the teachers who pushed me to work harder and get out of my comfort zones.

**Tyler Belan**, child of Jeff and Holy Belan, plans to major in Political Science at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa



Belan

**Top 3 achievements:** Three-time All-District musician, Marching Panthers' Lead Drum Major, and four years in Sym-phonics Band.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My favorite experiences during my four

years of high school have all been in debate activities. Things like running for president in Government and a being a lawyer in my sophomore year History class brought out my competitiveness and passion for sharing ideas, leading me to major in political science.

Humanities

**Kokoutse R. Amegnran**, child of Koffi and Pamela Amegnran, plans to major in Computer Science at Illinois State University



Amegnran

**Top 3 achievements:** Varsity Track and Field. Making it out of ESL, and getting into the studies program.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will always remember the time my friend and I recreated Macbeth's death scene in class.

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From L6

**Zam Zam Mohammed**, child of Endris Yimam and Anisa El-nimari, plans to major in Computer Science and Business, specifically information technology and marketing, at Augustana College

**Top 3 achievements:** I was selected to be in the Critical Thinking Program at UTHS for my academic skills as well as being in the top 10 percent. This program selects the top 50 students at school who perform very well in their academic skills. The program is set up like a college class that prepares them for their actual college experience. I have also tested well on the Accuplacer test to earn dual credit for my junior year. Leading to my senior year I've also received dual credit as well. Throughout high school, I've been part of the National Honor Society for being top of my classes and for being an overall great student. I've been in the band for many years and I've also joined the soccer team last year which was a good experience.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom experience that I will remember forever would be Western Civilization which is part of the Critical Thinking Program. I was very unsure whether or not I wanted to continue this program because of its difficulties but I pushed through because I don't give up easily and I'm determined. This class was by far the best Critical Thinking class because the teachers made it fun to learn and they were very helpful. I've learned a lot by taking these classes because they have enhanced my knowledge and skills which will better prepare me for college and the real world.

Leadership

**Mackenzie Jones**, child of Kate and Jon Jones, plans to major in Biology at Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** Academic Top Ten, Student Council Treasurer, and Varsity Soccer Captain.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will never forget the kindness that all of the studies teachers have shown me throughout the years. It is a great program to have been involved in and I have learned so much from each of them. They truly want to help every student whether it be by extra help, bringing positivity to the classroom, or simply just being someone they can trust. I wish every student had the opportunity to experience all of the joys and rewards that come with being in the studies program. Thank you for always believing in each one of your students and giving your all.

**Michael Merrick**, child of Mike Merrick plans to major in Sports Studies at the University of Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** John Deere award winner, Junior Rotarian, and being named to Homecoming Court

**What's something you learned that you will take**

**with you after high school?** I'll never forget when I was in middle school, I was talking with one of my friends about how if I really wanted to I could be at the top of the math leaderboard that we had there. My language arts teacher, Mrs. Anderson, overheard me saying this and simply told me, "then go and do it". Her telling me to go and do it lit a fire in me when it came to academics and because of that moment in her class I have tried my absolute hardest ever since to achieve all of my goals not only in school but in life as well.

Math/The Sciences

**Nolan Filby**, child of Marc Filby and Christine Sterbenz-Filby, plans to major in Aerospace Engineering at Iowa State University.

**Top 3 achievements:** Captain of the Varsity Soccer Team, Illinois State Scholar, and finished in the top 5% of my class academically.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** In Chemistry class my sophomore year, the teacher accidentally blew a ceiling tile off while demonstrating a combustion reaction with some form of alcohol, a large water jug, and a match.

**Hannah Rossmiller**, child of Kevin and Wendy Rossmiller, plans to major in Psychology at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill.

**Top 3 achievements:** Second in my class, Illinois State Scholar, and going to Illinois SuperState for band.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will always remember being in the studies program for three years. It was one of my favorite parts of high school. I loved all of the teachers and the fun projects we did each year. I will definitely miss all of the fun times I had in the studies program.

Vocational Education

**Peyton Pustelnik**, child of Mark and Tracey Pustelnik, plans to major in Elementary Education and minor in Special Education at Northern Iowa University.

**Top 3 achievements:** Volleyball varsity letter for 3 years and team captain, Illinois All-Star Volleyball Team, and graduating 19th out of 365 students.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** In the World Studies Program, we split up into groups and made funny movies about what we learned that whole year. It was a fun way to help the students remember information and to refresh the material we learned from the beginning of the year.

**Evelyn Quiroz-Fernandez**, child of Rosa Quiroz, plans to major in Accounting at Black Hawk College, Moline, Ill.

**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar, Top 10 (#9), and President's Award for Educational Achievement.

Class of 2020

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Eryke DeKezel, Johnatan DeLaCruz, Lucas DeLaere, Kiera DeLaRosa, Emma DePaepe, Mo-hamade Diawara, Sophia Diaz, Ellie Diekman, Grant Diekman, Autumn Dillin, Absa Diop, Mark Dominguez, Abram Downey, Bennett Downey, Brandon Downing, Asiel Drumgoole, Nicholas Duex, LaTorBriana Dunham, Andres Duran Diaz, Essi Dussey-Komlavi, Jesse Dyer, Adam Dzekunskas, Tanner Earl, Rodrigue Eglia, Tyler Engesser, Mauricio Escarría, Jovani Escobedo-Camargo, Spencer Evans, Dylan Farnsworth, Jenna Fender, Juan Fernandez Zamora, Nolan Filby, Kendrack Finley, Aria Fix, Katelyn Fleming, Xavier Flores, Dai' Shaun Forrest, Gracie Forret, Matthew Foss, Mia Franks, Alexis Friend, Alexandra Garcia, Brenna Garcia, Jiovanhi Garcia, Magali Garcia, Joshua Garner, Laura Gerardo, Bianca Gilson, Leigh Goings, Antonio Gomez, Cristian Gomez, Marissa Gomez,

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**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will for-ever remember my Western Civil-ization class with Mrs. Monson and Mr. Round. I thought it was going to be a tough class but they made it easy and enjoyable. Mrs. Mon-son would bring us in some sort of breakfast like 1-3 times a week and then take a couple of minutes just to talk. Mr. Round would always make us laugh one way or another. Both Mrs. Monson and Mr. Round were caring, helpful, upbeat, and just amazing teachers to have. We had a lot of fun in that class. I will miss it so much and remember it forever.

Young Journalist

**Brenden Webster**, child of Jen Drobney and Steve Webster, plans to major in Mechanical Engineer-ing at Western Illinois University—Quad Cities.

**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar, Top 5% of graduat-ing class, and John Deere Harvester



Webster

Works Special Recognition Award recipient.

**What's some-thing you learned that you will take with you after high school?** There are countless learning experiences that I have had at United Township that have shaped me into the student I am today. One learning experience that I will never forget is the hovercraft project in physics. Taking flight for the first time was some-thing to remember, and it made me want to understand more of how the physics of it worked.

**Madison Gordon**, child of Anita Gordon, plans to major in Business/Accounting at Scott Community College.

**Top 3 achievements:** Three years varsity volleyball with achieving "Outstanding Leader-ship Award" my senior year, three years varsity basketball, four years



Gordon

varsity soccer with making "First Team All-Western Big 6" my soph-omore and junior year, was hoping for my senior year as well. Also, I was awarded "MVP" in my junior year

of soccer. **What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Joining Skyline was the best decision I made for myself this school year. I've always had a passion for writ-ing but this was something deeper than that. Learning to write from a different perspective and to use the picture as inspiration to make that specific moment come to life for the person who may not have been there but also to remind them of the particular moment if they were there. I want to thank Mrs. Green for giving me this oppor-tunity. She is an amazing teacher/mentor.

MOLINE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

The Arts

**Logan Bambauer**, child of Marybeth and Nicholas Bam-bauer, is currently undecided on both a major and college.

**Top 3 achieve-ments:** Senior award for visual arts, having a dis-play in the Moline High School art show, and having art displayed in The Quad City Art Show.



Bambauer

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** The learning experience that I will remember forever is the Moline High School Chicago Art field trip. It was interesting to me to see other people's artwork, the different mediums of art, and the visions of other artists. I always appreciate viewing art through another's perspective.

**Joseph Lobb**, child of Sue and Tim Lobb, plans to major Saxo-phone and Clarinet Performance at the University of Iowa.



Lobb

All-State Festival all three years eligible, winning the solo com-petition with the Quad City Wind Ensemble.

**What's something you learned that you will take with**

**Top 3 achieve-ments:** Perform-ing in the High School Honors Recital at the In-ternational Sax-ophone Sympo-sium, first person from MHS to be a part of the ILMEA

**you after high school?** I'll never forget when I went to Symphony Day with the Quad City Youth Symphony Orchestra and played for over 5,000 kids from local ele-mentary schools. It was such an amazing experience being able to show children what it's like being involved in music and influencing them to join their local band and orchestra program.

Humanities

**Genevieve Strasser**, child of Jeffrey Strasser and Muna Strasser, plans to major in Biol-



Strasser

ogy and/or Fine Arts at St. Olaf College, North-field, Minn. **Top 3 achieve-ments:** Illinois State Scholar, re-ceived 1st place at the 2020 regional speech tourna-ment in the category Original Oratory and received an honors award for excelling in English composition.

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Moline

From L7

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Despite not taking the required art classes beforehand, I was accepted into the AP Art program. The purpose of the class is to compile a portfolio of your work throughout the year that centers around your sustained investigation topic. I chose to use digital art to explore the different ways in which I could show an appreciation for mythology and urban legends. When I was designing the subject of my Wendigo portrait, my teacher, Mrs. Replinger, encouraged me to try looking at an Algonquin artist’s style to better represent the legend. I mirrored my work in the style of Frank Polson, and the piece ended up being the most visually interesting one I had created all year. I feel like my skills as an artist has grown tremendously from having a more open mindset and flexible style, and I’m deeply grateful for that experience.

**Kate Schaechter**, child of Joe and Susie Schaechter, plans to major in Political Science and Sociology at Drake University.

**Top 3 achievements:** Top departmental honors for English, social studies, and drama, top 3% of class all four years, and performing at the state level for speech two times (2019, 2020).

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One memorable experience was the opportunity to collaborate and interview non-profits that address the issue we were researching.

Leadership

**Steven Klumb**, child of Kristen Kessler and George Klumb,

plans to major in Business Administration with an emphasis on Marketing at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

**Top 3 achievements:** Class of 2020 & NHS Vice-President, Homecoming Court Attendee, and IHSA state qualifier in swimming.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will never forget my AP Psychology class taught by Mrs. Zobrist. Even though this class was difficult because of the complex topics and the pace of the material, Mrs. Zobrist made this class fun. Hands-on projects with peers sparked conversation, and terms applied to real-world concepts made me excited to come to class. I will never forget her engaging teaching methods and her ability to push students out of their comfort zone. Her spontaneous pop quizzes forced me to always be on my toes and keep up with the material which is very important heading into college. After this class, I have gained study methods and learned there are no boundaries to my success and learning abilities in and out of the classroom.

**Adam Klumb**, child of Kristen Kessler and George Klumb, plans to major in Business Administration at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

**Top 3 achievements:** Senior Class President, 3-Sport Athlete, Illinois State Scholar

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One classroom learning experience I will never forget is definitely dissecting cats in Mr. Lindstrom’s Anatomy and Physiology class. Mr. Lindstrom was teaching our class the numerous different muscles that are found in the body. Cats have very similar muscles as humans do in their bodies. In order for us to learn and memorize the muscles of the cat, he wanted us to be hands-on and visually

see where the muscle is located. I would be lying if I said that the entire experience wasn’t gross and that the smell was repulsive. But, without that hands-on experience, I don’t think I would have been able to successfully retain the dozens of muscles that we learned. Dissecting cats in Anatomy was truly one of the most memorable classroom learning experiences I had in high school.

Math/The Sciences

**Makayla Rangel**, child of Ryan Rangel and Jessica Rangel, plans to major in Biology on a Pre-dental track at St. Ambrose University.

**Top 3 achievements:** Top 10% of my class, Illinois State Scholar, President of Interact Club, and National Honor Society Treasurer.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My Honors English I class is an experience I will never forget. Given a presentation assignment on our first day of high school, I knew the class would be no walk in the park. Our intense teacher introduced classic literature to us including The Odyssey and Romeo & Juliet. Every day we would walk into class unknowing of what was planned for the period. Lengthy assignments, frequent timed essays, graded discussions, and presentations made for quite the workload freshman year. Nonetheless, my Honors English I class taught me work ethic and perseverance. Although I was given an undesirable amount of work, I know this class paved the way for the rest of my high school career as a high achieving student. Honors English I not only gave me a greater understanding of English, but it strengthened my character to help me become the student I am today.

**Deborah Arul**, child of Moses and Janina Arul, plans to major in Biology at Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

**Top 3 achievements:** My research internship at the University of Iowa, National Merit Scholar, and three-peat cross country championships.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** When I entered high school, I decided to take a foreign language, and I chose French. The experience was extremely different because I was not just learning the language but also the culture. Madame Larson, Madame Ciucci, and Madame Stuedemann really brought the subject to life with our culture days. One of my favorite cultural experiences was when Madame Ciucci brought in different types of French cheese and let us sample them. Another one was celebrating Three Kings Day by making paper shoes with Madame Stuedemann. The French department at Moline did a splendid job of widening my cultural outlook on life and is an experience I will cherish forever.

Vocational Education

**Mason Lapaczonek**, child of David and Amy Lapaczonek, plans to major in Accounting at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn.

**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholars, Illinois State Tennis Qualifier, and National Honors Society.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom experience that I’ll never forget is when we had a retirement party in our accounting class for Mrs. Nelson. This was during the last days of my junior year and I had Mrs. Nelson as a teacher for two years at that point. Although it was an accounting class I found it as one of the most enjoyable classes I ever took in high school and always looked forward to going. When the class found out she was retiring we planned a little party for her during the last week

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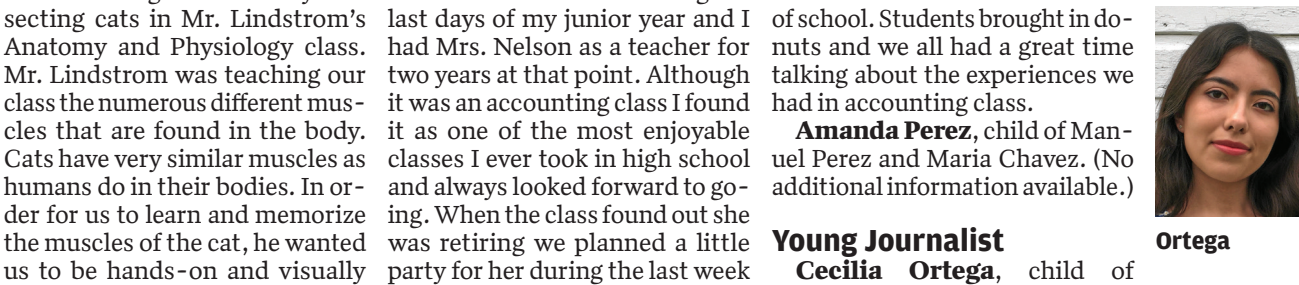
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nio. **What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One of the most important things I learned is that failure is a part of life. Failure is necessary to grow as a person. Before high school, I got

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Ortega

of school. Students brought in donuts and we all had a great time talking about the experiences we had in accounting class.

**Amanda Perez**, child of Manuel Perez and Maria Chavez. (No additional information available.)

Young Journalist

**Cecilia Ortega**, child of



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Moline

From L8

good grades without much effort so freshman year was a big change. I didn't get the grade I wanted on an AP Euro test and decided to improve myself from that experience. I changed my study habits, which not only helped in AP Euro but in

all my future classes. I have experienced many failures in the past four years, but I haven't let them stop me. Failure should be seen as a learning opportunity and should never stop you from moving forward.

**Aubrie Mozinga**, child of Jon and Angie Mozingo, plans to major in Nursing at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.



Mozinga

learned that you will take with

**Top 3 achievements:** Editor-in-chief of the Line o' Type, Top 1% of class all four years, and 2-time sectional qualifier in my speech event.

**What's something you learned that you will take with**

**you after high school?** During my Junior year of high school, I had a biology teacher who was excellent at his job. This course was AP, so it wasn't easy by any means, but he made it fun and interactive and he was committed to each and every one of his students' success. When he was teaching a complicated subject, he would take students from the class and use them as models

for the concept. He was always able to make me laugh and these models imprinted information in my mind and ensured that I would remember it for test days. It was refreshing to see a teacher who cared about what they were teaching because it was a very rare sight for me. I appreciate that teacher and all that he did for me and for what he will do in years to come.

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Academics

**Zoe Veasey**, child of Carla Veasey, plans to major in Music Technology at Columbia College Chicago.



Veasey

Scholar.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will never forget my Junior Dress Up Day. Every junior would dress up as a character from a book that we had read in our high school career. I dressed up as Jordan Baker from The Great Gatsby and had to give a speech from my character's perspective. It was so exciting to hear from all of the different characters and to take pictures with a few other Jordan Bakers. Throughout the day, some teachers would recognize who we were, and alumni would talk about who they dressed up as. It was thrilling to see the books come to life and to hear how similar our experiences were to those who are now our teachers.

**Spencer Mar**, child of Teresa Maness, plans to attend the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.



Mar

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My psychology teacher had an unorthodox approach to teaching. He was a big fan of latent learning, which is a term drilled in by latent learning. In psychology class, he would often tell stories that had a lesson (occasionally, he would just indulge us with just a fun story which in a way provided extra incentive to listen when he would tell a story). For example, he told a story about how as a child he was amazed by pineapple which he thought was exotic, so he bought two of them one day than in one sitting, ate both and threw up, and ever since he has disliked pineapple. This seemingly random story was a lesson on food aversion.

The Arts

**Liam Haskill**, child of Dan and Alli Haskill, plans to major in Fine Art at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.



Haskill

Above and Beyond Scholarship Winner for starting a Best Buddies Chapter at Rocky, and Rock Island High School Art Department Senior Awardee, 2020.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My supportive teachers in visual arts, Mr. Gustafson, Mr. Schriefer, and Mr. Gray, and music, Mr. Tollanear, and Mr. Carlin, have always nurtured my creativity and have encouraged me to follow my passions. Serving as a senior drum major helped me develop responsibility and leadership skills and gave me the confidence to pursue a college path in the arts.



Kopplin

**Ethan Kopplin**, child of Brad Kopplin and Christine Loula Kopplin, plans to major in Illustration at North Park University, Chicago, Ill.

cago, Ill.

**Top 3 achievements:** Artwork displayed at the 2019 Festival of Trees, designed multiple art pieces on display throughout different parts of Rock Island, won a Quad City Arts Rock Island Fine Art Guild award in April 2020.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I learned that putting everything else in the world bothering you aside, and just focusing on the project in front of you can go a long way. In both terms of creating work and relieving stress. Just spending a few hours working on an art project during a stressful time is one of the most therapeutic things I could ever do. I also learned that if you use an extremely steady hand when making line art with a black ink pen, your art teacher will think you created it digitally and printed it out. (Thanks, Mr. Gray.)

Humanities

**Julia Nash**, child of Jennifer Kitzman, plans to major in Psychology at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Ill.



Nash

Achievement Award, and National Honors Society.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will always remember when there was a very in-depth and lengthy discussion on women's rights in my AP European History class. My teacher was also the debate coach, so he brought up several irking arguments that kept the discussion going. I will always remember this day because it was amusing, as well as a very vocal day in class. Everyone got to voice their opinions and I left the class feeling empowered. This day highlighted my appreciation for the civil discussion of social issues. In addition to that, it also encouraged me, as a woman, to always work hard, against the odds and prove my strength and worth.

**Nishemeze Dian**—No information or photo submitted.

Leadership

**Emma Wahlmann**, child of Susan and Michael Wahlmann, plans to major in Musical Theatre at Western Illinois University, Macomb, Ill.



Wahlmann

**Top 3 achievements:** Charles O. Austin Jr. Scholar Award, ILMEA (Illinois Music Education Association), Vocal Jazz 1 District Festival 2019, and NSOA (National String Orchestra Association) Award.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** In my time at Rocky, I have had the chance to be a leader in the orchestra. I've taught violin sectionals since my sophomore year, been the first chair in many gigs around the community, and in my senior year, I was concertmaster of Chamber Orchestra. This has been a wonderful experience because it taught me that things don't always go as planned, but when you're in charge of a group, you have to make it work. I've gained so much confidence in performing that honestly just comes from taking myself out of my comfort zone and not being afraid to try new things.



Houston-Lyle

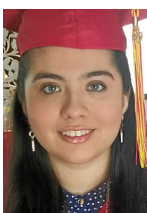
**Aaliyah Houston-Lyle**—No information submitted.

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Math/The Sciences

**Natalia Rosales**, child of Margarita Moreno Mendoza and Nemesio Rosales Perez, plans to major in Computer Science at Black Hawk College.



Rosales

**Top 3 achievements:** Top ten academically Class of 2020, Illinois State Scholar, and Charles O. Austin Jr. Scholar.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Most classrooms have a certain structure in their approach to learning. Typically, students are taught using lectures, textbooks, and worksheets with occasional lab activities. However, entering high school, I enrolled in the engineering program, which had a different style of teaching. The class mainly taught through hands-on activities, such as building a hydrogen fuel cell car and designing parts to 3D print. It was amazing to see the objects which I design and program come to life as a finished product. Of course, other classes like physics, computer science have similar activities, but it is a unique event when it is your first experience. A major reason why engineering class was unforgettable was that despite the large classroom size, I was the only female student. It was surprising to me since engineering and other math and science fields are incredibly fun. Hopefully, more women and men can experience it.

**Sja'Lell Downing-Mims**, child of Jodi Mims, plans to major in Vocal Performance at the University of Iowa



Downing-Mims

**Top 3 achievements:** Selected to be the lead in this year's musical, the top choir for three years, attended the Quad Cities youth conference (anti-bullying conference).

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One "classroom" experience that has really stuck with me has been my choirs touring season. During the month of December, Rock Islands Chamber choir(the top choir) goes touring around the Quad-Cities singing. It was always one of the most special times of the year to bring joy in the form of song to people all over the Quad-Cities. My favorite part about this season was going into the elementary and junior highs to sing for them because they would always be so excited to hear us sing.

Vocational Education

**Hae Ni Sher**, child of Noe Hae (dad) Paw Pah (mom), plans to major in Nursing at Western Illinois University.



Ni Sher

**Top 3 achievements:** Charles O. Austin Jr. Scholar, Daughter of the American Revolution (DAR), and National Honor Society.

Hser Hser Paw, Lah Bwey Paw, Logan Pearce, Amelia Pena, Josie Pennington, Brayan Perez, Maria Perez Morales, Olvaldo Perez, Yvette Perez Gomez, Louis Pike, Santana Pizano, Larissa Pothoven, Josiah Prunty, Jesus Puga, Makayla Quinones, Rafael Ramirez, Jayden Rea, Alexis Reed, Roslyn Reed, Hailey Reeds, Christian Resch, William Rosales, Shay Robinson, Jazzmin Rochelle, Emily Rodriguez Jacobo, Layla Rodriguez, Donovan Rogers, Natalia Rosales, Daniel Rosenthal, Kaleb Rossi, Juliana Rounds, Anna Rowell, Carlos Ruiz Guillen, Niyimbona Salvator, Faraja Samuel, Isabell Sanchez Garcia, Kailyn Sanders, Shaylynn Sanders, Jordan Sanders-Mosby, Dayvon Sapp, Eh Lar Say, Kmwe Say, Jayde Schmitt, Katarina Schultz, Adria Scott, Tereza Sefu, Alfa Sehinda, Hae Ni Sher, Katherine Shewell, Hannah Simmer, Gracie Sims, Aaliyah Smith, Semaj Smith, Manirumva Sonia Pamala, Uwamahoro Sophie, Perla Sosa, Shaneeya Soumare, Vontae Starks, Nathan Steinbeck, Matthew Stern, Alex Straw, Sabrina Strong, Cody Swisher, Gracie Taber, Clinice Tate, Samuel Tauke, Donterrius Terrell, Victoria Thaw, Kerry Thomas, Kierra Thomas, Henry Thompson Ashton Timm, Tyler Tipton, Dennis Triche, Bailey Tripilas, Johnae Tucker, Myles Turner, Phoenix Ullrick, Jayden Upton, Jaiden VanCollie, Tony VanDeWalle, Libio Vargas, Zoe Veasey, Carson Verstraete, Joseph Viernow, Gwendalyn Waggoner, Emma Wahlmann, Raghen Walker, Hae-Lynn Walker, Alijah Walker Lee, Courtney Walton, Madison Wells, Kaitlyn Welsh, Haley Westfall, Brandon Whittington, Kowen Wilhelm, Jeremiah Willhite, Breonna Williams, Daymion Williams, Kristen Williams, Taliyah Williams, Kisubi Wilondja, Davion Wilson, Tre'Vonte Wilson, Cole Winter, Nathan Wirth, Amber Worthman, Isabella Wright, Vantasia Wright, Jacob Wyers, Kenyhorn Yancey, Nathaniel Yancy, Eh Yee, Sergio Zepeda, Manuel Zetina, Weiwei-Leo Zheng

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** How has AVID impacted my College/Career Ready Journey? AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) has helped me learn how to cooperate with others, having teamwork, and being creative. AVID has also helped me take better notes and ask higher-order thinking questions that will help me be successful in college. AVID helped me be prepared for college in many ways such as organizing, collaborating, taking notes, college searches, etc. If it wasn't for AVID to encourage me to research for scholarships, I would've missed out on opportunities that had stuck out to me. Overall, AVID was the best learning experience that I'll remember forever. Not only has it taught me to be a successful person, but it has helped me build connections with my classmates and teacher. We shared our accomplishments together like getting accepted to colleges, finding scholarships that others may be qualified for, and celebrating our hard work.

**Carl Garner**—No information submitted.



Garner

Young Journalist

**Larissa Pothoven**, child of David and Vicki Pothoven, plans to major in English and History at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill.

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# Rock Island

From L9

**Top 3 achievements:** Top Ten Scholar; All-State Band (flute), and Illinois State Scholar.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One classroom experience that I will remember forever is an activity my journalism class did this year. Every student had a balloon. Our goal was to keep



Pothoven

Each time, it was more difficult to keep the balloons up. In the end, only one person was left, valiantly trying, but failing. The balloons represented everyone's

responsibilities. Originally, everyone was taking care of their own tasks. But as people were unable to do so for whatever reason – sickness, laziness, vacation, etc. – other people were burdened with carrying the load. This illustration is a helpful reminder for me to stay on top of my work because if I fail to do so, I not only hurt myself but the whole community who relies on me.

**Emma Beierlein**, child of Chris and Greg Beierlein,



Beierlein

(2019).

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My time in journalism had a very relaxed

but strict learning environment. While we worked on various projects such as articles, videos, photo essays, and yearbook, we also had a ton of fun. Ms. Miers, the journalism teacher at Rocky, allowed us to play music, eat and talk to friends as long as we were productive. This is one of my better learning experiences because it made me comfortable in the classroom setting. I'm not the type to learn in a quiet space so my times spent in journalism are the ones I will remember always.

## ALLEMAN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

### Academics

**Emma Legare**, child of Jim and Jenny Legare, plans to major in Neuroscience at Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, Missouri.

**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar, President of National Honor Society, Top Ten

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** The entire atmosphere of Mr. Shaffer's Biology II class is a classroom experience I will never forget. More specifically, the unit on the Nervous System. When we learned about various psychological theories, he explained them in a way that would forever change the way we thought. It was interactive and ended in everyone laughing about our newfound knowledge and curiosity to learn even more about our brains. Every lesson was that way; he presented the information in a relatable way that bonded us as a class and taught us what we needed to know. My enjoyment in the field of Biology comes from Mr. Shaffer's class. He taught us to look at human anatomy and physiology with wonder and appreciation. I will carry the experience of the daily lessons in Biology II with me forever.

**Emma Kindelsperger**, child of Molly Kindelsperger and Kent Kindelsperger, plans to attend the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minnesota.

**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar, National Honor Society, Junior

Rotarian.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** The one high school class I will never forget is my sophomore year health class. Going into it I had low expectations and was fully prepared for an easy grade. I could not have been more wrong. There was so much more to the subject than just diseases and sickness. It was really refreshing to learn about mental health along with physical health, as mental health is oftentimes overlooked. The work itself was challenging and thought-provoking, which I always appreciate. That class was sort of a reset for me as it changed the way I think about school, my life, and my habits.

### The Arts

**Daniel Smith**, child of Timothy and Michele Smith, plans to major in Animation & Motion Media Design at Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD), Savannah, Georgia.

**Top 3 accomplishments:** Children's Therapy Center Building a Brighter Future for Kids by Kids Volunteer of the Year award, St. Ambrose University Honor Band (3 consecutive years), Four year varsity Letterman swimming / three year varsity Letterman tennis.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** During my senior year in my Advanced Studio's art class, Mr. Elsner introduced me to many different mediums. Helping me to broaden my artistic knowledge, showing me tips and tricks he's learned over the years passing that on to me meant so much, I will never forget it. One of my favorite me-

diums he had me explore was creating my own paper from scratch. Taking paper pulp and mixing in items to make it my own then pressing the water out, letting it dry, ironing it, making it thin and creating a usable piece of paper. I enjoyed doing this because it was something new I'd never seen done before. The lessons Mr. Elsner provided me will last my lifetime.

**Grace Anders**, child of Matthew and Susan Anders, plans to major in Game Design at Columbia College, Chicago, Ill.

**Top 3 achievements:** Gerard & Collen Huiskamp Foundation Scholarship; Rev. John F. O'Connor

Scholar; and the Knights of Columbus Drug Awareness Poster Contest

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I was in 8th grade. Art was always my favorite subject, and at the time we were recreating a picture of an animal by a grid system. I don't often draw animals, but I was really proud of how mine came out. My art teacher even praised my work in front of everyone. It is times like those that made me want to keep creating. Every person who believed in me and my talent pushed me to become the artist I am today. I was taught to always try and improve my skill with every piece I made. It is that lesson that has made me the artist I am now, and it is the advice I wish to pass on to any young artist. Don't compare your art to others. Be proud of every small improvement you make.

### Humanities

**Brennen O'Keefe**, child of David and Cathy O'Keefe, plans to major in Music Business at Belmont University, Nashville, TN.

**Top 3 achievements:** Fr. Mirabelli Leadership Award; Western Big Six Academic All-Conference Award in Baseball and Football; Principal's List (Having a 3.6 GPA or higher) all four years.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** While attending Concordia International School in Shanghai, China as a third grader, our class worked with the fourth graders to form two societies. Half of the students were put in a dictatorship and the other in a democracy. I was assigned to the dictatorship and got to experience all the chaos that went with it. People were fighting over power, and I even got thrown into jail for disagreeing with the Dictator. I remember being so jealous of those in the democracy because they were all getting along and working together to form their society. But what sticks out most in my mind, was my classmates' reactions. Concordia was composed of students from 23 countries, some of which had histories of dictatorships. The students from those countries fully appreciated the gift of freedom – a gift I took for granted. Though I was young, this experience will stick with me forever.

**Sophia Best**, child of James Best and Michelle Sierra, plans to major in Environmental Science at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

**Top 3 achieve-**

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Killian Ahern, Alexandra Amacher, Grace Anders, Monica Arroyo, Graycen Bates, Sophia Best, Matthew Bjork, Geneva Blunt, Alexander Bowker, Sydney Bowling, Sarah Braden, Anthony Bullock, Leah Coene, Cori Caleo, Lakin Calloway, Elijah Campos, Chase Carruthers, Alicia Casas, Natalia Castillo, Andrew Coleman, Samantha Coleman, Owen Connolly, Maxmillian Contre-ras, Erik Coulter, Caitlin DeBlaey, Carson DeBlaey, Natalia DeLeon, Megan Easley, Allison Edwards, Tyler Estes, Dylan Fogel, Ted Fogel,

**ments:** John Philip Sousa Band Award, ICTM State Qualifier, and NHS Secretary

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** When I look back on my high school education, one of the highlights was definitely my American history courses. A good teacher is not only an educator but someone who understands their students and allows them to be themselves. My junior and senior history teacher did just that. Not only was he passionate about what he was teaching, but he encouraged honest debates between students during class. He never failed to smile while we all debated heatedly about whatever topic we were studying. One of my favorite moments in his class was when we were asked to compare attitudes towards immigration and immigrants during the early twentieth century and today. He never shied away from the tough topics. In his classroom we not only learned history, but how to effectively form and articulate our thoughts and opinions. I will forever be thankful for that.

### Leadership

**Leah Coene**, child of Chad Coene & Maria Cleu Coene, plans to major in Dietetics at Iowa State University, Ames, IA.

**Top 3 achievements:** Student Council President; ISAC – Illinois State Scholar – Rock Island County State

Scholar; and 3-time recipient of The Captain Stephen Phillis Scholarship.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Many of the most unforgettable learning experiences were made in my science classes, especially my Biology II course. I particularly enjoyed studying the human body and learning about how hormones in our body affect what we do every day. For example, the role of melatonin in the body is to regulate the sleep-wake cycle and adrenaline causes the fight or flight response. One of my favorite hormones that we learned about was oxytocin, which is crucial for childbirth but also has a part in social behaviors and human bonding. I will remember that class because it helped me to understand how the complex human body functions and why we act, grow, live, and function the way we do. These lessons will stay with me because they were engaging and important for my future career in dietetics.

**Paul Rouse**, child of Paul and Jennifer Rouse, plans to major in Business at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

**Top 3 achieve-**

Madysen Freyberger, Adam Galvin, Cara Gomez, Jaylen Gore, Aidan Gorishek-Richardson, Maria Guerrero, Jesus Hernandez, Anselmo Hernandez, Hayley Hoffman, Kevin Hughes, John Hunter, Adam Hyder, Gianna Jewhurst, Michael Showalter, Erin Kenney, Mackenzie Kerker, Margaret Kernan, Emma Kindelsperger, Madilynn Klauer, Xavier Lara, Emma Legare, Nathan Lewis-Bresnahan, Brant Long, Timothy Marolf, Brooke McKeown, Savannah McQuate, Mikayla Melin, David Moens, Grace Moore, Emma Muhleman, Amanda Murray, Sean O'Hern, Brennen O'Keeffe, Franko

**ments:** Student Council Vice-President; National Honor Society and Rev. John O'Connor Scholar; and captain of the basketball team

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** An experience I had in the classroom that I remember the most would be in Mr. Skahill's American History class senior year when we talked about the US from WWI and after. The thing I love about this class was the enthusiasm that Mr. Skahill brought to the class. He made the class seem simple and fun even when we were not studying the most fun topics.

### Math/The Sciences

**Franko Orszag**, child of Silvia Santini Mandi and Željko Božidar Orszag, plans to major in Chemistry at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

**Top 3 achievements:** 1st place in Regionals and Sectionals in Chemistry competition; 1st place in Regionals and 2nd place in Sectionals in Physics competition; and 1st place Cadet and 1st Bruto Junior in Golf

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Because of my love for science and math, my most treasured classroom experiences come from laboratory work. I especially enjoyed laboratory work in Alleman High School, since professors were always full of ideas on how to keep us interested. There is something special about working with your friends on problems and trying to find a way to solve them. Even if you think you know everything about a specific topic, there is always something new that you can learn from either listening to or watching your classmates work.

Sometimes though, it doesn't always go to plan. The good side is that this is the time when you learn most. This might sound like a cliché to everyone, but you always learn the most from your mistakes, and this is amplified in science and math because you have to redo the whole process in order to find where you went wrong.

**Owen Connolly**, child of Edward and Teri Connolly, plans to major in Mechanical Engineering at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

**Top 3 achievements:** Top 10 consecutively in High School Class; Student of the Month twice; and Member of National Honor Society.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Whether it was dissecting an animal in biology or creating a chemical re-

Orszag, Sophia Parr, Alejandro Pena, Clare Phares, Jarod Portner, Karina Ramirez, Lizbeth Raya, Penelope Rocha, Natalie Rodriguez, Emil rosin, Paul Rouse, Ashlyn Ryan, Margaret Schaecher, Gabriel Sebben, Nathaniel Sheets, Austin Shoemaker, Daniel Smith, Collin Snyder, Madison Snyder, Grace Sottos, Alannah Stevens, Mikinzie Stohl, Megan Tanghe, Isabella Terronez, Roberto Torres, Christopher Tristan, Elena Vallejo, Daniel Vazquez, Paulina Vega, Leny Villalobos, Victoria Villalobos, Joseph Weaver, Hilari Wilkens, Payton Woods, Vanessa Verschoore

action in chemistry, I will never forget the different procedures that I did in labs throughout high school. One lab especially will never be forgotten by me, and that was the day my physics teacher made a wheel spin straight up and down in mid-air by attaching a rope to only one side of it. I think I understand most of the world, and then a concept like this comes along and blows my mind. It will always be a reminder of the strange ways the world works around us every day. Ideas like this are what drive me to learn since there must be a reason behind why an object like this can defy gravity. Many labs will not be forgotten from my time in high school, and this one especially will not be forgotten.

### Vocational Education

**Ted Fogel**, child of Tim and Nettie Fogel, is looking into trade schools while currently working at UPS.

**Top 3 achievements:** I have never missed a day of school since 9th grade (perfect attendance award); received academic excellence for Algebra 2; and was named student of the month at United Township High School for outstanding performance in Auto Body 1.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My favorite classroom experiences, since I had two schools, were auto body and Algebra 2.

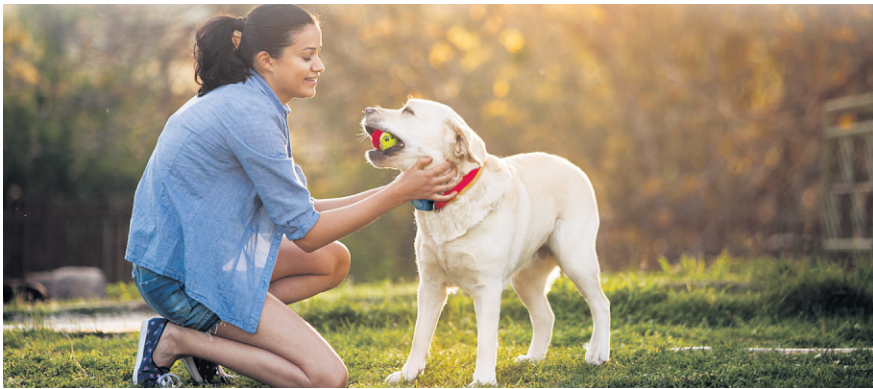
Auto Body I was able to meet new people from other schools and make friends. I enjoyed going to class as Mr. Scott Kave made it fun. My favorite learning experience was working on dents on vehicles. I was able to bring this learning home with me and work on my own truck. I wish I had more time in this class but cut short due to the pandemic. I won't forget that. My other enjoyable memory about Alleman was during my junior year in Algebra 2. A lot of people don't like math but the teacher, Mr. Promley, made it fun for me. I will just remember this class because I received an award.

**Joseph Weaver**, child of Ted Weaver and Laura Weaver, plans to major in User Experience Design at Bradley University, Peoria, Ill.

**Top 3 achievements:** National Honors Society; Bradley University Presidential Scholarship; and Academic Department Award in Language for Spanish.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One learning experience that I will never forget took place this

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Alleman

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past school year in English class. We had to do fake job interviews, something that I have never done before, making this quite challenging. We had to bring current copies of our resumes and dress up in clothes appropriate for an interview. I had thought of many potential questions in my head and mentally prepared myself for days in advance. When the time had finally come, I panicked and, because of that, the interview did not turn out too well. I stumbled over my words and failed to consistently make eye contact. Even though it did not go my

way, it was still a very important learning experience. Now I know what kind of questions to expect and what I need to improve upon when it comes time for an actual job interview, and for that I am thankful.

Young Journalist

**Kevin Hughes**, child of Jennifer and Steve Hughes, plans to major in History-Social Sciences Teacher Education at Illinois State University, Normal, Ill.

**Top 3 achievements:** Perfect Attendance for all four years of

high school; member of the top 10 of class; and National Honor Society Member.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Throughout my four years at Alleman, I have been blessed with a plethora of memories inside the classroom. Additionally, I have been blessed with numerous teachers and classmates that have helped me grow and become the person I am today. However, one memory I will never forget is when I was the one who helped my classmates. My class was having a difficult time with a concept in math we were learning so I took time to explain it so everyone could be on the same level of

understanding. I will always remember this because I believe it sets a precursor for my ability to teach in the future. In the future, I hope to see my students' faces light up with understanding and excitement; just as my classmates' faces did that day in math class.

**Elena Vallejo**, child of Tina Eygabroad and Jason Vallejo, plans on double majoring in elementary education and theatre at St. Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa

**Top 3 achievements:** Created the Non-Profit organization Picture Empower-

ment (through which I offer photoshoots at no cost to those who otherwise could not afford it). Board Member, Assistant Photographer, and Blog Writer for the LOVE Girls Magazine. Student Director of Digital Marketing at Alleman High School.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will always remember the experience I had during my sophomore year English class. I was new to Alleman, but my English teacher made me feel welcome and became someone I could really trust. She also helped me improve my writing and find my voice. I truly would not be the writer or person I am today without her.

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Academics

**Justin Hettlage**, child of Donna and Niko Hettlage, plans to major in Music and Biochemistry at the University of Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** 36 ACT, Iowa Governor's Scholar Recognition Award, and Outstanding Musicianship Award (Jazz band).

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One classroom learning experience that I will remember forever happened in my AP Statistics class. We were working on a particularly difficult unit; we had to know many complicated equations and notations, and many students in the class were struggling to become comfortable with solving the problems. However, on the last day of the unit before the test, our teacher revealed that instead of going through the meticulous processes to solve the problems like we had been doing, we could simply press a couple of buttons in our calculators that would do all the work for us. At first, everyone was frustrated— why bother learning all the complicated details, when a calculator could perform the task instantly? However, we uncovered an important lesson: even though there may be a simpler solution, putting more effort in yields both increases our retention of the knowledge and yields greater satisfaction in our work.

**Jason Jiang**—No information submitted

The Arts

**Sophia Hazelett**, child of Kathy and Travis Hazelett, plans to major in Design at Iowa State University.

**Top 3 achievements:** National Honor Society, Captain of the girls 2020 Track and Field team, and RSVP.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Throughout my high school experience, I learned to try new things. I challenged myself to get outside my comfort zone. In some of my art courses throughout the years, I was skeptical of trying new materials or techniques for some of my pieces. But instead of continuing with what I knew and had been successful with, I took some chances and tried something different. Sometimes it was a success and other times it wasn't. What I learned was that by going outside my comfort zone I unexpectedly found new interests. I was not afraid to fail because it helped me learn what I want to do differently the next time and grow from it. Trying something you have never done before is difficult at times and can make you nervous, but it is beneficial in the end.

**Peter Hurd**, child of Michael and Jessica Hurd, plans to major in engineering at Ivy Tech Community College, Lafayette, Ind.

**Top 3 achievements:** National School Orchestra Award Recipient, four years All-State Festival par-

ticipant, and AP Scholar.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One of the best classroom learning experiences that I will remember forever ironically did not take place in a classroom. Instead, I was on a stage. That day we were not taught by our normal orchestra teacher, but instead by the musical duo called The Moxie Strings. I will never forget those few, short rehearsals because of what I had learned. The Moxie Strings taught the class how to play different styles of music, but I also garnered a different lesson. Normally, my classmates and I would learn new music by reading; however, The Moxie Strings taught us to instead learn music by figuring it out ourselves. They taught us to learn by action. I will always remember that day not just because of the laughter we shared or the music we made, but also, the new approach to learning that I could apply to the rest of my life.

Humanities

**Jake Hornbuckle**, child of Todd and Stacy Hornbuckle, plans to major in the Five Year Master of Architecture Program at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.

**Top 3 achievements:** 2-time track state qualifier, Service Award junior and senior year, and Student Activity Leadership Team.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Among the last twelve years, I have spent in the classroom, the most important learning experience I underwent was in AP Physics. While juggling sports practices and student council responsibilities, I discovered, through the difficulty of the class, that the value in the material being learned far outweighs the letter grade. Without pushing myself in high school, I would have missed out on a great opportunity to prepare myself for the rigor of college.

**Jessica Mouw**, child of Tracey and Greg Mouw, plans to major in Psychology at Iowa State University.

**Top 3 achievements:** President of French Club, Recipient of Language Arts Department Scholarship, and varsity show choir member for three years.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom learning experience I will never forget is watching my classmates present their final presentations in my AP French class at the end of junior year. It was a very bittersweet few days as I listened to classmates present about their life and their future, knowing that I may never see some of the seniors again. Sitting back and watching classmates I've seen learn and grow for years and realizing how far we had come in the pursuit of learning a language completely alien to us just years ago was incredible. I have been involved with the French program for almost five years now, and, although I have kept myself involved as the president of the French club, AP French was my

Class of 2020

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lyn Haven, Lucas Hayes, Sophia Hazelett, Nathan Heald, Adeline Held, Alisa Henderson, Isabella Hengl, Caleb Hennings-Simpson, Jack Hester, Justin Hettlage, Griffin Hinch, Tyler Holmlund, Mikal Honeycutt, Charles Hornaday, Jake Hornbuckle, Ethan Horner, Nathanael Houk, Emma Hovey, Emily Howard, Memphis Howat, Peter Hurd, Dylan Hutchison, London Jacks, Nathaniel Jackson, Zachary Jaeger, Azarel Jaimez, Nicholas Jennings, Jason Jiang, Claudia Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, Erica Johnson, Haileigh Johnson, Nicholas Johnson, Mickel Jones, Rashad Jones, Niklas Keeney, Riley Kelly, Kyleigh Kemp, Nicholas Kenyon, Benjamin Ketelaar, Adam Kitsis, Allison Kling, Matthew Klos, Skylar Knabe, Jacob Knight, Roosevelt Knight III, Logan Knox, Elizabeth Koehler, Andrew Kramer, Katherine Kuhel, Leann La, Allison Laird, Rachel Lapaczzonek, Veronika Larson, Bryce Lawson, Kelley Lent, Jon'a Levi, Olivia Lewis, Adam Like, Amelia Loescher, Blake Lopshire, Brett Loquist, Ean Lovett, Robert Lowder IV, Will Luebke, Andrew Lunsford, Caleb Mack, Simone Maggio, Ghazy Mahamid, Madalyn Makoben, Gabriele Manion, Carson Mariman, Zachery Marsh, Julian Martinez, Grant Mason, Christian Maxfield, Jarrek McCain, Brittney McClaine, Cullen McDermott, Egan McDermott, Brooke McGee, Grace McKenzie, Ashley McKim, Jordan McWilliams, Chase Melton, Joshua Meyer, Jacob Mickelson, Isabella Miletich, Gabrielle Millhollin, Franklin Mitvalsky, Kelsey Moeller, Alise Moore, Mya Morris, Zane Moser, Jessica Mouw, Alexis Mulvehill, Adam Murray, Nicholas Naumann, Evelyn Nelson, Jacob Nelson, Taylor Neofotist, Alyssa Newton, Breanna Newton, Mitchel Nikulski, Brayden Noble, Alex Obert, Lauren O'Brien, Benjamin Ocampo, Caleb Ogden, Chiane Oliver, Ryan Olson, Alexis Opsal, Sarah Ostrom, Arianna Ottavianelli, Carter Owens, Francine Pace, Martin Paris, Abigail Parrett, Tyliyah Parrow, Tyler Pate, Jas Patel, Keshia Patel, Hunter Pekios, Jacob Pensinger, Autumn Perez, Joanna Perez, Zachary Pessman, Kaalyn Petersen, YaPrecce Phillips, Nicholas Pierce, Maisy Ploessl, Shannon Pollmeier, Matthew Powell, Sid-dharthan Prakash, I Made Prima-

sandya, Americus Proehl, Austin Proulx, Constance Pyevich, Justin Ramirez, Olivia Ramos, Dylan Rant, Eva Rasmer, Austin Reeves, Beyonce Reid, Brandon Richards, Brooklyn Ridgway, Chase Ridgway, Aaron Ritter, Keano Roberts, Emilly Rockhold, Isabel Rodriguez, Aaron Roehr, Samantha Roemer, Sarah Rogers, Kira Rohwer, Collin Roome, Sydney Rosebrough, Keaton Ruth, Katlynn Ryden, Patrick Salsberry, Brendan Scarlett, Parker Schafer, Steven Schafer, Alexa Schmidt, David Schwartz, Nicholas Schweizer, David See, Emily Seeley, Johnathan Sellon Jr., Alexandra Sepanski, Luke Seybert, Kyli Shannon, Keoni Shaw, Reed Shea, Eliza Sherman, Christian Shiltz, Katerina Shinbori, Alexander Shoemaker, Pete Sible, Kylee Sibley, Elena Sierra, Ryan Sitter, Oskar Skogman, Erica Smith, Noah Smith, Greta Solbrig, Campbell Soncarty, Haylie Spencer, Jacob Spinello, Keaton Staley, Nolan Stephenson, Malik Stevenson, Claire Stierwalt, Madeleine Stone, Jonathan Swarm, Lily Teagarden, Emma Tedford, Madison Temple, Reagan Terronez, Paul Thachil, Jessica Thomas, Joshua Thomas, Peyton Thompson, NyOuntae Thompson-Ford, Amber Thomsen, Tyler Thomsen, Savana Thorsen, Janelle Tracy, Kyle Treimann, Ayanna Tremaine, Tienna Trettin, Zachary Trevino, Colin Turecek, Katherine Tyra, Alexandria Uhrich, John Uribe III, Abbey Van Middlesworth, Cole Van Wychen, Carlie Vance, John Vance, Jr., Preston Vanderburg, Seth VanZuiden, Breanna VerMeer, Jerry Vesey III, Colton Viktor, Olivia Vincent, Chandler Voelcker, Kyle Voelcker, Maximilian von Gries, Andrew Wall, Anna Walraven, Kaitlyn Walter, Logan Wang, Reagan Watkins, Mikera Watson, Yamir Watson, Jacob Weas, Trinity Weaver, Allyson Weber, Owen Weimer, Brendan Weinberger, Faith Weis, Conner Welk, Madison Wells, Alexa Westerkamp, Carter Weyman, Tyreese Wheeler, Lauren White, Peter Whitmer, Nathan Wilkins, De'Marco Williams, LaMarques Williams, Madelaine Williams, Annie Wilson, Natalie Wilson, Mitchell Winterlin, Madison Wold, Megan Wolfe, Charles Wray, Madison Wuorinen, Elijah Wyers, Savannah Yerkey, Noah Yets, Ava Young, Curtis Young

last opportunity at the high school level and it was a meaningful one.

Leadership

**Mitchell Winterlin**, child of Amanda Douglas and Mike Winterlin, plans to major in Education and Psychology at the University of Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** Student Council/Student Body President, Iowa Association of Student Councils (State Student Council) President, an AP Scholar with Honors.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One of the most monumental moments in my high school career occurred in my Honors English 10 classroom, taught by Mrs. Jenny McDaniel. While in our Lord of the Flies unit, we broke out into groups to discuss which character was the best leader, and I was in the "jury," chosen to decide which team's argument was the most persuasive.

After leading the jury through its deliberation, I announced the results to the class, bringing to light each group's points and misunderstandings. After announcing the winning group, Mrs. McDaniel stated, "And, this is why you're our favorite leader, Mitch!" That moment meant the world to me because it was one of the first times I had ever been called a leader, especially by someone I looked up to so much. Having everyone's support at that moment has been one of many situations to inspire me throughout my leadership journey.

**Erica Smith**, child of Dean and Brenda Smith, plans to major in Elementary Education at Black Hawk College.

**Top 3 achievements:** 2018 & 2019 Varsity Volleyball All-Academic Team, 2017, 2018 and 2019 Academic Letter Recipient with Gold Bar, and Bettendorf Boosters Mark Brooks Scholarship.

**What's something you**

**learned that you will take with you after high school?** My favorite classroom memory was being able to be a student-teacher through an education academy at Scott Community College and Bettendorf High School. After learning in my higher education classrooms, I was able to observe and apply the techniques I had learned like classroom management and social behavior. I enjoyed working hands-on and learning from the students in those several months. I will always remember my placement, as those children helped form the start of my future as a teacher.

Math/The Sciences

**Logan DeLacy**, child of Robert De Lacy, Hye-Kyong De Lacy, plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

**Top 3 achievements:** Four All-State Band



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Bettendorf

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Appearances, AP Scholar, and Quad City Youth Symphonic Orchestra Principal Clarinet.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My favorite experience in a classroom was in an English class under Jennifer McDaniel. During my sophomore year, we read a total of 6 literature books and for two of them, we had a round table discussion. Every few chapters, we would discuss the characters and the events that went on in the story. The best part of the discussions was that our teacher was relatively uninvolved so it was the students that would lead the conversations. The class was usually quite passionate about the subject, so we rarely grind to a halt. I honestly learned way more just arguing and discussing with the rest of the class than if I just listened to a lecture from

the teacher. Academic freedom is very important to students and is something I believe that every school should encourage. Many thanks to Mrs. McDaniel for being the best English teacher I ever had.



McKim

**Ashley McKim**, child of Shawn McKim and Melissa McKim, plans to double major in dance and criminology, law, and justice with a pre-law emphasis at the University of Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** MVP for school dance team (Goldusters), placed 8th in Iowa in Le Grand Concours in level 4, and received academic letter all three years and 4.0 GPA.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Once I entered high school, I was hesitant to take honors and AP classes because very few had

been offered in middle school, and I did not know if I could manage the commitment of difficult classes along with extra-curricular activities. However, in these difficult classes, I felt like I was finally challenged, I finally found a place where I fit in. I was not racing ahead of the rest of the class to defeat boredom but actually sticking to the pace. In addition to finding my niche, I also gained time management and studying skills that I would not have acquired had I not faced up to the challenge of taking advanced classes. Despite the initial fear of an overwhelming course-load, I am thrilled that I embraced the opportunity to further prepare myself for college and life in general.

Vocational Education

**Joseph Byrne**, child of John and Joan Byrne, plans to major in Business at Iowa State University.

**Top 3 achievements:** Academic All-State Football Team, All-State Soccer Tournament



Byrne

Team, and First Team All-Metro Quarterback.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will always remember the "Pisel Games" from Mr. Pisel's Business Leadership class. The "Pisel Games" consisted of team-based competitions designed to help us think outside the box. The challenges ranged from stacking cups to moving a piece of paper across the room in an interesting way. The rules were intentionally vague so that we had to think critically about new ways to accomplish the goal. From the "Pisel Games," I learned to come up with creative, effective ways to accomplish tasks. I have chosen to study business at Iowa State University, and business leaders must think creatively about how to solve business problems and adapt quickly to new situations.

I want to thank the business department for preparing me for the future through the many lessons they have taught me.

**Charles Wray**—No information submitted.

Young Journalist

**Parker Beck**, child of David and Jody Beck, plans to major in Education/Spanish at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn.

**Top 3 achievements:** Student Council, playing college soccer, and FCA leader.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom experience I will remember is the party we had for completing the first part of the yearbook. It was a great way to celebrate our success and being able to take a break.

**Ayanna Tremaine**—No information submitted.



Beck

ASSUMPTION HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Abbey Klostermann**, child of Dana and Bryon Klostermann, plans to major in Biology at the University of Iowa.

**Top three academic or extracurricular achievements:** NHS, FCA, and soccer.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom learning experience I will remember forever is when we dissected a cow eye in anatomy class. I was really interested in how the eyes worked and seeing it first hand was really incredible. It is actually how I decided I wanted to be an eye doctor and go to optometry school. I was not disturbed by the dissection and actually found it to be very beneficial to my understanding of our vision. I will remember that day in anatomy class for the rest of my life.

**Jacob Lyons**, child of Paul and Kellie Lyons, plans to major in Computer Engineering at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

**Top three academic or extracurricular achievements:** Eagle Scout, National Merit Finalist, Iowa Governor's Scholar.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One learning experience I will always remember occurred during a music theory class that I took in the first semester of my senior year. Near the beginning of this class, my teacher taught the students about the circle of fourths, a cycle of twelve musical notes arranged in fourths. Along with the circle of fifths, this concept is very important to learn, as it allows musicians to know better the relationships between different notes. To my teacher, the best way to communicate this importance to my class was to sing "Circle of Life" from The Lion King with the word "fourths" replacing "life". Considering that I was able to take away this concept, this strategy worked well. In addition, I have had many other great learning experiences throughout my academic career. I appreciate how all my teachers have encouraged me to achieve greater goals.

The Arts

**Alexisciel Dinh**, child of Ms. Hang Dinh, plans to major in Graphic Design at Scott Community College, Bettendorf, Iowa.

**Top three academic or extracurricular achievements:** Solo/Ensemble 2019 (III); Wartburg Honor Choir; and my artwork was featured on the WVIK website.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My first

presentation was something I will never forget during my Freshman year. I was completely terrified! I do not want to do it, but I still did. To be honest, it was one of my best moments. Before my time to present, I was having an anxiety attack that I had to ask my teacher if I could use the restroom. Then I came back after telling myself that I will be fine, multiple times. My hands were sweating badly. After I presented, I felt so good. To the fact that seeing the sweat, I left on the floor made me realize that acknowledging your fear is just one step from achieving your goal.

**Kenneth Nguyen**, child of Phu and Thao Nguyen, plans to major in Art at the University of Iowa.

**Top three academic or extracurricular achievements:** Art Club (Leader), Drama (Secretary/Actor), and Choir.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Throughout my time at Assumption High School, I have been able to express my creativity and achieve artistic excellence in the classroom and extracurricular activities. I have particularly created a good relationship with the Art Room teacher, who is a kind and understanding woman that helps support the students' creative potential and provides them with several service opportunities in the community. She has taught me many principles and elements of art while also allowing me to have creative control for my own work. I am fortunately grateful to be able to achieve both academic and artistic excellence. Art is one of my biggest interests, and I have been able to reestablish my passion for it. From my experiences, I was able to discover and improve my creativity, participate in service opportunities, and strengthen my interest in pursuing a career in art.

Humanities

**William Flaherty**, child of Tina and Joe Flaherty, plans to attend the University of Iowa.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will always remember the review games

in Mr. Timm's classes from my time at Assumption. I took three classes with Mr. Timm and before every test we played a review game to help study. We would all get into small groups with friends and try to be the first group to answer the questions. The review game always helped me study because you were competing against your classmates. The review games always got competitive especially when the game was about to end and a few teams still had a chance to win. Mr. Timm's review games always helped prepare me for his tests and I will never forget them.

**Isabella Verdi**, child of Joe and Laurie Verdi, plans to major in Special Education at the Uni-

Class of 2020

Seth Adrian, Madeleine Allen, Breeanna Allison, Emma Boche, Gabriella Bojorquez, Jack Boldt, Anthony Broggin, Nicholas Burkhart, Megan Bush, Julia Campbell, James Champlin, Rhiannon Crews, Ryan Crisci, Alexisciel Dinh, Dreyten Dorsey, Deidre Eaton, Adam Ekstrom, Kathleen Engel, William Flaherty, Broderick Flynn, Grace Frommelt, Tylen Gillette, Tyler Gillum, Sophia Gluba, Christopher Guise, Stephanie Gulasy, Leia Hagerman, Alexander Heckroth, Grayson Heiser, Gabriella Herrera, Made-



Verdi

line Herrman, Kylie Hulsbrink, Gracie Jevyak, Grace Jobgen, Elyse Suarez, Sullivan Kelly, Timothy Kendall, Jordan Kent, Sophia Kersten, Julia Kirk, Abbey Klostermann, Tristin Knepel, Alexander Kopel, Tyler Kulhanek, Jimin (Rachel) Lee, Hannah Le-rch, Carson Lindaman, Benjamin Lizak, Jacob Lyons, Alyssa Macias, Joseph Maes, Ann Manley, Maria Manternach, Andi Marzen, Liam Masterson, Jack McAfoos, Elijah McCracken, Jack McGuire, Jack McIntosh, Erin McMullen, Brooke Menke, Grace Miller, Natalie Moore, Anna Moritz, Isabella Morris, Sebastian Mussmann, Cole

Leadership

**Jack McGuire**, child of Sean and Amy McGuire, plans to major in Film and English for Pre-Law at the University of Iowa.

**Top three academic or extracurricular achievements:** Nominated as President of Student Council; voted Captain of the Football Team; and earned membership in the National Honor Society.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** The academic moment that changed my life was not a singular moment in time but was instead a yearlong experience. The AP English class I took junior year was one of the most profound and unforgettable classes of my life. I looked forward to arriving at school for the sole purpose of sitting in Mrs. Lamp's room and devouring novels that I previously would have considered boring. This was a class where everything was on the table. We frequently discussed not only

symbols and themes but also the wider lessons we were to take from the stories, such as philosophical and religious outlooks that could shape our lives. We learned how to think critically not only about what we were reading but also about the world around us. Most importantly, however, this class taught me how to think about, act according to, and approach my future life as an adult.

**Brooke Menke**, child of George & Carrie Menke, plans to major in Pre-Physical Therapy at the University of Iowa..

**Top three academic or extracurricular achievements:** National Honors Society; Vice President of Student Council; and varsity runner all 4 years in cross country and track.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Over my 4 years at Assumption I have had several classroom learning experiences but one particular activity has stuck with me. In my College General Biology class we partake in several labs that make understanding difficult material easier to tackle. Mendelian Genetics was a unit we spent several weeks on to capture a deeper understanding of the material. My classroom engaged in a corn lab that consisted of counting kernels. This lab presented the idea of sexual reproduction. When two homologous chromosomes are fused, bringing together homologous chromosomes from both parents. We began with identifying the different phenotypes, (smooth and wrinkled) then creating a punnet square of the two to find the expected ratio. Then we began counting the number of smooth and wrinkled kernels to calculate the ratio. We then find our end result that with Mendelian Genetics dominant trait will be 75% of the ratio and recessive trait will be 25%. This lab has given me a better understanding of how genetics work and how they're identified in all living things.

Math/The Sciences

**Julia Thomas**, child of Anthony Thomas and Krista Kellenberger, plans to major in Exercise Physiology at Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisc.

**Top three academic or extracurricular achievements:**

Nelson, Ansan Nguyen, Kenneth Nguyen, Timothy Ossowski, Sean Peeters, Arvin Jay Pineda, Anna Possehl, Taylor Quick, Mario Raya, Carlie Sammon, Maliya Santillan, Grant Schaefer, Haley Schimanski, Nathan Schlichting, Peter Schumacher, Grant Simpson, Franz Sirna, Liam Steer, Kealan Stevens, Jessica Stratman, Michael Straub, Ryan Thill, Camile Thobe, Julia Thomas, Vincent Thomas, Vincente Tran, Ray Tucker, Isabella Verdi, Madalyn Wagner, Joseph Walsh, Noah Weiman, Kylie Welch, Zachary Wemhoff, Zachary Wesolowski, Corey Whitlock, Yueming (Daisy) Xu, Siyu (Amy) Zeng.



J. Thomas

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My favorite subject in school has always been science. This year I took College Biology, and I loved it. We did a lab in class that I will always remember; it was a lab about enzymes. Each student had a partner, and we were breaking toothpicks as a representation of enzymes breaking down substances. There were "inhibitors", such as holding tennis balls or crossing our fingers. We were timed, and it got competitive, which made it super fun. I loved the visual representation because it helped me truly understand what we were studying. This was one of my favorite labs, and it was interesting to learn about. The competition and excitement in the class made it more fun, and I will always remember that experience.

**Vincent Thomas**, child of Rick and Ellen Thomas, plans to major in Biology/Pre-Med at St. Ambrose University.

**Top three academic or extracurricular achievements:** Straight A's; 3-Sport All-Academic Honors; and National Honor Society.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** The most profound classroom learning experiences I had were during my time in the dual-enrollment college classes of Anatomy & Physiology and Biology instructed by Mrs. Martin. These classes taught me a great deal about living organisms and the natural processes they go through. Taking Anatomy sparked in me a strong desire to learn about the human body and the amazing science behind it. While taking this class, I was able to visit a cadaver lab. This helped me connect what I learned in the classroom to a physical form and it also allowed me to learn with a hands-on approach. Mrs. Martin made both of these courses extremely interesting and fun which significantly strengthened my

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passion for science. These experiences helped me decide to major in Biology as an undergraduate in college with a Pre-Med intent and to continue my pursuit to learn more about the human body.

Vocational Education

**Alexander Kopel**, child of Matthew and Michelle Kopel, plans to major in Civil Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

**Top three academic or extracurricular achievements:** Two year National Honor Society Member, Second-place at IA Iowa High School Boys State Soccer Tournament 2016; and Mississippi Athletic Conference All-Academic Team for Boys Soccer.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** At Assumption there is always a chance that great learning experience is

just around the corner. An experience that I will remember forever is with Mrs. Murphy our principal and Calculus teacher. I had a problem in one of my classes and Mrs. Murphy gladly took time out of her lunch hour to sit down and talk with me. Within the meeting many things were talked about, but one thing I knew for sure is she helped me feel confident in my abilities and reminded me that I have the ability to dictate my education and path in life. She encouraged me to use the intellectual abilities I had been blessed with to persevere through hardships and problems. Mrs. Murphy and the other teachers at Assumption have helped me embrace my role as a leader, so I can be an even better leader, friend, and mentor in the future.

**Liam Masterson**, child of Julie Walzer and Mike Masterson, plans to attend the University of Iowa.

**Top three academic or extracurricular achievements:** Volunteering at Camp Shalom as an Assistant Counselor for two

summers and working on staff for one; Volunteering at Quest for Christ at Monroe Elementary, and graduating with over 20 college credit hours.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom learning experience that I will remember forever is my favorite class from my senior year; which was my Foods class. It may seem funny that I would put Foods class as a learning experience, but I will always remember it. During my junior and senior years of high school I took a lot of college classes that were pretty intense. Foods class was great because it gave me an hour out of my day to relax and be with my classmates. I didn't have to stress about what was going on in my other classes, I just got to make something new every day.

Young Journalist

**Maria Manternach**, child of Chad and Beth Manternach plans to major in Speech and Hearing Science at the University of Iowa.

**Top three academic or extracurricular achievements:** Recording Secretary of National Honor Society, Student Council



Manternach

being taught by Wendy Martin. Wendy Martin, or as I know her, Mrs. Martin, is an exceptional science teacher who exudes a love for her job every day. She makes lessons interesting and exciting and genuinely wants her students to succeed. Mrs. Martin not only wants her students to succeed inside the classroom but also outside of the classroom. She cares wholeheartedly about her students. From a student's perspective, knowing your teacher cares about you and your progress makes learning more enjoyable and pushes you to aim higher when it comes to your academics. Mrs. Martin has a passion for science, and I am so grateful she shared that passion with me throughout my time at Assumption.

**Carlie Sammon**, child of John and Lana Sammon, plans to major



Sammon

in Elementary education at Minnesota State University, Mankato, Minn.

**Top three academic or extracurricular achievements:** Winning three consecutive softball state titles; elected as the National Honor Society Vice President, and chosen as a candidate for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Prior to my senior year I never really excelled in English class. I didn't like studying grammar or writing long essays. My love for reading and imagination played a big role in the papers I wrote. My composition teacher, Mrs. Luton, inspired me to dig deep into my heart and let it flow onto the paper. She gave me self-confidence in my work, whether I was in the classroom or not. Now, as my senior year concludes, I am proud to say that I have discovered more of who I am while gaining confidence from my teachers at Assumption High School.

CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Kira Price**, child of Maggi Price, plans to major in Business Finance and minor in Spanish at the University of Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** Valedictorian, President of Interact and National Honor Society, and

co-creator of the annual Back to School Bash student prep event in Clinton

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I'll never forget this one lesson over ethics in my Introduction to Business class. My teacher gave us a pop quiz over the material we had not yet learned as punishment for the class behaving rudely. He gave us the quiz, we wrote our best answers, then he collected them and left the room. He returned and passed back our quizzes with an answer key on the board. We were to correct the assessments ourselves and he left the room while we did—allowing us the opportunity to cheat. When we were done, he returned to the classroom and gathered our corrected quizzes before revealing to us that he had made copies of each students' quiz before the corrections. If the answers from the copy matched the answers on the corrected quiz (meaning you didn't cheat), you got 100 percent, if not, you got a zero. It was a test of ethics.

**Kaylee Camp**, child of Lee and Sue Camp, plans to major in Exercise Science / Pre-physical Therapy at St. Ambrose University.

**Top 3 achievements:** Governor's Scholar Nominee, 3x Tennis State Qualifier, and AP Scholar with Honor

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom learning experience that I will remember forever was my freshman Honors U.S. History class. What made it so special, was that I had the best teacher: my father. My dad taught both my classmates and me much about history, but also useful lessons that could be applied to our lives. He challenged us to form our own opinions on events and taught us to never forget the past and those who came before us. Not many kids get the chance to be taught in school by one of their parents and I'm extremely grateful that I was in his class. The experience changed me as a student and as a person and is something that I will never forget.

The Arts

**Shania Mussmann**, child of Dawn Adamiec and Richard Mussmann, plans to major in



Mussmann

Nursing at the University of Iowa and Clinton Community College.

**Top 3 accomplishments:** I have received a 3.5+ GPA for all four years. I was awarded Drum Major in the Royal River King and Queen Marching Band. I have been honored to be an Assistant Dance teacher for four years.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One of my classroom experiences I will remember forever was during marching band. Everyone was so exhausted from rehearsing and was complaining. My band teacher, Mr. Hahn got on the speaker and encouraged us if we want to succeed we have to fight for what we want. If we want to have fun we have to put the work in which means putting more than 100%. Mr. Hahn inspired me when he said, "To be successful it does not have to be a chore. Make the path to success fun and make memories while you do so." I will live by this for the rest of my life in everything I do. I have learned life is too short and we need to make the best of every minute of it.

**Jenna Spencer**, child of Corey and Lora Council, Bryan and Tammy Spencer, plans to double major in Music Composition and Music Education at the Northern Iowa University, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** Selected as a second-alternate trombonist in the IHMSA All-State Band, AP Scholar (Have taken a minimum of three AP exams and scored 3 or higher on each), and four-year section leader (Low Brass—Trombones/Baritones).

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** While it didn't take place in a classroom of my own, I was able to experience it through my band class. During my sophomore year, a small group of band students had the opportunity to visit the University of Northern Iowa for their annual All-State clinic. During this, the students were able to work with the professor of their respective instruments and go over some of the audition materials and techniques. During the clinic, Dr. Williams, the trombone professor, asked for a couple of volunteers to play their audition piece so far, where he would then teach through working with the volunteer in front of the group. That year (and the two years that followed), I volunteered to go upfront and play. While nerve-racking, the most notable improvements to my playing occurred in the weeks following the clinic, when I could apply everything we had worked on to my playing.

Class of 2020

Brittany Adams, Olivia Alderson, Kale Anderson, Christopher Atkinson, Shawn Babcock, Tahlicia Bailey, Izabella Bates, Matthew Bebensee Steen, Mathew Beeler, Morgan Bennett, Ethan Bielema, Trevor Bitner, McKenzie Boisen, Paige Boisen, Morgan Bork, Devin Bousman, Raelynn Bray, Ethan Breaux, Makena Breaux, Chloe Brennan, Justin Brewer, Michael Brisch, Tanner Brooks, Alyssa Burden, Marley Burden, Joseph Burridge, Charles Burrows, Ethan Busse, Stephen Byrns Corbin, Jessica Cahoon, Kaylee Camp, Kyla Carber, Zakary Carr, Paul Cassaday, Kyleigh Chapman, Cole Christopherson, Kelly Clark, Alexa Clay, Austin Colschen, Brynn Comstock, Ryleigh Conklin, Alexis Cook, Christopher Cook, DeVante Crawford, Sean Crimmins, Gabriella Crowe, Adolfo Cuatlacuatl, Vanessa Cuazitl, Faith Dann, Alex Dash, Kaylie DeSwart, Savannah Dietrick, Alexander Dinning, Natalie Dornbush, Ayasia Dorsey, Madison Doyle, Alan Duong, Leticia Edfors, Grace Eggers, Zoey Eggers, Danika Eickert, Kennedy Evans, Erika Farwell, Alexis Flickinger, Pedro Flores, Christine Frett, Keira Fullick, Madison Garien, Sonnie Garrison, Kyle Gassman, Grant Godat, Prushia Golden, Jerimiah Gray, Marissa Green, Sebastian Greene, Dylan Greve, Autumn Hager, Madison Hamilton, Courtney Hampton, Christian Handy, Noah Hayton, Jacques Heister, Chance Hemm, Ricki Herbst, Noah Hess, Anna Hilgendorf, Zachary Hoffman, Desiree Hogreve, Trevion Holmes, Maxwell Holy, Carter Horan, Hannah Hornaday, Kyah Horton, Autumn House, Kylie Housenga, Spencer Houston, Noah Howard, Serenity Howes, Hunter Hugunin, Mackenzie Jackley, Paige Jackley, Rebekah Jaeger, Kristina Johanssen, David Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Seth Johnson, Talia Jones, Justin Klinkhammer, Alexis Klontz, Lincoln Kness, Damarcus Knox, Rileigh Kramer, Cody Kuhse, Haley Kyle, Seann Langrehr, Kevin Lass, Natalie Lawrence, Cameron Lippens, Logan Lofquist, Jasper Luckritz, Eden Lueders, Alicia Lynch, Seth Machen, Anna Malone, Casy Mandrell, Xena Mangler, Jack Marlowe, Rio May, Clare McCue, Kyle McHenry, Madison Meggenberg, Fatima Mehmood, Addison Melvin, Kit Miceli, Jamie Miller, Dakota Mills,

Humanities

**Prushia Golden**, child of Wesley and Kristina Golden, plans to major in Communications: Digital Media Production at the Northern Iowa University, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** Secretary of my school's Drama Troupe 452, Editor of my high school's Yearbook, and member of the National Honors Society.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Upon signing up for college physics in my junior year, I was terrified. This class lasted all three trimesters, covered 8 college credits, and wasn't to be taken lightly. In the last trimester, whole-class inquiry projects happened nearly back to back. Here, we were pushed to apply our knowledge to a real outcome. I was forced to collaborate with my peers on a level I never considered before. In this specific project, we had to create a bottle rocket that shot nearly 50 feet in the air. I was chosen to be our project leader, so the pressure was on. The joy I saw on my teammate's face when that rocket launched was the best learning experience I had ever had. I learned so much about leading that day, and that the hard work of the group means so much more than any individual in it.

**Annika Reed**, child of Jeff and Ann Reed, plans to attend Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

**Top 3 achievements:** Student body/student council secretary,



Reed

**A'Cappella choir secretary, and Drama Troupe #452 Vice President/President**

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One of the moments that will stick with me forever was not planned teaching. In my junior year I took college-level physics, which was a stretch for me personally, as science is not my strong suit. One unit I struggled with was electricity. In the middle of our electricity unit, another event was going on throughout the school, and the majority of our class was not there. Instead of continuing with the unit, our teacher decided to make it a practical, fun, learning day. The whole class period we played with static and how it travels. We tested different objects, we passed static from person to person, and we chased each other around the room and shocked people. The day seemed like a fun way to wait for the rest of the class, but when we went back to normal the next day, I discovered electricity made so much more sense. I learned the power of unintentional learning that day.



Fullick

**Leadership**

**Keira Fullick**, child of Jack and Andrea Fullick, plans to major in Nursing at Clinton Community College.

**Top 3 achievements:**

Dayton Morhardt, Adam Morley, Zavion Moses, Brooke Mulholland, Emily Murphy, Shania Mussmann, John Nguyen, Alicia Nichols, Riley Nickles, Ethan Nielsen, Cristian Nocelot Grant, Armando Pantoja, Ulysses Patterson, Riley Pendleton, Yair Perez Soberanis, Chelsey Petersen, Alaina Platz, Kimberly Powell, Kira Price, Natasha Prins, Gage Prucnal, Emma Raab, Brandon Randall, Hunter Randall, Andrew Reed, Annika Reed, Dylan Rice, Nicholas Richmond, Damion Riddle, Joshua Riessen, Harley Rollins, Grace Rowland, Myah Ruthart, Antoine Sampson, Connor Schluns, Autumn Schroeder, Olivia Schroeder, Jenna Schumacher, Casey Shannon, Kaytlyn Simmonds, Helanah Simmons, Joseph Simpson, Aidan Smith, Alison Smith, Hannah Smith, Noah Smith, Dylan Snyder, Jenna Spencer, Selena Tello, Abigail Temple, Eric Thomas, Lexxus Thomas, Jazzlyn Thyne, Darrrien Tillman, Lucas Tornow, Kameron Troxel, Kylie Truelsen, Alexander Underwood, Adrian Vanderleest, Nevaeh Wagoner, Kathleen Walsh, Kara Walwer, Justin Wenzel, Aries White, Brant Wiesner, Robert Wilson, Bailey Wing, Lida Wood, Alyssa Zinke, Erica Zinke

**ments:** President of Leo's Club two years in a row, National Honors Society, and 3.0 Club each year of high school.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Reading the "Odyssey" sophomore year in Mrs. Leafgreen's class and just having fun with my friends while also getting good grades.

**Brooke Mulholland**, child of Paul and Kim Mulholland, plans to major in Sports Management at Kirkwood Community College.

**Top 3 achievements:** Selected to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference, Class Secretary position in Student Council all 4 years, and maintained a 3.9 GPA or higher all four years.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Something that I have always been very passionate about is personal health and self-growth. Developing yourself into the person you want to become physically, mentally, emotionally, etc., are things that I strive to do every day. The class that most people wouldn't consider "as important as the others" but in my opinion is just as important, is strength training. Throughout my high school career, I have been developing myself into the best athlete I can possibly be since I am playing college volleyball. This class, as well

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as my strength coach Mike Griswold, has allowed me to grow in such a way where I am able to play a sport at the collegiate level. This has shown me if you work hard and dedicate yourself to something, anything is possible.

Math/The Sciences

**Riley Nickles**, child of Ashton and Stephanie Nickles, plans to major in Engineering at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.



Nickles

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A favorite learning experience was the Trebuchet project in College Physics. We had been studying the physics behind a trebuchet for a

while and then our teacher put us into groups and had us build one. We all had a bunch of different responsibilities and it would have seemed very chaotic to someone who didn't know what was going on. After days of work our different jobs began to take shape and it all came together in our trebuchet. On the final day when we launched it was the best moment in the project as we could see all the different parts come and work together in unison. It was so fulfilling to see all of our hard work pay off.

**Justin Wenzel**, child of Amy Meggers and Jeff Wenzel, plans to major in Engineering/Business at Iowa State University.



Wenzel

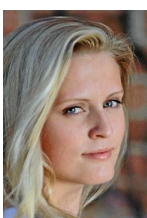
**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom experience that I will never

forget is having Evan Haan as a math teacher. Mr. Haan taught me in three different classes, Honors Pre Calc, Principles of Engineering, and AP Stats. Although it might have been a struggle for Mr. Haan to have me in his class with my constant questions about problems with the work, he made math and engineering an enjoyable subject to attend every day. Mr. Haan helped change my perspective on math and engineering by creating a very kick back work at your own pace type of learning environment, having this open-minded classroom type of learning environment truly helped me want to further my education in math and engineering. All around Mr. Haan has made my time at Clinton High School a very great experience in math and engineering courses.

Vocational Education

**Brynn Comstock**, child of Megan and Jason Comstock, plans to major in Dental Assisting at Clinton Community College.

**Top 3 achievements:** Earned 12 college credits during high



Comstock

I was the teacher's assistant in the special ed classroom, in a class called "Peer Friends". During my semester in the class, the students taught me patience, unconditional love, and that it is OK to mess up but to always try again. My whole time in that class was an experience I will never forget because I got to help them learn and grow, and they also helped me. I am very thankful I got to be a part of that class, and learn things I otherwise wouldn't.

**Nevaeh Wagoner**, child of Erin and Jacob Thoms and Joshua Wagoner, plans to major in Marketing with a minor in international business at Kirkwood Community College and then transfer to the University of Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** Qualify-



Wagoner

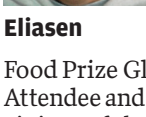
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**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will never forget the impact my FBLA advisor and business teacher, Mr. Pataska had on me. If it was not for him, I would not have joined FBLA, which was my favorite activity throughout high school. Through my four years of experience in FBLA, I have met so many amazing people from across the nation, made countless memories, along with growing my knowledge of business. Mr. Pataska has taught me that the only way to grow as a person is to get out of your comfort zone. He has always pushed me to be the best version of myself and I will always be grateful for the lasting impact he made on my life.

PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Samuel Eliassen**, child of Lonny and Shawnelle Eliassen, plans to major in Creative Writing/Biochemistry at the University of Iowa.



Eliassen

**Top 3 achievements:** World Food Prize Global Youth Institute Attendee and Borlaug Scholar, Recipient of the Iowa Seal of Bi-literacy in French, and National Honors Society Co-President.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My favorite classroom learning experience was pretty non-traditional. Every other day, I enjoyed skipping study hall with some of my good friends to borrow from our favorite teacher's electric kettle. We would bring up tea and cups and settle in for the class period. During these afternoons, we got a whole classroom and teacher to ourselves. These times are some of the most memorable and personal of my high school journey. We would listen to music, draw sketches on the board, and talk about whatever seemed important- sometimes politics or pop culture or our favorite artists. Sometimes we didn't talk about anything consequential at all. These times reiterated the value of connection and reminded me daily not to take things all too seriously or all at once. While I'm sad that our structured "tea time" was cut short, I'll be sure to carry those memories and conversations forward to college.

**Maya Johnson**, child of Tom and Chrissy Johnson, plans to major in Engineering at the University of Iowa.



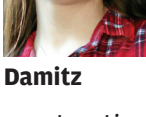
Johnson

**Top 3 achievements:** National Merit Scholar Finalist, All-Academic Soccer Team Member (2019), and 4 'Best of SNO' Articles for the Spartan Shield Online.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One of the most impactful classes I've taken thus far in my education career was an honors English course during my freshman year. I began the year shy and confused but ended with confidence and newfound self-determination to work hard in school. The most important lesson my teacher, Mr. Fry, taught the significance of being an intrinsically-motivated learner. This didn't mean much to me at first, but as the year progressed, I found the impact of intrinsic motivation. Throughout my previous years in school, I completed assignments and listened in class because I was told to. After this class, I realized that the most beneficial way of learning is through a self-guided journey. In order to be successful in the future, it is key to be self-driven. Thanks to Mr. Fry and his preaching of intrinsic motivation, I now know my success is dependent on my outlook.

The Arts

**Hayley Damitz**, child of Vanessa Damitz and Chris Damitz plans to major in Theatre with an emphasis on technical theater at Northern Iowa University.



Damitz

**Top 3 achievements:** the first time I was crew head of scenic construction, being a crew for my school's production of Carrie at the Iowa Thespian Festival, and taking third as an overall team at the International Thespian Festival.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Over the years, I've learned a lot of life lessons, but the most important one I've learned so far is the importance and value of the people around you. People impact each other far more than anyone realizes. The people closest to us are always there for us. They believe in us and push us to be better versions of ourselves. For me, my close friends and amazing mentors have taught me many of the other life lessons I learned. They've pushed me to get out of my comfort zone and face my fears. Most importantly, they always believed in me even when I didn't believe in myself. The people around us shape us into who we are and who we want to be. I wouldn't be where I am without them.

**Grace Almgren**, child of Sherri and Victor Almgren, plans to major in Majoring in Biomedical Engineering with a minor in Spanish at Saint Louis University.



Almgren

**Top 3 achievements:** Iowa All-State Choir member two years in a row, Director for the show "The Other Room" and becoming an advocate for my show and for the autistic community, nd Playing the lead role, Grace Fryer, in the play Radium Girls

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will always remember my experience in pre-calculus with my teacher Mrs. Pischke. I was fortunate to be in class with some of my greatest friends. The second semester, I got to be in class with one of my friends who struggled a little more with math. So, during class and during work time, we would partner up and collaborate. I would help explain the challenging aspects of the concepts to her and she would learn and improve. Our friendship grew stronger and my math teaching skills grew sharper. I found a love for math and educating others. In the following years, my classmates would come to me for help with their calculus, statistics, or geometry. I loved helping my friends and was always so excited to teach people math.

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Ashish Abraham, Natalie Adams, Emmitt Adamson, Wilow Adkins, Nathan Ahlers, Bilal Ahmed, Lena Ahrens, Nicole Akfali, Grant Aller, Jenna Aller, Grace Almgren, Hannah Anderson, Madison Anthony, Garrett Arguellez, Thomas Ashby, Darsh Balani, Alejandrino Barga-do-Francois, Clare Basala, Laylon Baucom, Claire Bebow, Nihar Behere, Robert Bender, Madelyn Bennett, Tomas Berner, Patricia Bettis, Riya Bhandarkar, Molly Bimm, Hayden Bishop, Ephraim Bittner, Matthew Bolin, Cristopher Boone, Isabella Bormann, Tyler Bortolazzo, Giulio Bottacin, Isaac Bradford, Jacob Bradley, Luke Brandmeyer, Spencer Brecht, Jacob Brees, Matthew Brewster, Braden Brockhage, Erica Brohm, Ethan Brown, Theodore Brown, Dalton Bruce, Nicholas Bruinsma, Quinn Budde, Lauren Buechel, Logan Bullock, Christopher Chandler, Alexander Chapman, Ariel Chirinos, Sierra Christensen, Cole Claussen, Chloe Clemons, Carter Cline, Harrison Cockrell, Logan Collier, Taylor Conard, Dayton Cooney, Anthony Cox, Malorie Cox, Caitlin Crome, Walker Crow, Max Crowley, Christopher Cumberbatch, Emma Curtis, Sophie Curtis, Anton Dahm, Hayley Damitz, Isaiah Dance, Faith Dassie, Regan Denny, Brandon DePover, Aditya Desai, Anushka Desai, Dianna Desir, William Dixon, Jack Donahue, Holyn Doran, Jack Dorman, Weston Douvikas, Andrew Doyle, Matthew Dresselhaus, Alyssa Drinkard, Madison Einck, Adam El-Zein, Samuel Eliassen, Taylor English, Evin Ersan, Camila Espinoza Fernandez, Delaney Evans, Addison Even, Kyra Evjen, Braxton Farmer, James Feeney, Arianna Feliksiak, Claire Fields, Julia Folsom, Cooper Frakes, Mackenzie Frazer, Maria Frommelt, Anne Garner, Katherine Garner, Kayci Gatlin, Riley Gau, Conrad Gerhardt, Genavieve German, Avianna Gipson, Alexandra Glennon, Jezmel Gomez, Brooke Goy, Katie Gropel, Megan Gropel, Jonathan Guilliams,

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Humanities

**Holyn Doran**, child of Lant and Lesley Doran, plans to major in Biology with a minor in Emerging Global Disease at Iowa State University.



Doran

**Top 3 achievements:** Qualifying for the Drake Relays and State Track Meet, National Honor Society, 4 years of Academic Excellence

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom learning experience I'll remember forever happened in my AP Government class during my junior year. In order to learn more about the legislative process, my teacher decided that our class would become the House of Representatives and annotate and pass bills. We were encouraged to

research and write a bill about a topic we were passionate about. I loved being able to write my own bill and justify my reasoning to my classmates. Learning about politics can be very abstract and dull, but being able to pass and reject bills firsthand allowed me to understand much more about the process. By debating, amending, and making the case for my bill I was able to look critically at my political beliefs and understand the American political process much better.

**Maria Vaaler**, child of John and Angela Vaaler, plans to major in National Security/Foreign Affairs or Kinesiology. She is taking a gap year to serve as a Combat Engineer in the Iowa Army National Guard with plans to attend one of



Vaaler

the Federal Service Academies or Senior Military Colleges the following year.

**Top 3 achievements:** Being named the 2020 Iowa High School Press Association Writer of the Year, Receiving the American Citizenship Award, and Graduating with the distinction of Academic Excellence

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom learning experience I will remember forever is my time spent in Ms. Holland's Organic Chemistry and Microbiology class. The students in the class had a great appreciation for what was being taught, and everyone was eager to learn how we could apply the science to our lives. My time spent in the class gave me the opportunity to learn about scientific concepts that had been

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untouched in previous courses and also gave me a chance to work in a laboratory setting independently. It was one of few classes in which I felt that students were actually engrossed in discussion and in the learning process. Instead of simply being taught the information, we were encouraged to discover the evidence for that information ourselves. This is what made for such a memorable and inspiring experience.

Leadership

**Evan Ersan**, child of Oguz Ersan and Kristel Ersan, plans to major in Business (Finance and Entrepreneurship). Currently deciding between some great business school options.

**Top 3 achievements:** Positivity influencer on Instagram. I have created a positivity community on Instagram with over 4,800 followers. I promote positivity through health, fitness, education, motivation, entertainment, and happiness. (Instagram: @evin\_ersan), inducted into the National Honors Society, and Varsity Soccer Player—Received the All-Academic Team Award.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** When I look back at my classroom experiences at Pleasant Valley High School, one of the things that stick out the most for me was the revelation I had in the middle of my junior year about how each of my teachers had the potential to bring out the best in me in different ways. In my junior year, I felt academically challenged and overloaded. I had several teachers with different teaching styles. However, not all of them corresponded with the way I believed I learned best. It was only when I fully embraced each of my teachers’ respective approaches that I truly elevated my critical thinking and learning skills. This experience has helped shape the person I am today. I will never again let my comfort zone inhibit my growth.

**Aabha Joshi**, child of Nandini Joshi (Mom) and Yogesh Joshi (Dad), plans to major in Biomedical Engineering on a pre-medical track at the University of Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** 2-year Mississippi Athletic Conference (MAC) All-Conference doubles



Joshi

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Throughout my high school career, I have had countless experiences and memories that I’ll remember forever. However, one experience that stands above the rest occurred during my freshman year. As a freshman, high school was a new and intimidating space. I had never walked the hallways with so many people or, rather, bumped into so many people. My first period of the day was English and I turned around to the sound of the door slamming. My teacher walked in and started the class by attempting to shoot the class with rubber bands. Later, he decided to scare multiple students in class and just in the hallways. These attempts continued throughout the year and each one made my day a little better. While high school was intimidating for my freshman self, the unique experience I had during my first day made it much easier and I will remember it forever.

Math/The Sciences

**Grace Halupnik**, child of Jennifer and Mark Halupnik, plans to major in Biophysics on a pre-med track at Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Mo.

**Top 3 achievements:** National Merit Finalist, 2020 Iowa Academic All-State, and Co-editor in Chief of the 2019 All-Iowa News Team of the Year.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Publications were unlike any other class I took because our teacher allowed us to teach and lead ourselves instead of setting it up like a traditional classroom. This grew me much more effectively as each day was full of creative brainstorming, collaboration, and problem-solving spurred by our own motivation. I was so blessed to be a part of a program like this which pushed me past my comfort zone daily and taught me how to be a leader. I was always a reserved



Halupnik

and independent student, but this style of classroom learning gave me the confidence to branch out and share my ideas with not just my journalism staff but the entire school. The best types of classes are the ones that teach you greater life lessons than just the name of the course, and publications was certainly one that gave me skills I will take with me forever.

**Aadil Manazir**, child of Radhika Kolla (mother), Faraz Manazir (father), plans to major in Engineering: Mathematics and Statistics at the University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, Calif.

**Top 3 achievements:** Captain of the 2019 State Champion Science Bowl Team, Distinction on the 2020 American Mathematics Competitions A and B, Iowa All-State Band 2018.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Walking into the AP Physics classroom on the first day of sophomore year, I was excited to meet the teacher that everyone raved about. I didn’t know it then, but over the next two years, physics would become the highlight of my school day. Mr. Spangenberg’s contagious enthusiasm for the subject created an environment that encouraged curiosity and deep rumination. I remember staying after school to ask several questions out of interest, and regardless of their applicability to the curriculum, Mr. Spangenberg would take the time to answer them. It was Mr. Spangenberg’s support of curiosity that allowed me to realize physics’ inherent beauty; I had always liked math, and seeing the application of math to the real world was incredibly intriguing. My experience with AP Physics inspired me to pursue Engineering in university, and I will never forget that it was in his classroom that my interests truly developed.



Manazir

Symphony Band, and Cross country team manager senior year.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** In the crazy times, we are currently living in, it can be difficult to find a moment to just breathe. Mrs. Berger’s psychology class taught many important lessons about succeeding in today’s society, including the benefits of meditation. Each class starts with a minute of silent meditation. This helped to relax the mind and focus on the present. I have learned to incorporate this one-minute meditation into my busy schedule, taking a short moment to improve my mental health daily.

**Jezmel Gomez**, child of Tammy Gomez, plans to major in Mechanical Engineering at Western Illinois University—Quad Cities.

**Top 3 achievements:** In robotics my team made it to state, during my freshman year of baseball I had the best batting average on the team and maintained above a 3.7 GPA during the majority of my time in high school.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** What I want to describe isn’t quite a classroom experience but instead, it is something I had experienced with my high school Robotics team when we had made it to the State Championship and we had problems with our robot and almost the entire time we were stressing to try and fix it. But about halfway through the competition, I think I stopped trying so hard and saw how the other teams were doing. As I was talking to them I had realized how much more important it is to make sure you have fun than being unhappy but a bit more successful.



Gomez

Young Journalist

**Hannah Lederman**, child of Gillian and Josh Lederman, plans to major in Public Health and Psychology at the University of Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** Editor-In-Chief of the Yearbook, Captain of the double State Champion Platinum Dance Team, and Selected as a member of the University of



Lederman

Iowa Dance Team.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I have experienced a multitude of teaching styles over the years, but none have had a greater impact than the environment in Publications. As each student walks into the “Lab,” as we affectionately call it, they feel a part of a collaborative work environment. Being the Yearbook Co-Editor in Chief, I have a newfound respect for this classroom setup. I remember the first few weeks of school when new students were acclimating to the course. I took a few students under my wing and directed them through the software we use to create the book. There was something so impactful about this moment. Not only was I learning how to become a journalist and designer, but in this process, I gained so many skills for becoming a better individual. I developed new leadership, organizational, and teaching skills that will be an asset for the future. High school is not defined by the number of As you earn or how high your GPA can reach. Becoming a student who is ready to excel in the real world is the true testament to the success you can achieve. Now, as I leave PV’s journalism program, I am confident in the skills I have learned not only for the classroom but for my life in adulthood.

**Samuel Rothbardt**, child of Greg and Julie Rothbardt, plans to major in Law, Politics, and Society with Journalism at Drake University.

**Top 3 achievements:** 2019 News Team of the Year, two-time Best of SNO featured articles, and four-time academic all-conference (two basketball, two soccer).

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One classroom experience I will remember forever took place in journalism class. The class was different from any other. It was entirely student-led and everyone had their own job. Our teacher, Maureen Dyer, did an amazing job of making the students feel like they were in charge. The style of this class simulated a job in a professional office and prepared me very well. I became a better writer, interviewer, and person by taking this class. I truly believe it was a special group that cannot be replicated anywhere.



Rothbardt

NORTH SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Grace Bjstrom**, child of Larry and Carolyn Bjstrom, plans to major in Agricultural Engineering at Iowa State University.

**Top 3 achievements:** World Food Prize Global Youth Institute Selectee, State Science & Technology Fair of Iowa Honorary Award in the category of Engineering, and Iowa FFA 2018 Individual State Champion in Chapter Website Design CDE.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One of my favorite learning experiences in the classroom was a trebuchet competition in Intro to Engineering with Mr. Linnenbrink. I will never forget the many hours spent with my teammates in front of the computer screen making 3D designs and engineering drawings for all parts of the trebuchet in Autodesk Inventor. It was a very fun way to learn how to use engineering designs in a real-life setting, showing how they can be helpful in organizing measurements of each part. I also enjoyed building the trebuchet in the wood shop and watching our design come to life. There was a lot of teamwork involved in order to produce a master egg-throwing machine, which was potentially award-winning until we added too much weight and the arm broke! Overall, it was a really fun experience to learn how



Bjstrom

Class of 2020

Morgan Abbott, Trent Allard, Cheyenne Allison, Quentin Allison, Brodey Anderson, Rachel Anderson, Tytan Anderson, Jason Apple, Jacob Arnold, Ryan Austin, Mikayla Bagdonas, Aiden Bahls, Sidney Bahns, Dylan Ballard, Gabriel Barker, Megan Barnhill, Drew Baxter, Alexys Beadle, Kira Beadle, Lauren Behm, Khloe, Beitzel, Hannah Belk, Benjamin Belken, Jaydon Biles, Grace Bjstrom, Garrett Blake, Paige Blaskovich, Nicole Blodig, Jake Blowers, Shey Boetger, Grace Boffelli, Antonio Bojorquez, Denise Bomar, Garrett Bowe, Chloe Brabant, Cael Bredar, Katrine Breyholtz-Mott, Ethan Brown, Zachary Brown, Jayda Brunkan, Brenna Bullock, Molly Burgmeier, William Burklow, Kailice Burns, Ivory Butler, Mya Butler, Zachary Campbell, Mikayla Carlton, Alexis Cary, Justin Cary, Presley Case, Quintin Catron, Caleb Claeys, Joseph Claeys, Cole Cline, Muriah



Sampson

to apply engineering principles to real-world projects, and one I will never forget!

**Grace Sampson**, child of Joe and Rosanne Sampson, plans to major in Environmental Science and Health at the University of Southern California.

**Top 3 accomplishments:** Iowa Governor’s Scholar Honoree; Outstanding Performance in a Lead Role by the Iowa High

Colson, Austin Connell, Benjamin Council, Benjamin Crawford, Dominic Crawford, Derick Cudd, Arbor Danielson, McKenna Davenport, Bryce DeBoever, Hannah Decker, Jenna DeNoyer, Carlyn Dexter, Jacob Dies, Trenten Doty, Andrew Dowda, Graysen Drezek, John Drinnon, Paige Durant, Blake Elgin, Kyle Emerson, Chloe Engelbrecht, Draven Esser, Maya Everson, Benjamin Evitts, Malainie Ewoldt, Morgan Eyerman, Owen Fahrenkrog, Ethan Fairfield, Ethan Farber, Grace Feldpausch, Nathaniel Fenn, Tyler Fenton, Kevin Flynn, Meg Forsythe, Devon Friederichs, Grace Gainer, Emily Gehring, Andrew Gibson, Alex Gickler, Maia Glover, Bryce Golden, Teagan Goodney, Raina Goossens, Thade Gottschalk, Jackson Guffey, Aiden Haack, Lucas Haedt, Megan Hall, Layne Hamann, Sidney Hambly, Camryn Hanson, Lauren Hanssen, Sydney Happel, Sydney Harrington, Kate Hartin, Isabella Hass, Hunter Haulk, Samuel Henningsen, Trevor Henry,



German

**Genavieve German**, child of Mark German and Sarah and Robert Knudson, plans to major in Accounting and Business Administration at St. Ambrose University

**Top 3 achievements:** National Honor Society, Two-year section leader for Wind

Colin Henzen, Madison Heppie, Myah Herrington, CIDNEY Hoerner, Maddison Hofmann, Nathan Hoft, Macayla Honeywell, Haley Howes, Emilia Hughes, Madison Hughes, Sophie Hughes, Corynna Hugunin, Alec Hurtado, Luke Jennings, Cody Johnston, Thomas Keeshan, Anne Kilburg, Brooke Kilburg, Jackson Kilburg, Samuel Kilburg, Nicholas Kilker, Kaitlynn Kimmel, Emma Knollman, Michael Kraciun, Luke Kroeger, Brooke Kruse, Tarynn Kuehl, Reid Kuhl, Nicholas Kunde, Emily Kundel, Aubrey Kurt, Abbi Laffrenz, Cameron LaPage, Adriane Latham, Don’Ajia Lee, Logan Lee, Samantha Lee, Madison Lester, Drew Lewis, Josie Lindle, Nathan Link, Brett Little, Kelli Little, Megan Loussaert, Kathryn Lunday, Kaitlyn Makelbust, Morgan Marchant, Sarah Mathieu, Jake Matthaidess, Raven McCabe, Olivia McDermott, Shay McDonnell, Kiara McLemore, Kendall McNaull, Mackenzie Meeks, Ryan Mentzer, Sarah Miller, Justin Moeller, Mikayla Moore,

among the many responses. Her next question seemed a bit out of leftfield: what makes you happy? Family, friends, love, and a variety of hobbies populated this list of answers. Mrs. Henningsen then asked the class why there was such a difference in the things that define success and happiness. If you aren’t happy, are you really that successful? From this lesson, I have learned to follow my heart and pursue the things that make me truly happy. I am now able to confidently define myself as incredibly successful.

Shannon Moore, Gavin Morris, Ellexia Mowder, Halle Nelson, Jordan Neymeyer, Georgia Nissen, Nathan Oechsner, Nicholas Ohsann, Rita Ordaz-Varisce, Josey Pardee, Emma Powell, Cody Prichard, Sydney Puls, Tyler Ragona, Erik Russell, Gabrielle Salas, Grace Sampson, Juliana Schadel, Katie Schelb, Bryanna Schmidt, Carter Schmidt, Alli Schneckloth, Seth Schrock, Parker Seibert, Riley Sindt, Carina Smith, Kailie Smith, Mitchell Smith, Nathan Spies, Ceandra Staub, Jackson Stoeffen, Joie Stoeffen, Jacob Stoker, Jesse Taflinger, Christopher Tague, Nathan Tague, Daniel Tee, Jacob Thoeming, Megan Triplett, Abby Tschopp, Bailey VanAcker, Logan Vis, Brayden Walker, Lauren Wall, Zoe Warm, Carter Wenck, Zoya Westfall, Danielle Wheeler, Griffin Wilder, Jenna Willet, Jawaun Williams, Kourtney Williams, Coryn Wilson, Carter Winterlin, Hannah Woodruff, Avery Woods, Matthew Woodyard and Christopher Yerington.



Stoeffen

**The Arts**  
**Joie Stoeffen**, child of Anne and Jacob Stoeffen, plans to double major in Secondary Education and Music at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa

**Top 3 accomplishments:** Three-time Iowa Choral All-Stater, Iowa State Thespian Officer, and National Honor Society member.

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**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I am forever grateful for the memories I have made inside the classroom, but a particular memory always comes to mind. During the first semester of my senior year, I took PSY 111. We had a test, and I was incredibly nervous. I was very indecisive on a multiple-choice question. I went up to my teacher and asked for help. She quietly reminded me of our in-class lecture relating to the question. I finally came to a conclusion about the answer; however, I later changed it because I thought I was wrong. My teacher brought me back to her desk. She asked why I had changed my answer — I was right the first time, and she knew I didn't fully trust myself. She gave me the point back, telling me to trust my gut instinct. From that day on, I've remembered to give myself the trust I deserve.

**Riley Sindt**, child of Chris and Karyn Sindt, plans to major in Pipe Organ Performance at the University of Dubuque.

**Top 3 achievements:** Two-time All-State Chorus Recipient, Three-time NIU Jazz Day Outstanding Performance Award, 12 Consecutive Superior Ratings in the annual Piano Festival at Augustana College.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** The most memorable experience I had was in January of this year when I got to direct our choir when our teacher was sick. We were supposed to perform the National Anthem at a State Volleyball tournament in Cedar Rapids. However, our choir director became sick, so I was asked to conduct. This was by far the best learning experience I had because it opened the door to a new passion of mine. That experience helped me to appreciate the work and effort that our teachers put into teaching a choir, and it gave me a feeling of accomplishment as well. That opportunity helped mold me to where I am today musically. I now have had the chance to direct church choirs, and I have helped direct the younger choirs for rehearsals, and it is all thanks to that experience.

Humanities

**Lauren Hanssen**, child of Mark and Melissa Hanssen, plans to major in Physics at the Northern Iowa University, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** Student government vice president for two years, a National Honors Society

inductee and officer, and being recognized as a Summa Cum Laude honor student.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A learning experience I'll remember forever took place during my creative writing class with the one and only Mr. Chapman, who encouraged my classmates and me to develop our creativity and writing skills by feeding off of each other and using inspiration from our everyday lives. Picture eight or nine students sitting on top of our desks with notebooks and paper plates stacked high with Casey's breakfast pizza and Oreos at two in the afternoon. We spent the entire class discussing each other's stories, and that's the first time in my entire twelve years of school that I felt completely eager for feedback, without any worry that everyone would hate what I wrote. From that experience, I learned that the first step towards getting people to like your work is being proud of the work yourself, otherwise all the approval in the world doesn't matter at all.

**Mitchell Smith**, child of Rick and Jane Smith, plans to attend the University of Iowa on a pre-medicine track with an undecided major.

**Top 3 achievements:** Performing a main stage event at the State Thespian Festival, becoming an

honor thespian, and being consistently named to the honor roll.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom experience that I will never forget is a moment from the Spanish Classroom: the day that Spanish finally "clicked." After a freshman year of nodding and acting like I was understanding, I was unsure of how my sophomore year was going to go; two months later saw me feeling the same way. Going to Spanish class was still a drag, and I felt that the language would never permit me to appreciate its communicative ability. I remember, fondly, the day that Spanish became acquainted with my brain: details aside, it began routinely but ended with unique significance. Something inside my head finally grappled with the language. Learning became less work and communicating turned from a chore to a luxury. Understanding something that once escaped me made me feel capable — cheesiness aside, I realized that though difficult at first, anything can be learned.

Leadership

**Chloe Engelbrecht**, child of Corey and Erin Engelbrecht, plans to major in Agricultural Business at Iowa State University.

**Top 3 achievements:** Provide Grandhaven Retirement Community with chickens throughout the summer and fall, Ag in the Classroom sponsored by the Iowa Farm



Engelbrecht

**will take with you after high school?** I have had the opportunity to facilitate many different FFA workshops in classrooms during my high school career. Even though I am guiding the workshop the members have taught me life-long skills. I met one member in Fairbank, Iowa who will always have a special place in my heart. One thing I remember about her is she always had a smile on her face, but she did not say much. After I was done facilitating my workshop I asked her to stay, so I could get to know her. She was excited that I wanted to talk to her. She told me she was involved with her school photography program, and she started her own business. She then told me she has a hard time making friends and I made her feel like she belonged. I want to make a positive difference in people's lives one conversation at a time.

**Megan Triplett**, child of Matthew and Andrea Triplett, plans to major in Pre-medicine at the University of Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** Graduated summa cum laude, Student Government Secretary, and National Honors Society Inducted Member.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Being a part of the Student Government Leadership class has been a huge part of my high school experience, and has taught me many invaluable lessons that I know will be essential for the rest of my life. In Student Government, we put on a school-wide blood drive through the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center that I have led for the past couple of years. I am going into Pre-Medicine next year and hope to be a doctor, so having a big impact on helping to save lives as a high schooler is something I'm so thankful and proud to be able to have done. Student Government and Leadership has given me the skills to not only organize events like this, but also to be an excellent student and well-rounded person, and has undoubtedly set me up to become a great doctor someday.

Math/The Sciences

**Logan Lee**, child of Kevin and Tarah Lee, plans to major in Electrical Engineering at Iowa State University.

**Top 3 achievements:** Junior First Honors, Honor of official Thespian induction, and Quad-City Times Salute to Academics Candidate.



Lee

create an app. Our class was working together to brainstorm ideas. One idea was to create a calculator; however, we were having difficulty creating the code for a functioning calculator. We finally settled on creating a drawing app. This creation started off fairly basic, but as we tested the code we kept adding features. I was still trying to figure out how to make this calculator, when one day in Physics after I had done all of my work, it hit me. I quickly pulled out my laptop and started to create the code. I could not properly test it without the tablet, but I was sure this idea would work. After some quick troubleshooting, I had correctly created the code; I had a working calculator.

**Georgia Nissen**, child of Andy and Mari Jo Nissen, plans to major in Physics and Math at Wartburg College.

**Top 3 achievements:** Four-year varsity tennis, Special Olympics tennis helper, and Dance Marathon.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One learning experience that I will never forget doesn't involve a specific moment in time, but the course of my junior and senior year in the computer lab. I had the classes of Civil Engineering & Architecture, and Computer Science & Engineering with Mr. Marceau. Those classes were extremely entertaining and I enjoyed the content that I learned, but it didn't stop there. My teacher, Mr. Marceau made the class a place that I looked forward to being. Not only because he was a good teacher, but I felt like I was supported in all of my other activities. From tennis, to work, to dance marathon, I was always being asked how things were going and I will always cherish that.

Vocational Education

**Myah Herrington**, child of Mark and Angie Herrington, plans to pursue an Associate's Degree in Welding at Scott Community College.

**Top 3 achievements:** Four-year Varsity Letter for Bowling, One Gallon of Blood Donated, and Four-year member of the FFA including junior high.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One thing I will miss is how all the teacher gave you a second chance,

they wanted you to succeed, they would stay after school for an hour and help with an assignment or help you read a chapter our loud so they know you will succeed.

**Coryn Wilson**, child of Matthew and Christa Wilson, plans to major in Animal Science at Iowa State University.

**Top 3 achievements:** Summa Cum Laude - Academic; National Honor Society - Academic; and Iowa FFA 2nd in the State in the Agricultural Issues and Perceptions Leadership Development Event

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A memory of learning I have in the classroom that I will remember forever is not tied to a specific subject but something that a teacher had once told the class. Our teacher had told the class that "You will not be perfect at every subject, and by no means will everything come easy to you." Truly understanding this was hard at first but as I have continued my academic career I understand that not everything is easy just because of your smart. I have carried this throughout my high school career and have learned to understand that struggling in a subject is okay as long as you are trying your absolute hardest.

Young Journalist

**Jenna Willet**, child of David and Michele Willet, plans to major in English at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

**Top 3 achievements:** Commended National Merit Scholar, Two-Time All-State Chorus Member, and 4th

place Senior Group Performance in the National History Day National Contest.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My entire semester in Mr. Chapman's Creative Writing class was extremely valuable to my learning, but my favorite moment was toward the end of the semester. Throughout the class, we learned to write better poetry and short stories, work shopped our writing in big table discussions, and bonded as we shared personal experiences with each other. At the end of the semester, our class had a poetry reading where each student picked their favorite or best poems to share with the class one final time. Some students shared new poems and others shared favorites from our workshops. It was a great way to celebrate our collective and individual writing journeys and to celebrate a new group of friends that had grown closer over the course of the semester.



Willet



Willet

GENESEO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Vincent Chan**, child of Sui and Li Chan, plans to major in Molecular Engineering at the University of Chicago.

**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar, National Merit Scholarship Commendation, and AP Scholar with Distinction

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I have had many memorable moments during my time in school. One of the early learning experiences that I clearly remember occurred after the final math assessment of seventh grade. Since my score was exceptional, my teacher took me aside to ask if he could share it with the class. As a young teen, I was more than willing to share my success with my peers. To my teacher, this served as a prime example to express the value of hard work. Looking back, this experience has shown me that teachers want to encourage their students to go beyond their expectations.

While teachers continue to put their effort towards students, it's up to the students themselves to put in the effort into their work. After spending my final years in the local school system, I have realized that educators genuinely want their students to succeed. When you succeed; they succeed.

**Marissa Keogh**, child of Jackie and Tom Keogh, plans to major in Political Science - Economics at Columbia University, in New York City, N.Y.

**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar, AP Scholar with Honors, and National Honor Society Vice President.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A learning experience that I will always remember is the Million Dollar project we did in 5th grade. For this project, we had one million dollars and we had to budget it for things like college, housing, and a car. I remember that it was



Keogh

Class of 2020

Hannah Adams, Elijah Allen, Ky Ariano, Storm Baca, Cade Backes, Zachary Bauer, Lauren Belvel, Mitchel Benhart, Elizabeth Besette, Madison Biddle, Dillan Bideaux, Ava Bieneman, Jaime Bizarri, Kyle Blankenship, Shelby Bos, Caroline Burmahl, Gracie Burns, Kenadie Buysse, Ethan Capps, Vincent Chan, Carson Chasek, Ashli Clark, Sidney Clary, Rileigh Coleman, Neo Colter, Rylan Coons, Colin Correll, Frankie Cortés, Allison Craig, Jonathan Crews, Ian Dahl, Logan Davis, Sarah Davis, Cal DeBaillie, Dawson DeCap, Ashlyn Dochterman, Dylan Downey, Ethan Durian, Caleb Easter, Matthew Eggen, Kayla Egli, Hope Elmer, Dallas Eucker-Jennings, Devin Eucker-Jennings, Tyler Flowers, Daniel Ford, Alex Fox, Keeli Frerichs, Brooke Gatter, Anna Girten, Dillon Goethals, Cole Goodwin, Justin Gordon, Cate Gradert, Jeremiah Green, Claire Hall, Logan Hanssen, Dawsyn Hartman, Emma Heller, Luke Henkhaus, Kennedy Hensenkemper, Caylie Hessler, Elaina Hines, Kyle Hofer, Hannah

Hogue, Cade Hornback, Halle Houston, Mya Jackson, Katelyn Jagers, Brynn Johnson, Keaton Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Tenley Johnson, Jacob Jorgensen, Emma Kass, Alexis Keegan, Madison Kensinger, Marissa Keogh, Katherine Kirby, Sarah Korthals, Matthew Kozemski, Morgan Laxton, Clare LeGrand, Timothy Lehman, Elizabeth Leihasing, Spencer Lindstrom, Anna Loitz, Logan Loitz, Maison Lynch, Parker Magness, Jacob Martin, Hannah Mays, Eden McAvoy, Jacob McConnell, Joseph McConnell, Sydney McDaniel, Gavin McGuire, Bailey McKean, William McKelvain, Alexander McVay, Allison Miller, Kane Miller, Megan Miller, Ashton Mills, Koltenn Minton, Bailey Mitchell, Brandon Modesto, Thomas Mooney, Cody Moore, Grace Moore, Hannah Moreno, Ryan Morgan, Michael Morrone, Robert Murray, Eryn Murray, Hayley Nelson, Jaycob Norton, Jordan Oliver, Karis Ostrowski, Lauren Pardoe, Kelly Parker, Jade Parr, Angelica Patricio, Zoe Petersen, Cameron Pettifer, Alexander Phillipson, Anna Pierce, Madison Plotts,

Jacob Polowy, Michael Rapps, Ayden Ristau, Isaiah Rivera, Alexis Robertson, Daniel Robinson, Elizabeth Roodhouse, Alice Roseman, Devon Roth, Emily Ryerson, Will Sammons, Ethan Saucedo, Natalya Schmidt, Haylee Schuchhardt-Krebs, Caily Scott, Tyler Seaman, Sarah Sebastian, Addison Seei, Jordan Seeley, Jack Sellers, William Shaw, Jeremy Shipman, Taylor Smith, Mairi Snyder, Brooke Sproston, Kyle State, Hannah Staub, MacKensie Steinert, Carter Stephenson, Robert Stohl, Blake Stottler, Taylor Stuckey, Mary Thomas, Noah Thompson, Ryan Tines, Marissa Tomminelli, Audrey Toone, Jarib Trujano, Maiah Ullrick, Cole VandeVoorde, Jordan VanHoutte, Chase VanKlaveren, Hailey VanOpdorp, Cora Varland, Evan Veloz, William Venneberg, Eric Verplaetse, John Wattenberg, Quinne Weinzierl, Ethan Welfer, Alexandra Werner, Tyler Whipple, Cloe White, Hayley Wilson, Matthew Wilson, Seth Winchell, Madison Winslow, Hannah Weyrick, Emma Yerkey, Nathan Yoder, Jeffrey Yungen, Tucker Ziegenhorn

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so fun to “spend” all that money and it was really satisfying at the end of the project when I had carefully budgeted what seemed like an impossible amount in a detailed spreadsheet. One of my most vivid memories from this project is the college search. It was the first time that I really looked into my future and thought about where my education would take me. It was the experience that made me determined to get into my dream college.

The Arts

**Zoe Petersen**, child of Paul and Angela Petersen, is undecided on a major but plans to pursue something Art/English related at Black Hawk College.

**Top 3 achievements:** National Technical Honor Society (alongside Colby Rapps) was voted most artistic in my grade (Senior Hall of Fame), and took every art class Geneseo High School offered (Drawing 1+2, Ceramics 1+2, Painting 1+2, and Sculpture 1+2).

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Although it’s hard to settle on just one, my favorite—and most unforgettable—classroom experience would have to be when Mrs. Degarmo taught me how to throw on the wheel. It was relaxing, unpredictable, and thrilling as I either watched her create a beautiful piece out of nothing or as I attempted to do so myself. Before I took ceramics I considered myself more of a 2-Dimensional artist, but Ceramics turned out to be one of my favorite classes of all time. It opened my world to new horizons and possibilities, for that I’m forever grateful.

**Matthew Kozemski**, child of Mike and Julie Kozemski plans to major in Music Education at Luther College.

**Top 3 achievements:** All-State choir 3 times, Madrigal King, and first honor roll all 8 semesters.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** When going into a high school band it is very frightening, to say the least. But my teachers always made it better. The students around me were up to four years older than me at times, the directors never treated us differently and always were clear on expectations for our practice.

Humanities

**Ava Bieneman**, child of Ryan and Rachel Bieneman, plans to major in Business at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.

**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar, Student Council President, and 2-time 3A First Team All-State in Softball.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** In a last-minute schedule change my junior year, I was placed into a Humanities class that I had never even heard of before. I was pleasantly surprised by the easy-going nature of the class and the activities planned out for the semester. We read multiple fiction books that showed us the values and beliefs of the decades of recent American history. In addition, we learned dances, watched movies, and did multiple projects about the 1950s through the 1990s. I will never forget the relaxed feeling that I felt walking into Mr. Harrington’s classroom every day for that semester.

**Anna Girten**, child of Bill and Tricia Girten, plans to major in Biology at the Northern Iowa University, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar, AP Scholar with Honor, and National Honor Society.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Throughout my time at Geneseo High School, I’ve had many rewarding experiences inside and outside of the classroom. One tradition that I’ll never forget is Mr. Brucher’s Friday Question. Every week in Contemporary World Issues, he asked the class a random question for a discussion. The odd questions, such as “Would you shave your head for \$10,000?” brought up lively debates and made us think outside the box. I loved hearing a variety of perspectives from my classmates and discussing my ideas with others. It was a fun way to end the week and gave me a chance to take a step back from all of the regimented tasks in the rest of my classes.

Leadership

**Keeli Frerichs**, child of Curt and Karna Frerichs, plans to major in Exercise Science/Physical Therapy at St. Ambrose University.

**Top 3 achievements:** 2019-



Frerichs

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?**

A classroom experience that I will never forget was my career readiness internship at Hammond Henry Hospital. I was presented with this opportunity through the Physical Therapy department and my school counselor. Because I had all of my graduation requirements, this internship would be considered one of my classes. Each day I went to the hospital for an hour to observe and learn from the physical therapists. Being exposed to the therapy environment really showed me what the job is all about. I am grateful that I was given this opportunity because it really solidified my choice of a career. The atmosphere there was positive and caring, and I was able to learn so many new things and create new relationships with the therapists and patients while I was there. I thank everyone who gave me this opportunity because it is one that I will remember forever.

**Chase VanKlaveren**, child of Tracia VanKlaveren and James VanKlaveren, plans to major in Actuarial Sciences at Purdue University.

**Top 3 achievements:** National Honor Society President, Class of 2020 President, and Illinois State Scholar.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom experience that I will never forget came in third grade. My teacher, Miss Myers, was trying to teach us multiplication, specifically what eight times eight is. The way she taught it was in the form of the rhyme: “Eight times eight is sixty-four Miss Myers on the floor.” Then, she would fall on the floor and everyone laughed for what seemed like hours. That little lesson that she taught us still sticks with me and I recite that rhyme every time I see that multiplication problem. It may not be the most important lesson that was ever taught to me in the classroom, but it is one that I will never forget.

Math/The Sciences

**William Venneberg**, child of Michael and Monica Venneberg, plans to major in Finance at Black Hawk College.



Venneberg

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?**

As our BC Calculus teacher, it was Mr. Christenson’s job to teach us numerous formulas and equations throughout the year. Because he, to say the least, loves his job, sometimes how he taught us was far from what was expected. One time, we sat in our seats as he displayed an overhead projection of his desk on the wall. He played Strauss’ “Also Sprach Zarathustra” through his speakers, the song most likely related to 2001: A Space Odyssey, as he slowly, dramatically slides a paper on his desk away to reveal the fundamental theorem of calculus:  $\int f(x)dx = F(b) - F(a)$ . He had us just sit there for about 3 minutes, gazing at the formula, as the song reached its climax. The whole experience was just so over the top that I couldn’t help but love it and laugh at it all.

**Ky Ariano**, child of Amy and Neil Ariano, plans to major in Microbiology and Clinical Laboratory Studies at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse, Wis.

**Top 3 achievements:** AP Scholar, National Honors Society, and All-State Honors Choir Member.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?**

Throughout my time at GHS, I’ve had a multitude of memorable classroom experiences. Although, being a student that loves anything biology-related one experience sticks out the most. I know dissections are not everyone’s cup of tea, but the fresh swine organ dissection that we did in my Human Anatomy & Physiology class is hands down my favorite classroom experience. Learning and memorizing facts about how the human body works is only so effective in expanding students’ knowledge of the intricacies of life. By exploring real organs that have extremely similar structures, we were able to fully understand how the diagrams and facts translated into real life. Overall this experience stood out to me because not only was it extremely educational, but it was also a unique experience that I wouldn’t have experienced until my college years.

Vocational Education

**Mitchel Benhart**, child of Rick and Renee Benhart, plans to major in Environmental Science at Central College, Pella, Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, and Academic All-Conference

(Soccer).

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One of the most influential classes I have taken throughout my high school career was the Foods classes taught by Ms. Stern. She has taught me so much that will benefit me in my adult years. One experience specifically that comes to mind, was when my group was behind in a lab and had to work together to complete our cooking and cleaning tasks. This experience showed me that vocational classes have important life lessons that can be fun. However, under all the fun tasks, they can also benefit your work ethics. Overall, the Foods class was very important for me to take. It was a vocational class that taught me countless lessons that I will use one day in the future.

**Brynn Johnson**, child of Kris and Paula Johnson, plans to attend Arizona State University (Downtown Phoenix Campus), Phoenix, Ariz.

**Top 3 achievements:** AP Scholar with Honor, Illinois State Scholar, and 4-Time National Cheerleading Association All-American Nominee.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?**

A classroom experience I will remember forever is the Thanksgiving dinner in foods class. Every kitchen made a traditional Thanksgiving dish. Classmates helped push tables and chairs together to create one huge table decked out in thanksgiving decor. This experience became momentous in the minutes after sitting down at the table when our teacher told us to put our phones away. She had all of us go around the room and say what we were thankful for. Everyone shared something personal and heartfelt. In those twenty minutes, I learned more about my classmates than I had in the last four years I have been going to school with them. I loved that our teacher not only taught us the value of cooking and holiday traditions, but she also taught us the value of communication.

ALWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics



Hasson

child of Brent and LeAnna Hasson, plans to attend Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar, National Honor Society Vice President, All-Conference Academic for four years.

The Arts



Ventress

**Marissa Ventress**, child of Amy Ventress, plans to study medical assisting at Ross College, in Bettendorf, Iowa.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?**

In psychology class we watched videos on how our brain works and learned a lot about how everyone’s brains are different and we learned a lot about depression, which I learned that a lot of people have. In that class, I learned that not everyone should be alike that we are all unique and that we all are here for

a reason. That class made me want to become a therapist for teenagers and mental health because I know what it feels like. My teachers have always pushed me to do my best because they know I can do it. They have always believed in me and that gives me strength and I have started to have more confidence in myself than I ever have before. I am so thankful for all of my teachers and everything they have sacrificed to be teachers and for everything they have done for me.

Humanities

**Keanan Dean**, child of James and Rachael Dean, has enlisted into the U.S. Marine Corp. After which he plans on pursuing a degree in teaching history and social sciences.

**Top 3 achievements:** Marine Corp Distinguished Athletic Award and the Estelle Miller Music Award.

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** In my junior year in speech class after presenting our first rounds of speeches, even though I did well my teacher personally critiqued all of my habits. I didn’t want to listen because I had gotten a good grade but a friend had recorded me and I saw everything my teacher did. I learned that even when I do well at something there is always room for improvement.

Class of 2020

Tabitha Bennink, Ryan Connour, Carsen Curry, Keanan Dean, Andrew Eberts, Blake Hasson, Alexander Johnson, Elizabeth Junk, Brandon Markese, Berandrt Melow, Taylor Olson, Paul Pruden, Marissa Vantress, Karissa Welsh, Dylen White, and Allissa Williams. Junior graduating early: Jessika Eskridge.

Leadership

**Alexander Johnson**, child of Eric Johnson and Sharon Ahlgren, plans to pursue an Associate in Science degree at Blackhawk College, Moline, Ill.

**Top 3 achievements:** National Honor Society President, All-Conference Academic all four years, and Introduction to Building Trades (BlackHawk College).

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** In my building trades class, we were building walls and my classmate kept cutting the wrong measurement, and my instructor was pretty frustrated. I now have the saying “measure twice, cut once” engraved in my brain.

Math/The Sciences

**Paul Pruden**, child of Miranda



Pruden

Honor Society, Illinois State Scholar, and Valedictorian

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I don’t know if this will count as a classroom learning experience, but our E-Sports team took a trip down to Indianapolis to participate in a League of Legends tournament one weekend. We won our first round of games, but we lost in the second round. However, I do feel that that tournament helped me with teamwork and responsibility skills. It was also one of the few times I was able to make it out of the state.

Vocational Education

**Carsen Curry**, child of Joshua and Jody Curry, plans to major in Agriculture Business at Black Hawk East, Kewanee, Ill. and then transfer to transfer to Western Illinois University, Macomb, Ill.

**Top 3 achievements:** Dekalb Award, Illinois FFA State Degree, and AIWood FFA President.

**What’s something you learned**

**that you will take with you after high school?** When I think of the classroom I think of the mechanics’ shop or the woodshop. In my junior year I took an Agriculture Academy course at Black Hawk East. In the mechanics class, I took there the instructor Gary Werkheiser taught me how to change breaks from cars, trucks, and ATVS. He also taught me a valuable lesson on how to safely change the oil on my own car. Throughout my time in this class I gained knowledge on multiple life skills.

Young Journalist

**Elizabeth Junk**, child of John and Lisa Junk, plans to major in Education at Carl Sandburg College, Galesburg, Ill.

**Top 3 achievements:** DAR good citizen award, Senior Class/Student Council President, and the President’s Education Award

**What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom learning experience that I will never forget is when I was a Junior taking psychology, my teacher taught me things about my mind and how it works. The whole class taught me many things that I will use and remember for my entire life. I knew that taking a psychology class would be beneficial but I did not know that all the information I learned would benefit me throughout my whole life, no matter my career path.

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ANNAWAN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Keagan Rico**, child of John and Courtney Rico, plans to major in nursing at Black Hawk East, Galva, Illinois to Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing, Peoria, Ill.

**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois Elks Association female teen of the year, Illinois State Scholar, and Annawan Girls Basketball 1,000+ point club

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A learning experience I will remember forever would be looking more into what my future would look like and my science classes. I remember the school counselor helping the junior class out with job shadowing opportunities. I wanted to go into healthcare since middle school and wanted to job shadow a physician's assistant. I ended up job shadowing a nurse practitioner and decided that was what I would like to do. Shortly after, with more help from the counselor, I decided what colleges would be best for me. I really enjoyed high school, and I enjoyed it, even more, when we could talk in the classroom about what our futures may look like. In advanced biology class, our teacher taught us more about the medical field by doing many hands-on labs, like learning to take someone's blood pressure or blood typing, which I also enjoyed.

The Arts

**Maximillian McClelland**, child of Nick McClelland, Bonnie McClelland, and Jenna McClelland, plans to enter the workforce after high school.

Class of 2020

Johnathan Allen, Shawna Cox, Austin Earley, Spencer Foes, Ryan Goodman, Clara Jape, Margaret Karraker, Andrew Kulisek, Maximillian McClelland, Ethan Metz, Richard Murray, Kaley Peterson, Reese Randall, Keagan Rico, Julian Samuels, Kevin Sanchez, Isaac Shaw, Joshua Sims, Kira Sisson, Andrew Storm, Hailey Thurston, Drake VanHyfte



McClelland

**Top 3 accomplishments:** Band and Choir member all four years, I received the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award and National Choral Award; Active member and fundraising volunteer in extracurricular clubs Anime Club, Game Club, Spanish Club, and Art Club; and Cross Country team member for all four years, received Most Inspirational Award.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I was inspired through high school by my teachers and cross country coaches Mr. Fenn (History) and Mr. Smaga (Music). Not only did they encourage me academically and on the field, but they also taught me many life skills I will use going into the workforce. They taught me about positivity, creativity, pushing myself, and never giving up.

Humanities

**Austin Earley**, child of Don and Darcy Earley, plans to major in Biology at Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill.



Earley

**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar/Local District; State Elks Teen of the Year; and Cross Country All-Conference all four years.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** The classroom learning experience that I'll remember forever was during my sophomore year. In my world history class with Mr. Fenn, we were going over how factory work was like when it was first coming around. In order to teach us better, he decided to create an assembly line that was very authentic for the time. Well, let's just say we never got the product past the first developer and there was a lot of yelling and loud noises. I will never forget this experience because it was very funny and very crazy.

Leadership

**Joshua Sims**, child of J.R Sims, and Nicole and James McCune, plans to major in Neuroscience at Illinois Wesleyan University Bloomington, Ill.

**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar, Top Ten FFA Section President, and DAR award.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** During my time at Annawan High School, I have had many phenomenal experiences in and out of the classroom. One of my favorite memories, however, was when we got to dissect a sheep heart in Mr. Hu-

lick's Anatomy and Physiology class. I want to be a doctor one day and getting this up-close experience of how a heart works was something that I will never forget. I found each aspect of the lab to be fascinating. Learning about the different parts of the heart and how they all work together to distribute blood throughout the body sparked an interest in me. Mr. Hulick made the lab as real as it gets and it is one part about high school I will never forget.

Math/The Sciences

**Kaley Peterson**, child of James and Gina Peterson, plans to major in dental hygiene at Parkland College, Champaign, Ill.

**Top 3 achievements:** First Team All-Conference Lincoln Trail Volleyball; Kewanee Elks #724 Teen of the Month, and Academic All-Conference Lincoln Trail Volleyball and Basketball

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** This past year in my Advanced Biology class we were learning about blood. We did a lab on finding our own blood types and cross-matching. The lab required a simple prick of my finger. I was pretty nervous about something so insignificant. I pricked my finger and tried to get my blood out onto the card, but I wasn't bleeding much so I threw the first card away and saw the trash can full of blood. After that, I went to sit down and didn't feel good. I passed out in the middle of my science lab and in front of the whole class. I learned that I don't like blood much and it is a learning experience I definitely won't forget.

Vocational Education

**Richard Timothy Murray Jr.**, child of Richard Murray and Amanda Rogers plans to enlist in the U.S. Marines after graduation.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Out of all the classroom experiences that I have gone through, the one that I will remember forever is the day I was introduced to welding in Mr. Henrekin's welding class. I had never welded prior to the class and found out that I was pretty good at it, making it something that I enjoyed doing when I had free time in and out of the classroom.

Young Journalist

**Hailey Thurston**, child of Michael and Misti Thurston, plans to pursue an Associates of Science degree at Black Hawk East, Galva, Ill.

**Top 3 achievements:** 5.0 Club, Student Council Treasurer, and Student of the Month

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom learning experience that I will remember forever is when we were doing improv in speech class. Improv is when you make up different stories or scenes on the spot. I am a very shy person and get easily embarrassed. In improv, the spotlight is all on you. I stepped out of my comfort zone doing improv and I actually enjoyed it! Doing improv has taught me to try new things and to step out of my comfort zone.

CALAMUS-WHEATLAND HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Chandler Gannon**, child of Dean and Dawn Gannon, plans to major in Business Analytics and Information Systems at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** 2019 Cross Country Academic All-State; 2020 Track Academic All-State; and Governors Scholar Award Recipient

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A lot of people are focused on the outcome or result of a process. The process of going to school can be overlooked. Just going through the motions every day is pointless unless every day is used as a chance to learn something new at school or elsewhere. All of my favorite memories were made completely unintentionally but had one thing in common; there was a lesson learned. Thank you to the Calamus Wheatland community and staff for all of the support throughout the years.

The Arts

**Brett McCartt**, child of Kent and Wendy McCartt, plans to major in Political Science at the University of Iowa.

**Top 3 accomplishments:** 2019 Cross Country Academic All-State Recipient; Qualified for State Cross Country

twice as a team and once individually, getting 2nd and 3rd at State as a team, and I went to All-State for Individual and Group Speech.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My favorite learning experience is from when I took College Biology as a senior. We had a project where we would receive a baby duck and try to get it to imprint on us. I was unsure about being responsible for a duck, but after I got her, my worries disappeared. It was sometimes a chore to take care of her,

Class of 2020

Griffin Alden, Caleb Banowetz, Thomas Boettger, Jacob Bromwell, Joshua Bromwell, Riley Bruns, Quinton Buckner, Ellie Carpenter, JamesRay Deerberg, Brock DeWys, Chance Dexter, William Dickel, Christopher Dickey, Carter Dwyer, Sammie Flagel, Brian Forret, Tucker Fuller, Chandler Gannon, Dillon Grau, Lucas Hagg, Josh Hein, Remington Horner, Samantha Kalarovich, Janee Kleinsmith, Addison Luepker, Brett McCartt, Brock Olson, Robert Drake Olson, Hannah Rohwedder, Jena Schultz, Austin Sievers, Paul Stankee, Hannah Tack, Lilian Traver, Nicole Twing, Laurent VonMuenster, Karrigan Whitman, Kaylie Wilhelm, Noah Williams

but to this day, she is the coolest bird I've ever met.

Humanities

**Robert Drake Olson**, child of Robert Olson and Denise Balster plans to attend Saint Ambrose University, Davenport, Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** National Honor Society, Honor Roll student, and Dorian Symphonic Honor

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One of my favorite learning experiences from school did not take place in a classroom but in the gym. It was there that I learned how much weight a 17-year-old kid could lift. I had to spot my friend Dillon with the help of two other guys in the class. Dillon ended up lifting 315 pounds. He only did it for one rep but it was the most weight I had ever seen a kid my age lift. The image of his beet-red face as he used all of his might pushing for his second rep will be burned into my brain forever. That is how I learned the importance of a spotter, but more importantly it taught me to be there for my

friends. I am thankful for all of my experiences at Calamus-Wheatland High School both in and out of the classroom.

Leadership

**Kaylie Wilhelm**, child of Jason & Brenda Wilhelm, plans to major in Business Finance at Clinton Community College, Clinton, Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** Student Council and Class President 2019-20; Co-captain of Varsity Volleyball and Softball (2018-2020) with all-conference honors (2017-20): Valedictorian.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** There are so many great things that have happened to me in high school that I'll remember forever. Being able to find so many different leadership roles within the school, sports teams, and even in my community has shaped me into the confident outgoing person I am today. Taking on different leadership roles has shown me that I not only have the voice to speak up for myself but for others that need to be heard. I've put myself in a position where I hope that younger generations that come after me have seen what I've been able to achieve and how being a leader is something everyone should strive for. I only think it's fitting to give a special thank you to my student council advisor Mr. Tom VanBlaricom for always encouraging me to be the best person I can be.

Math/The Sciences

**Brian Forret**, child of Lori Forret and the late Chris Forret, plans to major in Mechanical Engineering at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** 4.0 GPA valedictorian, 2nd team all-conference utility player for baseball, and being a member of the National Honor Society.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I have had the opportunity to have so many great experiences as a student at Calamus Wheatland. Being a part of many different clubs and organizations, such as student council, National Honor Society, FFA, band and athletics, I have had opportunities to work with other students to help support our school and community. Being a part of these clubs has also given me a chance to hold leadership positions that will help me in the future. These lessons and memories of working with others and helping the community will be what I carry with me as I leave Calamus Wheatland.

Vocational Education

**Hannah Rohwedder**, child of Aaron & Rhonda Rohwedder, plans to major in Agriculture Production Management at Kirkwood Community College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

**Top 3 achievements:** Iowa FFA State Degree; CW FFA Chapter Vice President; and Honor Roll every semester of my high school career.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** It's not a classroom experience that I'll remember forever, but I will definitely remember FFA with many countless opportunities, which I am grateful for. The different conventions, conferences, trips, county and state fairs, and chapter meetings throughout the year helped me get to know my classmates better, but also new people from all around the state and country. Riding in a Suburban with 6 classmates and our Advisor from Wheatland Iowa to Indianapolis Indiana for the 2020 National FFA Convention is definitely something I won't forget...talk about no leg room and non-stop laughter for roughly 5 hours. Participating in CDE's and different leadership activities at conferences and conventions helped me become a better public

speaker, but also a better leader. I am confident with whatever comes my way, and teaching myself to become a better leader is one of the most important things I will never forget from my high school career.

Young Journalist

**Carter Dwyer**, child of Robert and Holly Dwyer, plans to major in either Microbiology or Biology. He will start pursuing his degree at Clinton Community College, Clinton, Iowa, for one year to get my AA and AS. He then plans on attending the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, to finish his major.

**Top 3 achievements:** Holding Calamus-Wheatland's record for amounts of times going to All-State in Speech (I made it three times in group Television News-casting, one time in group Improvisation, and one time in individual radio broadcasting). Securing scholarships to give me a full ride through Clinton Community College. Last, I became the president of Calamus-Wheatland's National Honor Society.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I have a lot of learning experiences from advanced chemistry. During our first lab, we are supposed to create some gas and burn it in a controlled way. Once you create an ample amount, you are supposed to release it, and quickly place a lighted splint where the gas was. Then, if you do it correctly, all of the gas should ignite at once, creating a spectacular flash of light. When I went to release the gas, I did so with my hands instead of the recommended tongs. This means that the gas surrounded my hand when released. This means that when I lighted the gas on fire, so was my hand! Since I had my solution a little impure as well, the gas turned out to be a putrid black, so my hand was stained black as well! This definitely taught me to read directions extra carefully!



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## CAMBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

## Academics

**Kaiden Vinavich**, child of Jeff and Shea Vinavich, plans to major in Biological Sciences at the University of Northern Illinois, DeKalb, Ill.



Vinavich

**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar; Captain of the Cambridge Vikings Varsity Scholastic Bowl team; and Illinois FFA State Degree Recipient

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I took as many science classes as I could, and one thing I will never forget is always doing the chemistry labs wrong. In Chemistry II there were only three of us taking the class, and we would always somehow get the wrong outcome at the end of the lab. Even when we thought we had done all the steps correctly we always ended up with results that were way off. Even though our results may have been wrong, we always made sure we discovered the reason why we got it wrong. Science is all about trying again and again until the correct results are achieved. Let's just say that we pretty much always had to calculate our percent error at the end of every lab.

## The Arts

**Bree Olson**, child of Jon Olson and Misti Olson, plans to major in Pre-Vet at Western Illinois University.

**Top 3 accomplishments:** Flute section leader fall 2018-spring 2020; Illinois FFA State Degree; and crew leader for plays and musicals 2018-2019

## Class of 2020

Jordan Ables, Caden Bowers, Anthony Brandt, Mackenzie Briggs, Weston Brown, Alexis Carlson, Jacob Dickson, Cade Franks, Nathan Grant, Riley Gustafson, Noah Hansen, Wiley Hart, Kiersten Johnson, Kalynn Johnson, Lilly Kessinger, Jacob Martin, Blaze Matheny, Wyatt Moriarity, Brody Mulvaney, Kennedy Nelson, Logan Nodine, Breeanna Olson, Koral Pollock, Bradleigh Schaefer, Carissa Secymore, Elijah Seitz, Robert Sharp, Kodi Stropes, Kaiden Vinavich, Michael Wiley



Olson

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Out of all my classroom experiences the one I can never forget would have to be this past fall when the band finally pulled together all of the music from "Grease". We would practice hard during class in order to figure out how the music should go and the day we played everything correctly without the music I front of us was great. The duets, sectionals, and entire band sections of the music sounded wonderful; since this was the field show us seniors chose, finally pulling it together was definitely the best part because the entire band was in unison even if not all of us get along all the time.

## Humanities

**Lilly Kessinger**, child of Jim and Rachael Kessinger, plans to

major in Dental Hygiene at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill.



Kessinger

**Top 3 achievements:** Daughters of the American Revolution Award; Karen Wielert Award for English; and Lilah Peterson Service Above Self Award.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will always remember my English teacher, Mr. Price, teaching me how to properly analyze literature. In applying the skills he taught me, I realized how much I truly enjoyed breaking texts apart and analyzing their underlying meanings. This was a skill that I looked forward to practicing each day and motivated me to enjoy my overall academic experience more than I ever had before. From attempting to define "love" to detecting elements of transcendental thinking in our favorite songs, Mr. Price's class drove me to not only become a successful student but to enjoy and appreciate my education every day.

## Leadership

**Bradleigh Schaefer**, child of Brad and Kelly Schaefer, plans to major in Agriculture Education at Iowa State University.



Schaefer

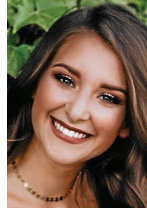
**Top 3 achievements:** 2019-2020 Cambridge FFA Chapter President; 2020 Agriculture Communications State Proficiency Award

Winner; and University's Dean's Lists for Black Hawk College and Western Illinois

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Over the course of four years, it is hard to choose just one academic experience that I will take with me forever. Each time I stepped foot into the agriculture classroom, I learned a lesson about the industry, about FFA, and about myself. However, I also was able to learn in these areas when outside of the physical classroom. While serving as the Cambridge FFA Chapter President, my officer team and I went to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin on our annual Officer Retreat. While the activities such as tubing, water skiing, and watching 4th of July fireworks were very fun, I will remember most of the learning experiences and the ways I grew during those few days. I learned how to step into a leadership role, voice my opinion, and come up with creative ideas. Those few days prepared me for my year serving as President, and for my future endeavors.

## Math/The Sciences

**Kennedy Nelson**, child of Eric and Amy Nelson, plans to major in Psychology at Illinois State University, Normal, Ill.



Nelson

**Top 3 achievements:** Raymond Johnson Memorial Award for Math; Barbara M. Swanson Scholarship; and Black Hawk College Presidential Scholarship.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A class-

room experience that I will remember forever is writing papers with Mr. Price. He always gave me such great feedback and helped improve my writing skills tremendously. Thanks to him, I have become more aware and analytical in situations in and outside of school.

## Vocational Education

**Logan Nodine**, child of Robert and Sarah Nodine, plans to major in Agricultural Business Iowa State University.



Nodine

**Top 3 achievements:** 2020 Turfgrass Management State Proficiency Award Winner; 2019-2020 Cambridge FFA Chapter Vice-President; and Black Hawk College and Western Illinois University's Dean's List

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My most memorable classroom experience would be in Agricultural Mechanics. Throughout high school, I participated in every Agriculture class that was offered. I did not foresee myself participating in this class and it was a bit outside of my comfort zone. The one unit I will never forget is "Small Engines". I was the last kid in the class who knew much about engines so I could not wait for this unit. As we progressed through the unit, I started understanding the different parts of the small engine and the importance of each part. One day I was loosening bolts and my hand slipped and I had cut open my hand and received two stitches. This unit was full of ups and downs and one of my favorite Agricultural classes that I have ever been a part of.

## CENTRAL DEWITT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

## Academics

**Emma Kizer**, child of Warren and Jennifer Kizer, plans to major in Criminology with a minor in Spanish at Northern Iowa University, Cedar Falls, Iowa.



Kizer

**Top three activities:** Band, Speech team, Track and Field

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** The classroom learning experience that I'll remember forever is from my psychology class junior year. It was one of the first electives I took just because I was interested in the subject, and I was not disappointed. The class gave me a deeper understanding of the reasons I act the way I do. Every lesson gave me a new perspective on my life and the lives of people with different upbringings. I also learned a lot about childhood and these lessons gave me insight on the way I want to treat children when I'm an adult. Overall, the class helped me to get a better grasp of myself and the people around me.

## The Arts

**Maggie Borota**, child of Brian and Shelly Borota, plans to major in Art at Scott Community College.



Borota

**Top 3 accomplishments:** 4.0 GPA, Individual All-State Speech Performer, and a 4-time Scholastic Art Award Recipient

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My freshman year world history class is something I will never forget. It was taught by former Central Dewitt teacher, Mr. Carter. Every day when we walked into the class it was like a breath of fresh air. The class was challenging and demanding for someone who was used to middle school classes at that point, but it was oh so rewarding. Mr. Carter had such a passion for teaching the subject that his lectures were something I looked forward to. We were al-

lowed to be goofy freshmen like when it came to creating a French Revolution history video involving an Ursula wig, but we were also allowed to grow up and become young adults at the same time. Doing what you love and sharing it with others is a lesson Mr. Carter taught us, maybe without even realizing it, that I will remember for the rest of my life.

## Humanities

**Madelyn Vinson**, child of Andrea and Bucky Vinson, plans to major in Elementary Education at the Northern Iowa University, Cedar Falls, Iowa.



Vinson

**Top achievements:** World Dance Championship 2019, and Quad-City Times Quad-Citizen Award 2019

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** When I was in middle school, I was selected to be a part of a class called Peer P.E. This was a class that included students with special needs in with peer helpers, all in one P.E. class. One of our class units focused on team building activities and it was a life-changing experience for me! As a class both students with and without special needs were to work together to meet an end goal. Including all students in the class, we had to make it from one side of the gym to the other, without letting anybody touch the gym floor! I remember how rewarding this all together after many tries! This experience helped me to find my passion for working with individuals with special needs and shaped me into the person that I am today!

## Leadership

**Roban Worrick**, child of Tressa Worrick, plans to major in Social Sciences at the University of Iowa.



Worrick

**Top three academic or extracurricular achievements:** 1st Clinton County DAR Good Citizen of the Year, Two-

## Class of 2020

Kyle Ackerman, Luke Anderson, Carmen Anderson-Perez, Lavinia Arikian, Gabriel Arndt, Julian Arndt, Caleb Barr, Nathan Bieber, Elliott Bierman, Dakota Birkinbine, Jason Block, Elliot Boesch, Maggie Borota, Jacob Bratthauer, Hannah Brogden, Vivian Browne, Crystal Burke, Brandon Burken, Jasmine Carter, Heather Cernek, Payton Cernek, Kailey Clark, Noah Conard, Lauren Cooper, Dakota Crews, Jack Davison, Carson Deppe, Ethan Dickey, Samantha Drevyanko, Jayde Driver, Kara Duffy, Remington Duwa, Alyssa Eden, Reece Eggers, Jaedon Evans, Chase Feeler, Anna Fielding, Jordan Figley, Alexxis Foreman, Allison Fosdick, Theodore Fox, Kaitlyn Frick, Jeff Fuller, Kayla Gerard, LeaAnn Goldensoph, Katelyn Good, Lyndsay Griep, Nolan Haack, Austin Henschel, Logan Henschel, Travis Hill, Zachary Hinkle, Jonathan Hinman, Logan Hofer, Halie Hoover, Kyleen Irwin, Carleigh Jefford, Tyler Jenkins, Lilia Johnson, Paul Kamdem, Brianna Kent, Karsen Kettwick, Adonis Kimmins, Lucas Kindelsperger, Tucker Kinney, Emma

time Individual All-State Speech Performer, and Saber Spirit Award Winner.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Some classroom learning experiences I will remember forever are the activities we did in leadership. I was the only freshman in my leadership class and every day we had to journal about a prompt and were encouraged to share out, even though some of the things we discussed were more personal topics. We watched movies like the Freedom Writers and Remember the Titans, which became one of my favorite movies, and afterward did some of the activities from them. For example, we had a taped line down the center of the class and if you answered "yes" to a question asked, you would step onto the line. I learned a lot about not only myself but my peers and society in that class. I believe the experience from leadership gave me a good foundation for my analytical and problem-solving take on the world today.

Kizer, Brennan Knudson, Lane Krukow, Makayla LaBarr, Jessica Laures, Spencer Lee, Paige Lindley, Blake Lindsly, Acacia Lopez, Mason Manning, Alina Manvelova, Carter Marlowe, Will Martin, Chloe Matthews, Alex McAleer, Audrey McAleer, Ethan McAleer, Ethan McCaulley, Brianna McDonald, Sydney Miller, Clayton Moore, Devin Mumm, Tanner Naeve, Sicily Nissen, Sherlock O'Neill, Tyler Olson, Ezra Onken, Caleb Pace, Logan Paulsen, Hannah Payne, Spencer Paysen, Grace Pfeifle, Ethan Pierce, Sean Porth, Levi Riedesel, Matthew Roling, Stetson Roling, Mariah Rose, Emma Sailor, Johnny Samora, Cassidy Schlimmer, Christian Schmitt, Allison Schnack, Nicole Schnack, Kaylee Schneider, Audra Seifert, John Showens, Dylan Simmons, Carly Small, Cassidy Smith, Levi Smith, Yana Sperry, Jacob Stearns, Erin Suhr, Hunter Swearingin, Lillian Torres, Denyse Turnquist, Damien Van Erp, Justin Vanderbilt, Madelyn Vinson, Carlee Watts, Stephanie Weigandt, Cynthia Weis, Isabella Wheeler, Evan Wisco, Roban Worrick, Grace Yarolem, Alyssa Zeimet, Samantha Zeimet, Olivia Ziegler

## Math/The Sciences

**Zachary Hinkle**, child of Doug and Karma Hinkle, plans to major in Architecture at Iowa State University.



Hinkle

**Top 3 achievements:** 4.0 GPA, all-conference/district honors in football and basketball, and participating in the state track meet.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** The classroom learning experiences I will remember forever are the various dissections we performed on different animals in sophomore biology class. It was very hands-on, and a great way to learn about how a body functions.

## Vocational Education

**Heather Cernek**, child of Norman and Tricia Kitchen, plans to major in Agricultural Communications at Des Moines Area Com-



Cernek

munity College, Ankeny, Iowa and then transfer to Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** Honor Roll, Iowa FFA State Degree, and National Presidential Scholar Nominee

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom experience that I will always remember will be my first ever agricultural education class. I took an agriculture introductory class in eighth grade and after the first lesson, I remember walking out of the room feeling completely blown away. After learning just briefly about the agriculture, food, and natural resource industry and how much our world depends on the industry, I knew I wanted to be involved and make a difference working in the field. I remember thinking to myself "how come I didn't learn this sooner?" and "more people need to be aware of where their food and belongings come from!". Often times when I get asked about my future career plans or why I am passionate about certain topics I always seem to come back to that moment as an eighth-grade student sitting in my high school agriculture education room.

## Young Journalist

**Ethan Dickey**, child of Richard and Julie Dickey, plans to attend the Northern Iowa University, Cedar Falls, Iowa.



Dickey

**Top 3 achievements:** Six-time Letter Winner for Band, Editor for school Yearbook/Newspaper, and Honor Roll all four years.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom learning experience that I will never forget is definitely when we took a field trip to a local park for my Creative Writing class junior year. It was a fun opportunity to learn outside of the classroom and was a great lesson on observing and connecting with the world around us.

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FULTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Mariam Elahmady**, child of Dr. Ahmed Elahmady and Joelian Elahmady, plans to major in Pre-med Biology at Augustana College.



Elahmady

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?**

I will always remember the fun that was brought into learning during both band and choir. My director always made it fun and made sure that there was fun involved in learning and participating in class. He always had fun stories to tell us and life lessons to reach us.



Bueno

Humanities

**Shelby Hodge**, child of Steve and Melinda Hodge, plans to major in Elementary Education at Kirkwood Community College.



Hodge

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?**

There have been many classroom learning experiences that have been impacting and memorable. One that especially comes to mind was in my Honors English class sophomore year. That year we started to read The Tempest by William Shakespeare.

The Tempest was a new and different type of literature for our class. So, my teacher had us act out the parts of the play. At first, our class was timid about this new learning experience, but that quickly changed. Each student had a character or would switch after so many lines. I espe-

Class of 2020

Megan Bailey, Hannah Baker, Emily Banker, Charity Belonga, Brennen Bly, Alexis Bueno, Konner Correll, Ally Curley, Bradlee Damhoff, Shayne Dauen, Apryl DePoorter, Mariam Elahmady, Michelle Flesch, Isabella Gazo, Hunter Gosard, Katelynn Grant, Alexander Hartman, Dylan Hartman, Maddie Hodge, Shelby Hodge, Scotty Hoffman, Chad Jansma, Emily Jensen, India King, Abner Kolthoff, Joseph Lees, Julie Lehman, Van-

nessa Lesniewski, Eathan Long, Ashley Maze, Logan Merema, Halle Meurs, Adelle Mure-Ravaud, Brady Murphy, Kearston Norman, Sadie Norman, Sara Norman, Sydney Norman, Jacob Pannell, Kaitlyn Poore, Macy Puckett, Daniel Rivera, Isaak Rose, Emily Schipper, Craig Schipper, Andrew Schrader, Joseph Simpson, Tyler Sipe, Ariel Stacey, Genna Stage, Keegan Stoecker, Jamie Sturtz, Kylee Sweenie, Devin VanZuiden, Trae VanZuiden, Caitlin Veith, Cameron Walling, Blake Werner

cially remember playing the part of Caliban and Trinculo.

On top of acting it out, we made character charts, answered questions, and learned vocab. All of these ways helped my class understand The Tempest. However, I believe acting it out impacted me the most. I'm very thankful for my English teacher for this memorable classroom experience.

Leadership

**Adelle Mure-Ravaud**, child of Julie and Philippe Mure-Ravaud, plans to major in Pre-health professional at Clinton Community College.



Mure-Ravaud

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?**

One of my most memorable classroom experiences was making Hamlet themed TikToks in my AP literature class. Our teacher gave us the opportunity to work with our

friends and use our creativity in the classroom. It allowed us to combine our classwork with our out-of-school entertainment. The best part was watching everyone's Hamlet version of popular TikToks.

Math/The Sciences

**Sara Norman**, child of Keith and Vicki Norman, plans to major in Architectural Engineering at Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Ill.



Norman

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?**

I decided to take a physics class during my junior year of high school. I remembered hearing about all of the fun projects that were involved, and the Six Flags trip at the end of the year was definitely a motivator for me to join the class. However, I learned very quickly that designing

and engineering things were my dream. My most memorable learning experience was when we were given the assignment to create a hoverboard. Racing across a gym while sitting on a piece of floating wood and holding a leaf blower definitely tops any other experience I had in school. Not only was it educational, but it was also a fun competition. I will remember that physics class forever and am excited to continue my education by doing something I love: creating and building new things.

Vocational Education

**Katie Grant**, child of Sherrie and Chris Grant, will be enlisting in the U.S. Army.



Grant

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?**

My favorite classroom learning experience is when we study for our history tests playing a game like Jeopardy. It is a fun way to remember and study for your test. You have to work as a team but you also need to know what you are doing independently. I will remember this forever because there are moments when your body is moving faster than your brain and you have no answer yet but you buzzed in to answer anyway. Or when you have the answer on the tip of your tongue but it just won't come out. The final jeopardy can make you win or lose it all depending on if you are correct. I will always smile and laugh when I remember the game.

MORNING STAR ACADEMY CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Sarah Schroeder**, child of Jay and Julie Schroeder, plans to major in Food Science and Global Resource Systems at Iowa State University.



Schroeder

**Top 3 achievements:** Valedictorian, 2019 World Food Prize Global Youth Institute Scholar, and varsity basketball team captain and MVP my senior year.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?**

I will always remember going through the process of writing, presenting, and defending my senior thesis. I got to write about a topic that I am very passionate about and formulate my own argument of defense through research. Although it was a struggle at the moment to complete this big of a project, looking back I see that it has taught me many important life lessons I will use as I move on from high school. I learned how to formulate my stance on an issue, find evidence to prove why I stand for something, and the public speaking skills to articulate and defend it. I now know how to make my voice be heard and will remember the process forever.

The Arts

**Jenna Boggs**, child of Eddy and Therese Boggs, plans to major in Communications with a Concentration in Film Studies, with a minor in Writing at Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Ill.



Boggs

**Top 3 accomplishments:** Drama Club, Worship Band (at

Class of 2020

Titus Beeler, Jenna Boggs, Garrett DeVries, Elizabeth Gibson, Reid Hansen, Matthew McClure, Joshua McGowen, Rachel Rossi, Sarah Schroeder, Abigail Stivers, Madison Trotter, Madison Wilson, Gage Wingerd.

church and school), and QC Senior Magazine Model and Intern

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?**

One classroom experience I will remember forever took place during the quarantine. In drama class, we broke down what factors make up a well-delivered performance, such as what makes it authentic, and how to identify one that isn't. We read articles on authenticity and techniques to practice to really sell the role you play. For example; start speaking out loud about anything that comes to mind, then transition into speaking your lines. Your tone of voice should not change in any way from your "real-talking" to your "line-talking." This was only one technique we studied out of many, but I found this one to be extremely effective. This lesson is definitely one I will take with me into my college career as I continue to study the numerous forms of the arts and perform in productions with the information I have acquired throughout my time learning about art in high school.

Humanities

**Madison Wilson**, child of Trudy Wilson, plans to major in Political Science and International Relations at Bethel University, St. Paul, Minn.

**Top 3 achievements:** Group leader at Youthhope Moline for



Wilson

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?**

One of the most impactful learning experiences for me was in sophomore Comparative Religion with Mrs. Wingerd. We were paired up and told to pick from a variety of religions that were foreign to us. My partner and I chose Unitarian Universalism and in those few weeks, we were expected to meet with the leader of a local Unitarian church, write a paper, and create a presentation. By doing this, we got to interact first hand with someone different than us and learn more about their belief system, which we might've never heard of before. In such a diverse country, this was incredibly important and impactful in my life because I always strive to be more accepting, respectful, and informed of other worldviews around me. Mrs. Wingerd has impacted my life in more ways than one, but this has specially equipped me for life outside of high school.

Leadership

**Matthew McClure**, child of Glen and Stephanie McClure, has enlisted into the U.S. Army.



McClure

**What's something you learned that you will take with**

**you after high school?** A classroom learning experience that I will not easily forget will be the time in my History class when we learned about World War II. We were being taught about the lives the soldiers lived daily and were reading their first-hand accounts. These things had always stuck out to me. They demonstrated a certain kind of heroism and brotherhood that I longed for. I admire the soldiers that fought so bravely, and I use them as encouragement for myself. I would say that time in class really helped me make my decision more sure that I needed to enlist. Learning America's history, in general, gave me a much greater sense of appreciation for our Constitution, civil liberties, and those who have fought for our freedom.

Math/The Sciences

**Rachel Rossi**, child of Joe and Jennifer Rossi, plans to major in Forensic Chemistry at West Virginia University, Morgantown, W.Va.



Rossi

**Top 3 achievements:** Summa cum laude, MSA Senior Scholarship winner, and Congressional nomination to the United States Air Force Academy.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?**

My most vivid learning experience comes from classroom Harkness discussions. This method of learning promotes the free expression of ideas and is used to lead students in a variety of topics ranging from a work of literature to the issues we face in the world today. Students learn a great deal about their classmates during these discussions; personal opinions and feel-

ings are brought to the surface and we are taught to see how others think. Students that participate in Harkness discussions are all expected to participate and take a stance on the matter at hand. By doing this, students learn a lot about themselves and are challenged to form opinions and stand by those opinions while respectfully listening to the beliefs and opinions of others. This method is an amazing part of the learning process and is one that will stay with me forever.

Vocational Education

**Abigail Stivers**, child of Nathan and Michelle Stivers, plans to major in Nursing at the Northern Iowa University.



Stivers

**Top 3 achievements:** High honor roll every year (summa cum laude), Salutatorian, and Academic All-State

2020 (Iowa).

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?**

A classroom learning experience that I will remember forever is participating in Harkness discussions over the material we had studied. A Harkness discussion is a teaching and learning method involving students seated in a large, oval configuration. This configuration allows students to discuss ideas in an encouraging, open-minded environment with only minimal teacher intervention. The Harkness discussions encourage students, such as myself, to think for themselves and learn to respect the opinions of others, even if they do not agree with you. I truly believe the Harkness discussions we had were a very effective form of learning, one that I will remember forever.

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MORRISON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Lindsey Houldson**, child of Greg and Debbie Houldson, plans to attend Illinois State University.



Houldson

**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar, Member of National Honor Society, and President of Key Club and Student Council

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One of the most difficult classes I have taken is AP Calculus. The first few weeks of class, I was really struggling. I became very frustrated because most of my other classes came easily to me. I wasn't used to the challenge I was given in calculus class. My calculus teacher, Mrs. Royer, told the class that calculus isn't meant to be easy and that we were going to be challenged more than what we were used to. I had to realize that not everything is meant to come easily. Something I will never forget is going from failing calculus quizzes to getting A's on my tests. Mrs. Royer helped teach me that in order to get better at something, you may have to struggle in the beginning. I had to put in a lot of hard work and spend extra time studying, but it paid off.

The Arts

**Gracen Harmon**, child of Paul and Jamie Harmon, plans to major in Art Education and Graphic Design at Sauk Valley Community College, Dixon, Ill. (and eventually) Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, Ill.



Harmon

**Top 3 accomplishments:** 2019 "Best of Show" Morrison Schools Art Show, Hon-

orable Mention in 2020 Wood-lawn Arts Academy Art Show, and my biggest achievement is creating shirt designs at my job for local events, businesses, groups, etc. This includes 4H, Paint The Town, the local swim club, and much more.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom experience that I will never forget is the first time I taught a class. At MHS, there is a new program called Education Pathway that allows senior students to experience and learn about the educational field in the subject of their choice. I chose art. One of the assignments for this class was to create a lesson plan and teach it. I will never forget the feeling of teaching a room full of eighth graders. I wasBut I also began to realize something: this is what I wanted to do with my life. I wanted to teach students about the greatness of art.

Humanities

**Nathan Mickley**, child of David and Tricia Mickley, plans to major in Actuarial Science at Illinois State University.



Mickley

**Top 3 achievements:** 2 time State Champion in Track and Field, 4 time State Medalist in Track and Field, and All State Academic Linebacker.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** The learning experience I have chosen came from my dual credit American Government class taught by Mr. Bartoz. He assigned a project allowing students to select an individual from history who was successful in having his or her bill passed into law. The person I se-

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lected was Howard Jarvis. Mr. Jarvis was from California and was upset with his high property taxes. He led a campaign which proposed a limit on property taxes. His idea was not popular with many politicians in California, but was loved by the people. His petition eventually received enough signatures and became a law. What I took away from this experience is that anything is truly possible if a person has enough determination and surrounds themself with people who share the same aspirations.

Leadership

**Taylor Stratton**, child of Kris Stratton and Amy O'Connor, plans to major in exercise science at Illinois State University.



Stratton

**Top 3 achievements:** National Honor Society, Kris Bielema Yours in Service Award, and Student Council Officer.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will always remember my spanish teacher, Mrs. Landes, because of her dedication to her students

and her kindness towards others. She tries to find the good in every person and situation. Her commitment to the school and her students is unwavering, even in a time like this. She was not only my teacher, but also an advisor for both student council and B.L.I.N.D. She always motivates me to work hard and do my best in everything I do, even when things are difficult. Mrs. Landes inspires me each day, and I will continue to look up to her long after high school.

Math/The Sciences

**Hannah Stralow**, child of Ken and Carol Stralow, plans to major in psychology and math at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.



Stralow

**Top 3 achievements:** Making it to state two years in a row for the scholastic bowl, making it into the National Honor Society two years in a row, and winning the National Choral Award this year.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One classroom experience I'll never forget is my Music Technology

class this year. I'd always been involved in music, both band, and choir, and it's always been one of my favorite hobbies. However, I'd never tried making my own music. I'll never forget the feeling of satisfaction after completing a song. Without this class and my teacher, I never would have discovered it. Mr. Sutton's constant support and his consistent belief in me, even when I didn't believe in myself, truly made an impact on me both as a musician and as a person.

Vocational Education

**Sophie Prombo**, child of Jim and Tonia Prombo, plans to attend Illinois State University.



Prombo

**Top 3 achievements:** MHS Math Award, Illinois State Scholar, and QC Vocational Education.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** The most memorable classroom experience I've had happened in my Sports Marketing class during my senior year. We were tasked with creating a product for our very own Shark Tank presentation, and it didn't go as smoothly as anticipated. My saving grace was my partner; she stood calm while all I could feel was the pounding in my chest. The panel of judges, which consisted of two students and our teacher, Mr. Stevenson, showed us no mercy. It might've been because we were the only girls in the class or because our product wasn't as great as we thought. I've been embarrassed while presenting before, but this one was more challenging than those from the past. I learned that it's okay to be wrong and criticism isn't always a bad thing. This class surprised me at every turn and looking back, it's been one of the most rewarding.

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Colton Holdgrafer**, child of Eric and Lisa Holdgrafer, plans to major in Animal Science- Pre-Vet at Iowa State University.



Holdgrafer

**Top 3 achievements:** Iowa FFA Degree Recipient, Graduating With High Honor (4.0 G.P.A.), and Iowa Southeast District Academic Achievement.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My high school journey has been one to remember for sure. However, the one classroom experience I will remember forever what happened senior year. Like everyone else, Covid-19 has changed the classroom experience. Being able to do school from home is different but interesting. Being able to wake up and go to school, without anyone judging you. In the past few weeks, I have really seen the true side of who my teachers are. It has been a great experience to not stress, look into the future, and have some fun with learning. I am grateful that I will always have these fun memories even though it has been a weird way to end my senior year.

The Arts

**Isabelle Clarke**, child of Alan and Kellee Clarke, plans to major in B.F.A. Musical Theatre and Marketing at Drake University.



Clarke

**Top 3 accomplishments:** John Philip Sousa Award, Presidential Award from Drake University, and getting accepted in the B.F.A at Drake University.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will never forget the memories I have made throughout hundreds of drama rehearsals, speech competitions, band classes, and choir concerts. There are unforgettable experiences that I will carry along with me for the rest of my days.

Humanities

**Laura Richards**, child of Michael and Lynn Richards, plans to major in Spanish, Foreign Language and Literature at the University of Iowa.



Richards

**Top 3 achievements:** Large Group and Individual Speech three time All-State Nominee, Future Business Leaders of America two time National Qualifier, and two time Best Actress for Musicals/Plays.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** In my time at Northeast, I have treasured experiences that will be completely and truly unforgettable no matter what I do, or where I end up. One thing I will never forget is taking my first big dual-enrolled online college credit class: Intro to Psychology. At the time, not only did I have to juggle my normal school work, extra-curriculars, and work, but then a college class too. Let me be first to tell you, I really struggled with this, which is what makes it so memorable because prior to this, things always came easy to me academically. Regardless, I think it opened me up to learning new approaches on how to manage time, resources, and how to gradually start a higher level of academic responsibility. With that, this experience, although rough at the time, is something I actually gained from, and will remember forever.

Leadership

**Grant Rickertsen**, child of Mary and Neil Rickertsen, plans to major in Actuarial Science at Kirkwood Community College.



Rickertsen

**Top 3 achievements:** Placing in two individual events at the state track meet, National Honor Society, and Iowa Degree (FFA).

**What's something you learned that you will take**

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**with you after high school?** An experience that has helped shape my philosophy is working at my part time job. I was introduced to the job during my work study program through my high school. I have worked at First Central State Bank for 8 months now as a teller. Through this experience I have learned many things but none as important as the large student loan debt many people live with throughout their lives. Because of this, I have made a point to make smart financial decisions in my upcoming future. From the college I choose to attend to the scholarships that are available throughout the course of my education. Ultimately, these decisions will impact how I live the rest of my life so in turn I do not have to worry about being financially burdened in the end.

Math/The Sciences

**Claire Abbott**, child of Shanan Cozzolino and Jon Abbott, plans to major in Environmental Sustainability at Drake University.



Abbott

**Top 3 achievements:** National Honor Society, Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award, and com-

peting at the Drake Relays.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** An educational experience I'll never forget wasn't necessarily one moment, it was something I have had to work at for many years. I was never a note-taker, I just kind of sat in class and listened. As I got older, and classes got significantly more difficult, I knew this way wouldn't work. Eventually, I had a teacher that required us to take color-coded notes. It took a lot of work, but after just one week of doing it, I learned so much more than the week before! Over time, I added more colors and my own style in how I took notes. It definitely didn't happen in one day, but my appreciation for color-coded notes skyrocketed. It has been valuable so far, and I know it will continue to be as I further my education.

Vocational Education

**Ty Schmidt**, child of Michael and Lorri Schmidt, plans to major in Carpentry-Building Trades at Northeast Iowa Community College, Peosta, Iowa.



Schmidt

**Top 3 achievements:** 8th in the state for wrestling, 4.00 GPA—1st in class, and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will always remember a story from Mr. Schoon about an old carpenter when a student asked if his project was 'good enough'. This man was one of the best carpenters around and when the time came to retire, his boss urged him to build one more house. He agreed and began constructing the house. But instead of taking more time on little problems, he said that it would be good enough and that he just wanted to get done. When the time came for the project to be passed to the owner, his boss handed him the keys and told him that for all the years of hard work, you have earned this. The man was overjoyed but also discouraged, for if he would have known this was going to be his house he would have spent more time making it perfect and not just 'good enough'.

Young Journalist

**Brooke Petersen**, child of Susan and Nathan Petersen, plans to major in Animal Science at Iowa State University.



Petersen

**Top 3 achievements:** All-State Speech, National Honor Society, and FBLA officer.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** When I look back to a moment that will always be in my memory is the first time I ever took pictures. I volunteered to take pictures at a varsity volleyball game and after my teacher looked at them she told me I had great potential of being a photographer. I never thought I would be good or enjoyed taking pictures, but throughout the year Ms. Pasker would always comment how much she enjoyed my photos and that gained my confidence. It was the start of something new for me.

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ORION HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Jamie Abbott**, child of Jason and Julie Abbott, plans to major in Agricultural and Biological Engineering at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Ill.



**Abbott**  
**Top 3 achievements:** Valedictorian, class president, and marching band drum major.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One of my most memorable school learning experiences taught me to "reach for the stars"—or, more accurately, it taught me to look to the stars. In kindergarten, we engrossed ourselves in astronomy. I remember collecting toilet paper tubes for weeks to create miniature telescopes with constellation cutouts on the ends. As an overall project for the unit, we kept star charts. The teacher gave us calendars to record which newly-learned constellations we saw, and, if we turned it in afterward, we received a full-sized Milky Way bar. I loyally spent each night looking to the stars, and the completion of this simple project showed me how empowering it felt to progressively work towards a goal and tangibly see the rewards. I also learned that Milky Way bars are delicious.

The Arts

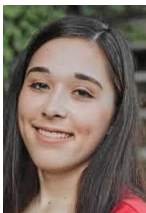
**Zoey Harris**, child of Cori Harris and Scott Harris, plans to study cosmology after graduation.



**Harris**  
**Top 3 accomplishments:** Senior Award Band and Choir, QC-Times The Arts Award, and Honor Roll.

Humanities

**Faith Ann Catour**, child of



**Catour**  
**Top 3 achievements:** High Honor Roll, Arion Award, and State

qualifier in Track.  
**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom learning experience I'll remember forever is in my English class when we'd always have class discussions. The thing that made these discussions so memorable was the fact that I got to hear my classmate's opinions on the topics at hand. My favorite discussion topic was about racial inequality. It was eye-opening to listen to my classmates as they told their opinions and their side of the argument. It's a rare opportunity to be able to sit down with people and respectfully state your opinions. Being in a small classroom surrounded by my classmates will always hold a special place in my heart. With the pandemic going on, it's important now better than ever to learn to never take anything for granted, because you never cherish something truly until it's gone.

Leadership

**Tyler Wilburn**, child of Rebecca and Chad Wilburn, plans to major in Marketing at Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Ill.



**Wilburn**  
**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar, Student Council President, and NHS President.  
**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom learning experience that I will remember forever is that in my journalism. This class always taught me new things while keep-

Class of 2020

Jamie Abbott, Calvin Armoska, Cain Bernhardt, Katelyn Border, Taylor Bradley, Sarah Bridgewater, Cameron Campbell, Isabella Caras, Faith Catour, Austin Coyne, Brenden Crose, Brady Daniel, Kyle DeBaillie, Luke DeBaillie, Drew DeKeyrel, Caden DeLoose, Ryan Dondanville, Benjamin Dunlap, Joshua Eastin, Eric Erdmann, Olivia Farwell, Grace Fenton, John Foley, Jordan Fricke, Wade Gardner, Desiree Goddard, Mackenzie Grafton, Christian Grems, Nicholas Hamilton, Lauren Handley, Zoey Harris, Reece Holst, Emily Houdyshell, Makenna Hull, Tanner Irey,

ing me engaged and entertained. I learned new skills and strengths that will last forever.

Math/The Sciences

**Jacob Kruse**, child of Jeremy and Amanda Kruse, plans to major in Engineering at Western Illinois University.



**Kruse**  
**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar, All-Area Soccer All-Star, and fourth-place state tournament finish

in baseball.  
**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** When most people think of a classroom, what usually comes to mind is lectures and note-taking. Learning is an important thing that school can offer, but sometimes the class material is not the only thing you can obtain in this environment. During my sophomore year in chemistry, my teacher was Mr. Slaton, who was retiring that year. A lot of my peers complained about his teaching style and the difficulty of his class that year. Although I became very familiar with hybridization and the periodic table, the conversations my classmates and I had at the end

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of the class with our teacher was what really stuck with me. Talking about the Mizzou football team or the time Mr. Slaton took a turn too fast in his car made something clear to me; the people and the connections you make with them is what is really important.

Vocational Education

**Reece Holst**, child of Chris and Leann Holst, plans to major in Communication Sciences and Disorders at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.



**Holst**  
**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar, Top Ten Percent of OHS Class of 2020, and three-time IHSA golf sectional qualifier.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I'll always remember the podcast assignment for my dual-credit English class this year. We had to have a 10-minute discussion with someone who disagreed with us on a chosen topic. However, this wasn't an argument or a way to inflate your ego, which is the way people often approach a "discussion." You had to actually listen to the other person and come to a good understand-

ing of their side, even if you still disagreed with them at the end. Previous to the assignment, I, like many people, was often guilty of approaching a conversation with a goal to win the debate, rather than gain an understanding of a belief that is different from mine. I will always remember this assignment as it taught me the importance of listening as a means to understand others and their beliefs.

Young Journalist

**Morgan Schroeder**, child of Thad and Veronica Schroeder, plans to attend Black Hawk College in Moline.



**Schroeder**  
**Top 3 achievements:** National Honor Society Junior and Senior year, participated in the state track meet track sophomore year, and maintained a high honor roll throughout her high school career.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** An experience I will never forget from high school is just being in Mrs. Kershaw's classroom. It was a place I could go for anything. I have been in her classroom every day of my high school career. She was my freshman English teacher, my journalism teacher three years in a row, and my study hall teacher for about 3 years. I love her classroom. It is so positive and uplifting. Not only did I learn about journalism and producing the yearbook in her classroom, I learned so much about my classmates and many life lessons that I will never forget. Throughout all the years in her classroom the one big takeaway I have is, if you find the right people to be around, high school will be over in the blink of an eye. I wish I could have gone into that classroom just one last time.

PRINCE OF PEACE CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Katie Gorden**, child of Anne and William Gorden, plans to major in Ecological Management and Restoration at the University of California Davis, Davis, Calif.



**Gorden**  
**Top 3 achievements:** IHSMA superior rating every year for solo performance on Oboe, Governor's Scholar Award, and National Honor Society.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** When I was in Kindergarten, I had an amazing principal. There was no doubt that he loved his job. At Halloween, he dressed in costume and converted the second story of the school into a haunted house; for the Christmas assembly, he dressed as Santa; and, for Mardi Gras, he made pancakes for everyone. However, what I remember most of all was when he brought his guitar to our classroom to sing with us. His visits were always a pleasant surprise. We would gather around him on the floor and he would play the guitar and teach us amusing songs. I have no doubt that my love of music began here.

The Arts

**Lauren Wisor**, child of James and Michelle Wisor, plans to major in Early Education at Clinton Community College.



**Wisor**  
**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** The classroom learning experience that I will forever remember is the Work Experience class that I took my senior year, I spent every

Class of 2020

Natasha Cody, Katherine Gorden, Evan Hessing, Nathan Moeller, Tae Park, Alexis Rickertsen, Gage Ruden, Gavin Stoddard, Evan Tiesman, Lauren Wisor.

day working with Kindergarteners and creating bonds that I will forever remember. This experience is what really finalized my choice to become a kindergarten teacher.

Humanities

**Evan Tiesman**, child of Kori Dietrick and Mitchell Tiesman, plans to major in Cinema at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa



**Tiesman**  
**Top 3 achievements:** Captain of a 1st place winning Quiz Bowl team, 2-time State IHSSA Speech qualifier, performed roles in four different plays.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My most important educational experience was taking Literature in Film my senior year. Before that, I never really saw movies as art. I knew, objectively, that they were, but my film experience was limited to watching poorly dubbed 70's and 80's Kung-Fu movies with my dad and the occasional blockbuster action flick with my friends in the theaters. Movies were art, sure, but at the time, to me, they were on a different level than things like books or theater or paintings. I took Literature in Film because I thought it would be fun to watch movies and write about them. I didn't think it would seriously change the way I look at

the medium as a whole. Ever since I finished that single-semester class, I haven't been able to look at movies the same way. Everything from Citizen Kane to whatever Marvel movie is in theaters this week is a complex series of logistical choices and artistic decisions that had to be made to get it on screen. Even movies that are "bad" are worth watching for me now because it's fascinating to see what a director has done and try to figure out why. The class pretty much single-handedly made me want to go into film, and it's the reason I'll be studying Cinema in the Fall.

Leadership

**Nathan Moeller**, child of David and Karen Moeller, plans to major in Mathematics or Computer Science at Saint Ambrose University.



**Moeller**  
**Top 3 achievements:** Member of the National Honor Society, scored a 28 on the ACT, and State qualifying team for basketball.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One experience that I will never forget took place in my junior year of high school. In my American history class, we all were assigned different decades for our final projects of the year. I was assigned two decades, which was the period of 1900-1920. These projects had to last all class, and our teacher left us to ourselves to teach our classmates. I saw this as an opportunity to show my creativity, including games, music examples, and popular trivia into my project. This project allowed me to realize what I am capable of doing by my self and showed that our teacher believed in all of us. I often look back on this ex-

perience when I am struggling with big essays or assignments because it helps me believe in myself.

Math/The Sciences

**Gavin Stoddard**, child of Lori and Tom Johnson, plans to major in Computer Engineering at Iowa State University.



**Stoddard**  
**Top 3 achievements:** CCC Quiz Bowl 2020 champion, 3.7 GPA, and four years of drama (sound and lighting), and two years soccer.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom experience I will remember forever is Minute Math. Back in second grade, there was a thing my class did called Minute Math, where you would have to solve about thirty math problems in a minute. The problems were not very hard, especially compared to the problems I do in math class today, but having to do them in under a minute proved to be a very fun challenge. It started simply at addition problems, and after successfully completing three of the Minute Maths, you would go to the next tier. I quickly rose through the various tiers of difficulty, to the point where it was around fifty problems instead of thirty and they were multiplication and division problems. Solving all of these problems in this short timespan gave me a rush and helped to cement a love of mathematics, which is why I will remember Minute Math forever.

Vocational Education

**Gage Ruden**, child of Rodney and Thea Ruden, plans to major in Agricultural Engineering at Iowa State University.

**Top 3 achievements:** High Honor Roll through all of high



**Ruden**  
**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** The classroom learning experience that I will always remember is when we tested the air all around the school to detect how much Carbon Dioxide was in the air in environment class. We had made a solute that when exposed to CO2 would turn to a different shade depending on how much it was exposed too. I'll never forget it because it was interesting to do an experiment related to our lives personally.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Being inducted into National Honor Society, and making it to the State Basketball tournament.

Young Journalist

**Alexis Rickertsen**, child of Chad and April Rickertsen, plans to major in Childhood Education at St. Ambrose University.



**Rickertsen**  
**Top 3 achievements:** CCC Quiz Bowl 2020 champion, 3.7 GPA, and four years of basketball.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I believe that every memory that I have gained at the Prince of Peace will stay with me forever. There isn't a particular moment that is any more important than another moment. I think the most important thing I will remember is the connections I have made with my fellow classmates. Each of us is different but when we're together we're a family. I believe that this connection is more important than any classroom experience.

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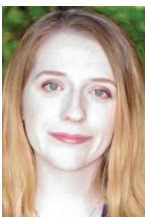
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QUAD CITIES CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Alexis Sebben**, child of Alan Sebben and Tonya Sebben, plans to major in Sonography at Scott Community College.



**Top 3 achievements:** Straight A's, Student Council, and Volleyball

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My favorite classroom learning experience was my History class. I was never really a fan of history, before. I really only studied it because I wanted a good grade in the class. My History teacher, Mr. Ventris changed that, he could tell these interesting stories that he knew off the top of his head and it reeled the class in. He also planned games and fun activities to help his students remember history. The best thing about his class was that we laughed and had fun learning. It did not feel like a traditional class, but something I wanted to do, even in my own free time. I started to enjoy learning about history, which for anyone who knows me, that was a miracle! His excitement and passion made history come to life for me. He really was the best teacher I ever had. I hope his future students will feel the same way when he teaches them.

The Arts

**Blake Kelsall**, child of Darrell and Nora Kelsall, plans to dual-major in Pastoral Leadership and Social Work at Manhattan Christian College & Kansas State in Manhattan, Kan.



**Top 3 accomplishments:** Class Salutatorian, MVP Soccer & Basketball 2019-2020, and ranked first in the school's Chess Club.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** My most memorable learning experience took place during my sopho-

Class of 2020

Quadrah Hamid Abdul-Rahman, Ashlie Boysen-Ledbetter, Abigail Clapper, Lydia Clarke, John Fialek, Diana Freed, Veronica Galanius, Adeline Higdon, Braden Houston, Logan Kale, Blake Kelsall, Keeho McKinley, Kaylee Poston, Alexis Sebben, Marilyn Varela

more year in Anatomy. It was in this class that I fully realized the complexities of the human body. Sophomore Anatomy strengthened my belief in creation and God as a whole. I excitedly learned all about the human body and decided that every intricate detail about the human body was not designed "by chance." One time, Mr. Ventris had us design a 3-D brain model out of anything we wanted. I decided to use Play-doh. I had an extremely hard time shaping it together. It helped me learn the intricacies/complexities of the human brain. Additionally, it once again validated for me the undeniable truth that God created all things.

Humanities

**Braden Houston**, child of Brian and Corrie Houston, plans to join the U.S. Navy.



**Top 3 achievements:** Chess Club, Soccer, and Piano Virtuoso.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Beyond a shadow of a doubt, this school taught me what it means to actually work and care. This school molded me into who I am. It goes as far as the teachers, my peers, my classes, and everything in between, that formed me into who I am. I can't quite put this lesson into one single experience, because there are so many. I have so many good memories from all of my classes and how much they taught me. The teachers and staff at QCCS have such a pure drive for growing each student individually. There isn't one person

who is excluded from the lessons and the care from the teachers and staff. I value so greatly what I have learned from this school, which is essential to care.

Leadership

**Ashlie Boysen-Ledbetter**, child of Noelle Boysen-Ledbetter and Jim Ledbetter, plans to major in Elementary Education and Youth Ministry with a minor in Exercise Science at Black Hawk College, Moline, and Emmaus Bible College, Dubuque, Iowa.



**Top 3 achievements:** Excellence in Leadership Award-Emerald award, DAR award, and Presidential Award for 2 years.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** There are so many experiences I will remember from so many things throughout my high school years, but leadership has to be the most memorable. With encouragement from teachers and the administration at my school and my 10 years in 4-H, I have learned the skills and the importance of being a good leader, a good role model and someone younger than me, will admire and can look up to. I was not always a leader. In middle school, I was extremely shy and introverted. With the guidance of my role models, I learned to have a voice, volunteer, and lead in different school events. as well as many events in my community. I strive daily to lead by example, and I am determined to be the best I can be. I want to help others to do the same while always being true to yourself. In my community, my job, or school. I have been truly blessed in my life, and I thank everyone who has helped me become the leader I am today.

Math/The Sciences

**Lydia Clarke**, child of Scott and Michelle Clarke, plans to attend Scott Community College where she will be playing soccer and studying Biology with plans



Clarke

to pursue a career in the medical field.

**Top 3 achievements:** Academic Honor Roll for all four years of my high school career, being honored as the Dispatch-Argus All-Area Pacesetter twice, and being named as a First Team athlete for the Quad-City Times All-Area team, the Dispatch-Argus All-Star Team, and the Northern Illinois Christian Conference team in soccer.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** It's difficult to narrow down the number of memorable experiences I've had at Quad Cities Christian School. There have been so many positive and impactful moments for me in high school. These range from learning so much about science and the human body, to really interesting stories and facts from Mrs. Wolf, to building an everlasting rapport with Mr. Nesseler by constantly tormenting him in our daily math class. All of my experiences with the teachers and faculty of Quad Cities Christian Schools have served to leave a lasting impact on my life, spiritually, academically, and personally and I'm extremely grateful to have gone to school there and cherish these valuable experiences and relationships.

Vocational Education

**John Fialek**, child of David and Karen Fialek, plans to major in Mechanical or Aerospace Engineering, starting at Black Hawk College.



**Top 3 achievements:** Scholar-Athlete (Soccer), Eagle Award (all A's), and over 900 community service hours.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One classroom memory I will never

forget was from World History during my sophomore year with Mr. Ventris. After we finished studying the ancient civilizations, he had us create our own and present them on a PowerPoint. Once everyone had finished presenting their civilizations, he made it into a strategy game, where all of our civilizations were on a map, and we battled it out to see which civilization, or alliance, would end at the top. I formed a four-way alliance with three of my friends, Logan, Lexi, and Abigail. By the end of the quarter, when it ended, my alliance was the only one left that still had all of its member nations still intact.

Young Journalist

**Adeline Higdon**, child of the Rev. Gerald and Amy Higdon, plans to major in Applied Linguistics at Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.



**Top 3 achievements:** RYLA, Eagle Award, and Cheer Captain

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I have been very lucky to be able to go to QCCS, a school where I have made some fabulous friends and learned some very valuable information that helped me determine my path for life. One of the best lessons that I have learned in the classroom is how to learn. QCCS has classes that challenge students to truly learn while having staff that support them through all areas of their lives. This well-developed foundation encouraged me and my classmates to grow and learn at new paces without fear of failure. The advanced classes have taught me how to challenge myself to grow intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally. While many may not see this as a single classroom experience, the support of the school to reach each of the students and push them to new heights of education is beyond comparison. I have been very blessed to be able to grow up in the midst of this structure, truly learning how to learn.

RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Hope Jackson**, child of Todd and Laura Jackson, plans to major in pre-medicine and Biochemistry at Augustana College, in Rock Island.



**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar, state medalist in basketball, and a 3-time state medalist in track and field (discus).

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One class I will always remember is anatomy class with Mr. Boucher because it inspired me to study pre-medicine and biochemistry. This class amazed me because it broke down the functions and parts of the complex and fascinating human body. Weekly lab dissections intrigued me because I was able to have an up-close look at different organs, bones, and tissues. My favorite organ was the heart, which has inspired me to practice cardiovascular medicine. But this anatomy class has taught me much more than the functions and parts of the human body, it has taught me what kind of person I want to become. I have learned I need to be a competitive, yet compassionate person with a motivation to help people. I need to be a person who always gives my best effort and realizes that struggles truly define a person and are the way toward success.

The Arts



Kline

**Haley Kline**, child of Rebecca and Bradley Kline, plans to major in Music Education at Clarke University, Dubuque, Iowa.

**Top 3 accom-**

**plishments:** Best Pit Member Award (2018), 2020 IMPACT Award River Valley Regional Blood Center, and 110% Award for Speech.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** In my time being highly involved in the arts programs at Riverdale, I have been through many experiences doing what I love most; making music and performing with my fine arts family. Along with band and choir, I was also involved in theater all four years of high school and I can say I will truly miss and remember everything we worked on and accomplished for years to come. Personally, what I will remember the most is our production of The Little Mermaid last fall. My amazing directors, Brittany Harris, and Matthew Reece had faith and pushed me to come out of my shell and to shine on stage as Flounder. After three months and what felt like endless rehearsals, we all performed 5 amazing shows and because of this experience, I decided to change my original Elementary Education major to Music Education to pursue a career in teaching students about music.

Humanities

**Lauren Anderson**, child of Nick and Amy Anderson, plans to major in Communication Sciences and Disorders at Augustana College, Rock Island.



**Top 3 achievements:** Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, Illinois State Scholar, Augustana College's Departmental Open House, and Scholarship Competition Winner for Communication Sciences and Disorders

**What's something you learned that you will take with**

Class of 2020

Tristan Altensey, Lauren Anderson, Rathina Ballard, Owen Beckett, Madison Bier, Kaitlyn Bode, Madison Bonertz, Douglas Bruner, Caden Bukowsky, Cameron Bundy, Rylee Burbridge, Ryan Bussert, Tyler Carroll, Kaley Clemann, Douglas Cody, Kristen College, Jackson Davis, Kelsey Doty, Madalyn Dwyer, Carson Ebenroth, Jake Engebretson, Matthew Fox, Sidney Garrett, Addison Gelande, Devin Gephart, Audrey Graham, Trace Graham, Sydney Grau, Victoria Gray, Jared Griffin, Hannah Herrman, Marina Hinde, Matthew Horsman, Hannah Houston, Faith Jackson, Hope Jackson, Taecie Johnson, Makenzie Jones,

**you after high school?** The most impactful and memorable classroom learning experience I had in high school occurred during my junior year when I needed additional assistance in my Chemistry II class. Although I performed well in this subject, I was struggling with a particular chapter. My teacher offered to further explain the topics within this unit and provide extra problems after school to aid perplexed students. As much as I desired to rush home after my classes concluded, I was determined to remain on campus and truly understand the confusing chemistry concepts. As one of four students who stayed, I received individualized help that allowed the material to finally "click." With the generosity of my teacher and my self-discipline, I was able to ace the test and, more importantly, realize the value of fully comprehending the curriculum.

Leadership

**Hannah Prigge**, child of Scott and Julie Prigge, plans to major in Nursing at Illinois State, Normal, Ill.

Haley Kline, Caleb Larson, Kai Litchfield, Matthew Lowe, Madison Maring, Cameron Mason, Olivia Mayo, Alecea Mendoza, Griffin Miller, Ava Minnaert, James Montoya, Olivia Mosher-Watson, Taryn Oppendike, Kailyn Peterson, Elias Pettit, Ella Pettit, Audrey Ponce-Stout, Hannah Prigge, Colton Reiman, Noah Rozeboom, Maxwell Schneider, Josie Scovel, Dreyven Seams-Sheldon, Nicholas Sidor, Brooke Smeltzly, Jason Smith, Jeffrey Staken, Geneva Stuart, Sophia Swift, Kathryn Vroman, Emma Wainwright, Grace Wainwright, Andrew Walker, Riley Walls, Corey Weaver, Max Weiss, Wyatt Wilkins, Gabriel Willems, Ashlynn Wilson, Linnea Wuest, Breanna York.



Prigge

**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar, Summa Cum Laude, and National Honor Society President.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I have had a very rewarding and memorable high school experience at RHS. I am grateful for all of my amazing teachers, but I will always remember the experiences that I had with Ms. Haley Bugos. I have known that I want to pursue a career in the medical field, but her anatomy class further inspired me. Whether we were dissecting, lecturing, or playing anatomy games, Ms. Bugos worked hard to make sure that we were learning as much as possible to be prepared for anatomy in college. I have always felt that she believes in me and wants to see me succeed.

Math/The Sciences

**Sydney Grau**, child of Tony and Angie Grau, plans to major in



Grau

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** It is so hard for me to pick just one favorite classroom experience, but many of my most favorite memories in class has been in Mr. Campbell's Chemistry and Physics classes. These classes are always a blast and usually ended up with the class discussing a random topic that someone brought up during the lesson. While in class with Mr. Campbell, students are pushed to discover and learn the material in practical ways that will help us greatly in the future. Additionally, Chemistry and Physics classes are always exciting for me because I am so interested in learning about these subjects! Mr. Campbell has definitely been a huge part of almost every student at Riverdale High School, especially mine.

Vocational Education

**Matt Lowe**—No information submitted.

Young Journalist

**Addison Gelande**, child of Craig Gelande and Lora Gelande, plans to major in Sport and Exercise Science at Wisconsin Lutheran College, Milwaukee, Wisc.



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**Top 3 achievements:** Second Team All-Conference for Softball, Yearbook Award Junior Year, and

RAM Award Junior Year  
**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** The main learning experience that I will take away from Riverdale High School and remember for the rest of my

life will be taking Mr. Campbell's classes. I took Chemistry with him my sophomore year, Chem 2 my junior year, and Physics my senior year. In each class, he taught me useful information while providing a safe and comfortable learning en-

vironment. Additionally, he taught me to be patient, hard-working, and open-minded. I always looked forward to attending his class because it was the highlight of my day due to the class being constantly filled with fun conversations and learning new

information that made my brain hurt. Without Mr. Campbell and his classes, I believe I would not be the student I am today. I will forever be extremely thankful for Riverdale giving me the opportunity to take his classes.

RIVERMONT COLLEGIATE CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Anna Senjem**, child of Fere-lith and Jason Senjem, plans to major in Physics at the University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, Calif.

**Top 3 achievements:** National Merit Scholar Finalist, Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award and Scholarship, and AP Scholar with Honor.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom experience I will remember forever is when my Anatomy teacher took our class to a cadaver lab last year. Not only were we studying and performing dissections in class, but we also got to see a real cadaver lab, linking our dissections on animals to dissections on humans. Even though it made me feel uncomfortable, that hands-on experience was fascinating. This year, the same teacher gave us the opportunity to travel to Chicago to attend the Society for Neuroscience meeting. We listened to fascinating lectures from world-class neuroscientists and engaged with scientists in the poster session. It was incredible to see how vastly different areas of research such

Class of 2020

Qudratullah Bahramee, Harrison Brown, Ivy Chen, Vanessa Fuentes, Chirag Gowda, Edith Jia, Roy Liu, Geoffrey Moyer, Dwira Nandini, Jozef Porubcin, Anna Senjem, Patrick Wang, Winnie Wang.

as artificial intelligence and cancer can both connect to neuroscience. Relating such different areas together is important to me because I have so many different interests. Connecting the classroom to the outside world impacted me the most at school.

The Arts

**Qudratullah Bahramee**—No information submitted.

Humanities

**Harrison Brown**, child of Todd Brown, Shalar and Ed Knupp, plans to major in Pre-Physical Therapy-Biology at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa.

**Top 3 accomplishments:** Selected for the 2018 Hugh O' Brian Youth (HOBY) state leadership seminar, varsity basketball team

captain for the past 2 years, and I attended the Knovva MG20 summit 2019, in Beijing.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** In 9th grade, while we were getting ready for that year's National History Day competition, my group and I had to finish recording our audio for our documentary. Even though we were getting down to the last couple of weeks before the competition and had to get this finished quickly, we were still having fun while trying to get it recorded. Whenever we would mess up we would just laugh it off and try again, and that taught me that you can still have fun while working on academics.

Leadership

**Dwira Nandini**, child of Dr. Bhaswati Gangopadhyay and Mr. Pratim Pathak, plans to major in Psychology at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

**Top 3 achievements:** National Honors Society Secretary, Teens for Tomorrow Member, and Ambassador Club President.

**with you after high school?** It has been said in many ways that experience is the classroom of life, ethics, and rules. Experiences such as the one I had at the Model G20 Conference in China were my biggest presentation of life outside of my comfort zone, at first scary but then blissful.

In China, I learned how to negotiate, talk diplomatically, and learned about the economy of the world in the classes and morning seminars given by inspirational leaders and teachers. We had assignments to complete before conferences touching on the vast world of trade and politics. Outside of these classes, I pushed myself to make connections and friends from all over the world, many of whom I keep in touch with even a year after the event. There, at the conference, I first realized that connections are powerful tools that can help in all walks of life.

Leadership

**Geoffrey Moyer**—No information submitted.

Math/The Sciences

**Jozef Porubcin**, child of Michal Porubcin and Chae Hee Porubcin, plans to major in Com-



Porubcin

puter Science at the University of Notre Dame.

**Top 3 achievements:** Trustee Family Scholarship (Notre Dame Merit Scholarship), National Merit Finalist, and an AP Scholar with Distinction.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** It was my Junior year of high school at the time, and it was the first day of school. I remember walking into the Physics classroom with my classmates, and I took a seat and waited for class to begin. It was that day that our teacher asked us all, "So why did you choose to take Physics?" I had never previously thought about my choice to take the class, surprisingly, but this question prompted me to consider the purpose of school and the reason for my learning.

Ever since then, I decided to learn for the sake of improving myself, and I've noticed this kind of "philosophy" has helped me find more motivation to study hard at school. Thanks to Dr. G., my physics teacher, I discovered what I am passionate about learning more about, and I look forward to being able to further pursue my major in college.

ROCKRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2020

Academics

**Brianna Dinnon**, child of Brian and Kim Dinnon, plans to major in Music Technology, Culver-Stockton College, Canton, MO.

**Top 3 achievements:** Drum Major—Marching Band, Academic High Honors, and Vice President of National Honors Society.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will always remember my time in Spanish. Every day, we would listen to songs and do different activities that made learning seem less like a chore. While not having worksheets was nice, it was more fun being able to have conversations with the teachers in Spanish that we could either relate to or have fun with. Having Spanish within my schedule was definitely a highlight to my days in high school and I wish I could take the señoras with me to college.

The Arts

**Alexandra Minyard**, child of John and Katie Minyard, plans to major in Acting and Directing and Psychology at Baldwin Wallace University, Berea, Ohio.

**Top 3 accomplishments:** Color guard choreographer and captain, Rotary Student of the Month of November, and any time I got the opportunity to be on stage sharing my passion with others.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will never forget my first year of choir, theater, and band in high school. I was completely enamored by the pure energy and love of the arts in the music depart-

ment. I had never been around so many people who shared a passion for what I love most in the world. The arts gave me so much: theater gave me a place where I could be anyone, anywhere, the choir gave me a voice that I thought I had, but I really had no idea, and the band gave me some of the best friends I have ever made. If I wouldn't have had such an impactful freshman year, I could have left my passion behind and missed out on more things than I can count. I am forever grateful for the teachers and classmates that encouraged me to do what I love, no matter what obstacles got in my way.

Humanities

**Phoebe Joy**, child of Dustin and Melissa Joy, plans to major in English and Music at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN.

**Top 3 achievements:** Illinois State Scholar, Milan Rotary Student of the Month (December), and ILMEA All-State Band (Principal Oboe).

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One of my favorite memories from school actually happened outside of the classroom. Mrs. Neece (my government teacher) offered the seniors in her classes the opportunity to become certified election judges. Those of us who were interested took a "field trip" to the county clerk's office and completed a training course to become certified. Later, I put this knowledge to work as an election judge in Rock Island County. It was a great experience to not only learn about government and how it works but also to get to participate in it at the local level. This was made possible through the help and encouragement of my school's teachers and staff.

Class of 2020

Blake Adamson, Kolby Aring, Rosalind Bain, Emilee Baker, Daniel Begyn, Drake Bevens, Robert Bickle, Isabel Buckrop, Tyler Casey, Destiny Chard, Megan Cornwell, Joseph Dailing, Hailee Dehner, Mason DeKeyrel, Libby Dierikx, Lane Dieterich, Brianna Dinnon, Ella Douglas, Mackenzie Douglas, Imogen Duchesneau, Daniel Durham, Keaton Enright, Samantha Finley, Lillie Fitzgerald, Thomas Fratzke, Mia Freyermuth, Ethan Fuller, Carter Gauley, Ethan Heymann, Tyler Hilligoss, Megan Hoag, Tori Hofer, Abbie Hofmann, Cobin Hofmann, Ethan Holbert, Grace Irwin, Blake Johnson, Corrine Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, Hunter Johnson, William Johnson, Katie Jones, Grant Jorgensen, Phoebe Joy, Tyler Kibling, Cain

Leadership

**Mackenzie Reimers**, child of Jim and Carrie Reimers, plans to major in Communication Studies at Black Hawk College, in Moline, and then transfer to Illinois State University, Normal, Ill.

**Top 3 achievements:** 2020 Illinois State Scholar, going to the IHSA Softball State Finals two years in a row, and placing 1st and 3rd, and three top 3 finishes in the Class B Music Sweepstakes.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** During my sophomore year, I was in an Advanced English II class. Every day we would do what our teacher called vitamins. They were short lessons about spelling or formatting that we would need to use as we leave school and go into the real world. There were some vitamins that I already knew, but I learned so many new skills that year. At the time, most of my class did not think it was something they would need ever

Kilcoin, Alexandria Krueger, Dallas Krueger, Ethan Lamp, Alyssa Landi, Shelby Lantau, Kassidy Liggett, Elizabeth Lilliman, Justin Long, Emma Longcor, Adrian Martinez, Chandler Massey, Payton Mast, Samantha McManus, Alexis Michael, Jacob Mier, Alexandra Minyard, Logan Morehead, Ethan Mortenson, Preston Neece, Louis Nipper, Alaitaia Nordick, Brian Parchert, Tanner Perkins, Nolan Price, Mackenzie Reimers, J Adrian Reyes, Joseph Riccio, Brexton Rogers, Rachel Roman, Madisyn Rowe, Josiah Ruiz, Gracie Ryckaert, Rebecca Schroeder, Kylee Simon, Eleanor Sullivan, Karl Svoboda, Colin Swailes, Kaitlyn Taylor, Rhyse Thompson, Mason Thorpe, Nolan Throne, Allison Vail, Gabriel Vroman, Mitchell Watson, Emily Williams, Dalton Workman, Nikolas Zarlatanes

again, but I still use those lessons to this day.

Math/The Sciences

**Kolby Aring**, child of Travis and Krista Aring, plans to major in Mechanical Engineering at Iowa State University.

**Top 3 achievements:** High Honors every year in high school, part of National Honor Society, and chapter historian for NHS.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One classroom experience that I will never forget occurred in Consumer's ed. It is not a funny experience but rather a useful one. Consumer's ed has been my favorite class because we learn so much in that class that applies to our future. In most other classes, you learn stuff that you will forget about after high school or college. However, I remember the day we talked about investing and it just has always stuck with me. The different technological

terms and everything else. I know I won't forget about this because it is a topic that has always been of interest to me.

Vocational Education

**Carter Gauley**, child of Donnie and Joche Gauley, plans to major in Aerospace Engineering at Iowa State University.

**Top 3 achievements:** Milan Rotary Student, DAR Citizenship Award, and Illinois State Scholar.


**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One of the greatest learning experiences I had regarding my vocational classes would have been in my agriculture class. It was a series of days but my class, with the help of my teacher, and a professor from Kirkwood College built a hydroponics system. Each of us students got the opportunity to work hands-on with the materials and instructions to create our very own hydroponics system for the agriculture classes. We had some mishaps but overall it was a great way for everyone to learn about the cycle of the system and how it works.

Young Journalist

**Colin Swailes**, child of Melissa Verplaetse and Jason Verplaetse, plans to major in Nursing at Black Hawk College and then transferring to Trinity College of Nursing.


**Top 3 achievements:** I was in wrestling, show choir, and choir.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Something that I have learned in the classroom is not to get into any drama, even if you get into the middle of it between friends. It's not worth it.



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## to the Moline High School Graduates Class of 2020!



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CLASS OF 2020 WEST BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL

Academics

**Kaiya Luneckas**, child of Tony and Heidi Luneckas, plans to Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, MO.

**Top 3 achievements:** Academic All-Conference for all five varsity sports, President of National Honors Society, and Honor Roll each semester freshman through senior year.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A learning experience that I will carry with me is to give 100% effort, no matter how terrifying or difficult the task. I learned this lesson from my mother when I was home-schooled and have been able to apply it to all aspects of life. This lesson reminds me to do everything to the best of my ability. Challenging moments arise every day; it is from these challenges that we become the best versions of ourselves. In today's time, it is simpler to go through life indifferently, but in the end, it is those who go the extra mile that will be rewarded for all their hard work.

The Arts

**Taylor Boelk**, child of Amy and Brian Boelk, plans to major in Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Georgia

**Top 3 accomplishments:** WBHS Honor Roll (2016-2020), River Valley Conference Academic All-State, and National Honor Society Vice President.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One of my most memorable learning experiences began when I signed up for my first art class. As the class came to an end, my teacher, Ms. McCarthy, asked if I wanted to move to the Advanced Art class. Upon starting the class, I was asked to brainstorm some ideas. Drawing

portraits was always something I wanted to master, but with every try, I got frustrated and gave up. One day, I showed Ms. McCarthy what I wanted to do. She told me I would easily be able to do that, but I didn't believe her. The next day, she showed me a simple technique and something just clicked! That portrait ended up being one of my favorite pieces I've ever done. Not only did I learn that asking for help is never a bad thing, but I also learned that I can do anything I put my mind to.

Humanities

**Matthew Whaley**, child of Chad and Amanda Whaley, plans to major in Architecture at Iowa State University.

**Top 3 achievements:** National Honor Society, making it to State for baseball, and 2019-2020 Conference Championship in basketball.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will never forget our field trip during J-Term to Indian Creek Nature Center, Cedar Rapids. We did a lot of good for the Center that day. That day taught me what it is to be a good citizen.

Leadership

**Maddie DeJong**, child of Darian and Renee DeJong, plans to major in Accounting at Dordt University, Sioux Center, Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** Honor Roll all four years, 4.0 GPA all four years, and being an officer in the Student Government and National Honor Society.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will always remember being a student director in my show choir class senior year. My responsibilities

Class of 2020

Bre BarbouRoske, Aubrey Baylor, Jason Beuter, Taylor Boelk, Breanna Braun, Kinsey Burmeister, Davin Camacho, Iziah Carmichael, Regina Casco, Alen Cooper, Madeline DeJong, Molly Donovan, Dakotah Dresden, Trey Eagle, Brady Edge, Peter Espensen, Kylee Fettkether, Wyatt Goodale, Kylea Greve, Ben Grundermann, Carl Heick, Joshua Heilmann, Mackenzie Heise, Jarrett Holbert, Cameron Howsare, Brad Hunger, Dakota Kaalberg, Adeline Kenlin, Issak Klinkkammer, Zachary Linn, Tanner Lukavsky, Kaiya Luneckas,

Samuel Marcy, Kristian Nalan, Connor Norfleet, Mia Olson, Matthew Paulsen, Dalyn Peder-sen, Mikayla Prusha, Allen Reed, Rochell Reed, Jayden Robb, Jack Robertson, Jacob Rogers, Nathan Rogers, Matthew Rummelhart, Sarah Scheer, Olivia Schultes, Victoria Skansen, Maycee Smith, Nathaniel Swisher-Hintz, Jackson Taylor, Taylor Thein, Benjamin Tisinger, Evan Tustin, Sydney VanTrump, Jaylen Votroubek, Barrett Walsh, Jonathan Wargo, Abbie Waterman, Matthew Wha-ley, Rylee Wiles-Miller, Zachary Wright, John Yates Jr., Alex Zamu-dio.

were to run rehearsals when our teacher was absent, communicate announcements, be a liaison between students and faculty, and to be a student advocate for show choir. I quickly realized how being a strong, reliable leader requires taking the extra steps in order to fulfill your duties and to prove your credibility to the group. Leading such a large group can be quite challenging at times, so it is extremely important for your team to trust you. This experience truly defined and sharpened my leadership skills and taught me the importance of trustworthiness and effective communication.

Math/The Sciences

**Johnathan Wargo**, child of Brad and Barbara Wargo, plans to major in Engineering at the United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, New York.

**Top 3 achievements:** Hills' Bank Youth Salute Nominee, National Honor Society, and Varsity Track Captain.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will always remember my Show Choir experience. I helped lead classes and learned how to moti-

vate others to succeed. I realized that I needed to draw on other people's strengths to compensate for my weaknesses. I took on leadership roles like Boys' Captain which involved scheduling and leading outside practices. During my senior year, I was the Student Director. It required a lot of problem-solving skills to help inspire others to follow my lead. I realized that making things fun, being considerate, and thankful goes a long way. Building strong relationships with my peers was a big key to our success.

Vocational Education

**Peter Espensen**, child of Brian and Janet Espensen, plans to major in Agricultural Business at Kirkwood Community College.

**Top 3 achievements:** Making the Dean's list for my college class my senior year through Kirkwood, selection to the first team elite River Valley Conference baseball team, committed to play baseball at Kirkwood Community College.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** In my Kirkwood class at the Johnson County regional center this year I learned how to to weld. This is

something I will never forget. It is very nice for me to have this skill for the career field that I plan to pursue. Having the ability to weld is important for farming, seeing as sometimes things have to be fixed and it is important to be able to fix things yourself. This saves time and money for your business.

Young Journalist

**Abbie Waterman**, child of Andrew Waterman and Julie and

John Hierseman, plans to major in Interior Design at Iowa State University,

**Top 3 achievements:** I participated in the Hills Bank Youth Salute Program in the summer of 2019. In the Youth Salute program, the top students from area schools participated in an application, photo-shoot, interview, and award ceremony. I received the Silver Tap Scholarship from my dance teacher at Liberty Dance Center in West Liberty, Iowa. This allowed for free tuition for a full year of dance classes. I was selected as co-editor-in-chief of my school's newspaper two years in a row by my advisor. I was also voted as senior class president.

**What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will always remember the time spent in either of my Spanish teachers' classrooms. The two women are extremely important to me. They instilled a love of Spanish in me that will last forever. I enjoy learning about a new language and culture. Not only are they great at teaching Spanish, but they encouraged their students to be the best version of themselves. They see the good in their students and get to know everyone individually. Whenever I am asked who some of my role models are, they pop into my head. I will leave their classrooms a better person and I know I will never be able to effectively thank them for that.

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**Jacob Reifert**, the son of Daniel and Yvonne Reifert, plans to major in Computer Science and Engineering at the University of Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** National Honor Society, Governor's Scholar, Silver

**What is something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One classroom learning experience that I'll never forget was my independent study class. I focused on learning more about music theory and deciding my major and career path. I was able to express my own creativity through music as well as learn more about the fundamentals of music theory. Mrs. Hewitt, my independent study advisor, helped me whenever I had questions about my career, college, or music theory since she was a music major. I feel more confident in myself and my future because of that class.

The Arts

**Scott Martin**, the son of Michael and Clarissa Martin, plans to major in chemistry at Central College.

**Top 3 achievements:** Track, Dance and Young Life

**What is something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** During junior year I had the awesome opportunity to be a part of our school's contemporary literature class. It was one of the best experiences that I have had in my high school career. In the class, we were introduced to books and

stories about communities and cultures across the United States that aren't often taught about in modern schooling. We talked about topics such as diversity, sexuality, disabilities, sexism, among other topics. It was really interesting to learn about because coming from small-town Iowa we might now know how diverse the world around us really is.

Humanities

**Lillian Wyatt**, the daughter of Angela & Ted Morrison and Pete Wyatt, plans to major in graphic design at Iowa State University.

**Top 3 achievements:** National Honor Society, student council vice president, and 2-time individual state speech qualifier.

**What is something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I really loved the mock campaign/election in our senior government class. It was a great opportunity to work alongside my classmates in preparation for the various events and tasks that would be expected of a real presidential candidate. It helped us understand our own political views and the 2020 election. It's a semester that I will always consider one of my favorites.

Leadership

**McKenzie Pallischeck**, the daughter of Charlotte and DeWayne Pallischeck, plans to major in Nursing at Muscatine Community College, Muscatine, Iowa

**Top 3 achievements:** Volunteer and work at Wilton Retirement Com-

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munity, number one in class, Editor of the school newspaper

**What is something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will always remember the debate simulation we did in the senior government class. We were put into different political groups and had to create a real debate. I got really close to the people in my group and I learned a lot about the way politicians run for the presidency. In the end, my group did not win, but I will remember all of the activities that we did and all of the fun we had campaigning. This kind of hands-on experience is what I will remember for the rest of my life and actually take it with me into the real world.

Math/The Sciences

**Karlie Schult**, the daughter of Tara and Roger Oien and Kevin Schult, plans to major in Nursing at Muscatine Community College, Muscatine, Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** National Honor Society, Principals Leadership Award, President's Award for Educational Achievement.

**What is something you**

**learned that you will take with you after high school?** One experience that I will never forget is being an elementary student mentor. I was assigned to a third-grade class and a preschool class during my time in high school. While in the third-grade classroom I was given a list of students to tutor during my time in the classroom. I spent 90 minutes every other day individually working with each of the students having them read to me and helping them with math homework. Those students gave me a fresh outlook on life because of how young and carefree they were. They also help increase my patience. This is an experience that I will never forget because of their smiling faces when they felt so confident in their work.

Vocational Education

**Samuel Nelson**, the child of Cory and Dawn Nelson, plans to major in Marine Repair Technician at Wisconsin Indian Head Technical College.

**Top 3 achievements:** Won a Silver medal in Dek Hockey, Choir class officer, and made toys for the elementary students.

**What is something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** In Mr. Grunder's senior life skills class, we discussed how to navigate the difficult emotional transition out of high school. Not everyone will handle it the same, but you have the ultimate control over making yourself feel better. Mr. Grunder really made this concept click for me. He found a way to help us understand and engage in class. The lesson came at a perfect time for me. I am also thankful for everyone who took the time to teach me.

Young Journalist

**Kayla Hildreth**, the child of Chad Hildreth, plans to major in Psychology at the University of Iowa.

**Top 3 achievements:** Yearbook Editor, 4x Honor Roll, Academic All-Conference

**What is something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom experience I'll remember forever is my Modern U.S History class with Mr. Grunder. More specifically when we went through a simulation of the Vietnam War junior year. Mr. Grunder and a few helpers completely transformed the room to simulate the jungles that those involved in the war would have fought it. There was a mission where you had to find top-secret papers while also encountering things in the jungle such as animals, "grenades", and Viet-Cong. It was pitch black in the room and you could hardly see your hand in front of your face. It was one of the most fun things I have ever done within school hours but also probably the scariest. That history class showed me how fun being a student at Wilton was.

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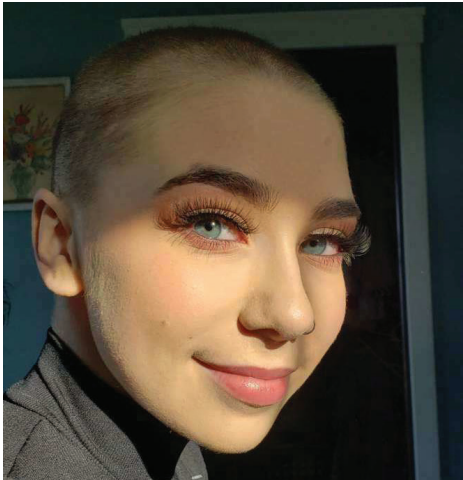
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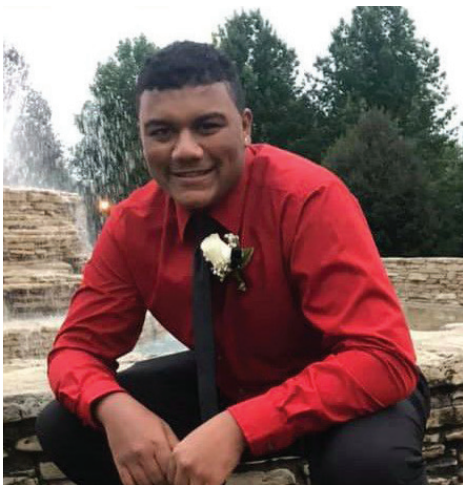
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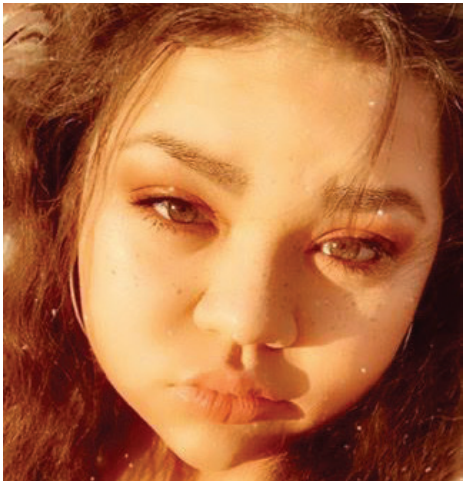
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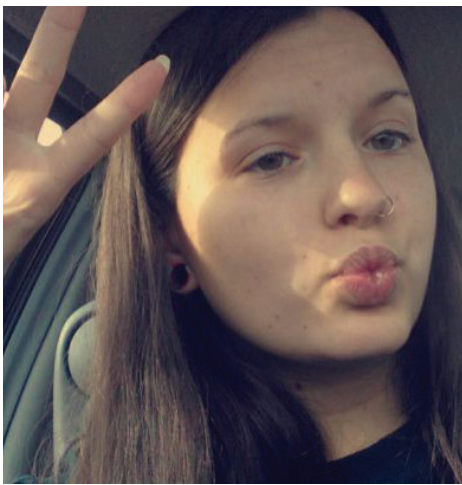
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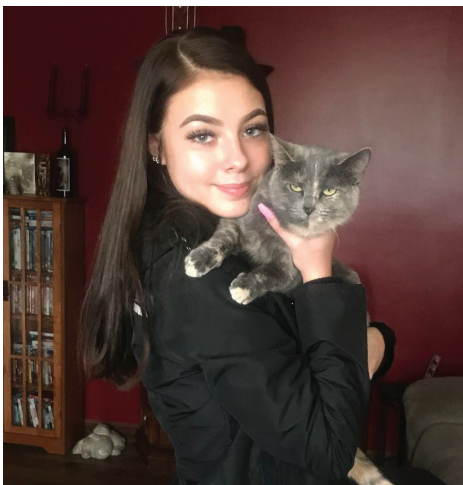
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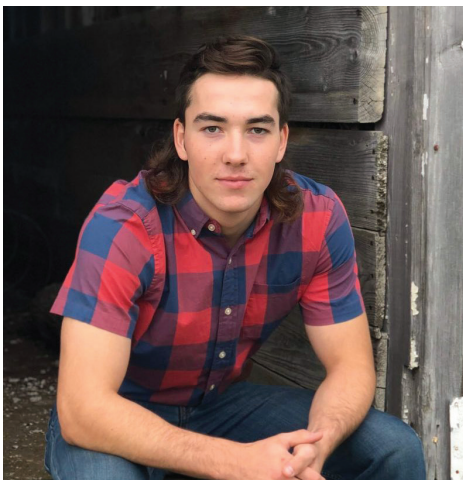
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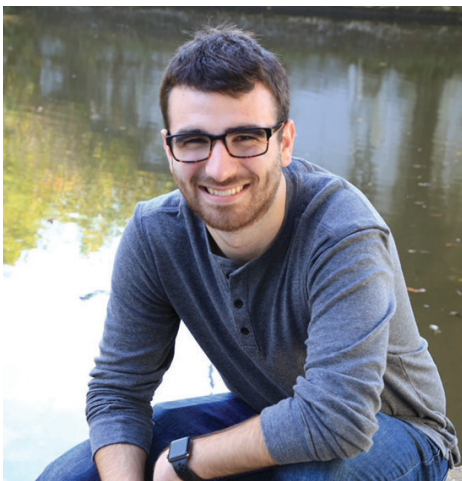
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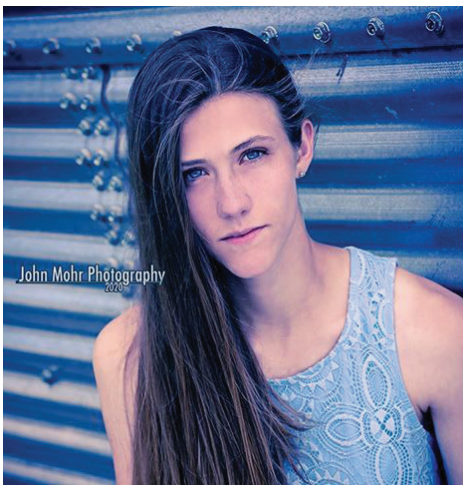
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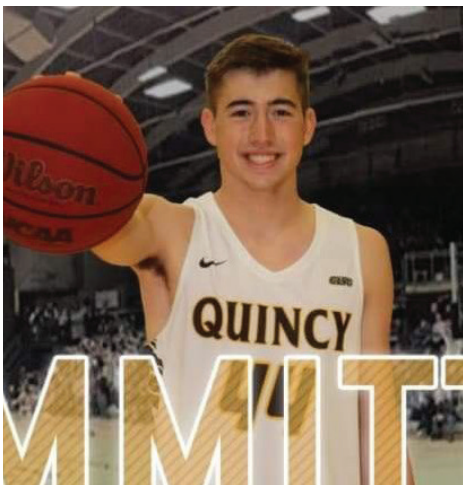
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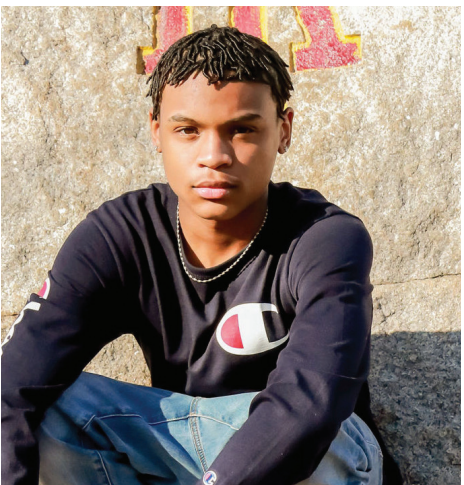
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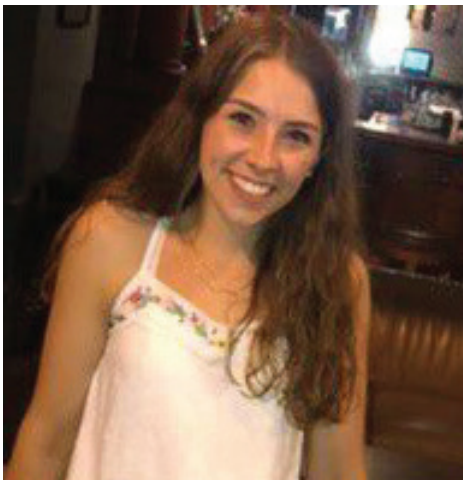
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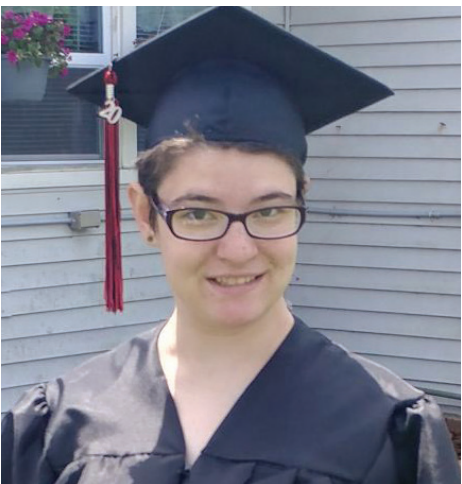
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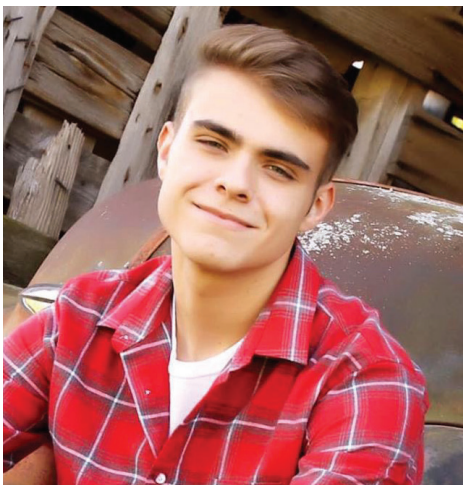
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**Seth Adrian**  
Assumption senior

A Class 3A second team all-state linebacker, Adrian compiled more than 210 career tackles and was the Quad-City Times All-Metro defensive player of the year last fall. On the wrestling mat, the 220-pounder registered a 37-3 record, had a team-high 26 pins and placed third at the Iowa Class 2A state tournament. Then last summer, Adrian batted .333 with a team-best 32 RBIs for a state semifinal baseball team. He'll continue his football career at Grand View University in Des Moines.



**Ty Anderson**  
North Scott senior

A Class 4A first team all-stater in basketball and 3A second team all-state choice in football, Anderson helped the Lancers reach the state quarterfinals in both sports. The Northern Iowa basketball signee averaged a team-high 18.2 points and 9.1 rebounds per game. The Lancers were 65-9 with him in the starting lineup the past three seasons. On the football field, he was a two-way starter. He had 33 receptions for 485 yards and five TDs while intercepting five passes as a defensive back.



**Charlie Bunn**  
Bettendorf senior

Bunn graduates as one of the most decorated swimmers in Quad-Cities history. The Missouri recruit captured nine state titles, is a nine-time All-American, holds two state meet records and more than 20 pool, school and meet records. Bunn won the 50 freestyle in a state-record 20.18 seconds, the 100 free in 44.41 and anchored the 200 and 400 free relays to championships in February. He has the nation's ninth-fastest time for 18-and-under in the 50 free (long course meters).



**Will Esmoil**  
West Liberty senior

Esmoil, a Class 2A first team all-stater in football, rushed for more than 1,100 yards and recorded nearly 80 tackles for a state quarterfinal squad. On the mat, the four-time state qualifier punctuated a 42-0 season and 170-win career with a 2A state crown at 152 pounds. Named the Quad-Cities All-Eastern Iowa wrestler of the year, Esmoil had only four bouts go a full six minutes. He also was on two state-qualifying relays in track in 2019. He'll play football and wrestle at Coe College.



**Tucker Kinney**  
Central DeWitt senior

There was no offseason for Kinney, a four-sport standout with the Sabers. He earned Class 3A third team all-state honors in basketball after averaging a team-best 16.5 points and 8.8 rebounds per game. He was an all-district defensive end in football and the school's career leader with 22.5 tackles for loss. On the golf course, Kinney had a team-best average of 76.67 strokes for 18 holes and was medalist at the sectional meet. He batted .355 for the state runner-up baseball team last summer.



**Griffin Liddle**  
Bettendorf junior

The 2021 Iowa football recruit flourished in the trenches and on the mat for the Bulldogs. A two-way starter, Liddle was Class 4A first team all-state. He recorded 48 tackles (nine for loss) and created running lanes for a 2,000-yard rusher. He claimed the 3A state title at heavyweight in February to cap a 22-0 season, one in which he had 16 pins and never was taken down. Ranked nationally at his weight class, he was second at the 16U national freestyle tournament in Fargo last summer.



**Max Murphy**  
Pleasant Valley senior

Named the Iowa Gatorade cross country runner of the year, Murphy claimed Mississippi Athletic Conference, district and Class 4A state titles. The Iowa recruit won the MAC meet by 59 seconds and became the school's second individual state champion. He won the 5,000 meter race in Fort Dodge in 15 minutes, 29 seconds to spur PV to a runner-up finish. A state qualifier last spring in the 1,600, Murphy qualified for Nike Nationals in cross country with a fourth-place finish at regionals in 15:19.



**Coltin Quagliano**  
Wethersfield junior

Quagliano earned all-state accolades in football and basketball this past year. The quarterback threw for nearly 3,100 yards and 39 touchdowns in helping Annawan-Wethersfield win 12 games and reach the Illinois Class 1A state semifinals. During the winter, he averaged 22.6 points, 5.2 assists and 4.4 rebounds per game. He enters his senior season with 1,894 career points. Then last spring, Quagliano was first team all-area in baseball after batting .460 and sporting an ERA under 2.



**Isaiah Rivera**  
Geneseo senior

Headed to Colorado State on a basketball scholarship, Rivera has left an indelible impact on Geneseo's program. He is the school's all-time leading scorer with 2,486 points. Named Class 3A first team all-state by the Associated Press and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association, Rivera averaged a metro-best 27.9 points, 10.1 rebounds and 2.9 assists per game for a 21-win squad. He is considered one of the top half-dozen prospects in Illinois in the 2020 class.



**Kavon Russell**  
Kewanee senior

A difference-maker in three sports, Russell collected all-state honors in football and basketball. Besides accumulating nearly 900 total yards and 56 tackles on the gridiron, he scored rushing, receiving, kickoff return and defensive touchdowns in the same game. Russell averaged 18 points, 6 rebounds and 2.5 steals per game for the champions of the Three Rivers Conference East Division. He was runner-up at the TRAC meet in the high jump (6-4) and long jump (20-11/2).



**Julian Samuels**  
Annawan senior

Samuels thrived on the football field, basketball court and in track and field. In Annawan-Wethersfield's run to the Illinois Class 1A semifinals, he caught 52 passes for 1,086 yards and 14 scores. He had more than 100 yards receiving in six games. On the hardwood, Samuels was third team all-state after recording 22.7 points, 5.8 rebounds and 3 assists per game. Then last spring, Samuels placed fifth at the Illinois Class 1A state meet in the long jump (22-2 1/2) and qualified in the 100.



**Nate Sheets**  
Alleman senior

Off to play football at Augustana College, Sheets hardly came off the field for the Pioneers. The Illinois Class 3A all-state selection rushed for 1,117 yards, registered 333 yards receiving and tallied 21 touchdowns along with starting in the secondary and serving as the team's punter. In Alleman's run to the state baseball tournament last spring, Sheets batted a team-best .403 with 48 runs, 11 doubles and five triples. He earned first team all-Western Big 6 and All-Metro honors.

MALE TEAM OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



MEG MCLAUGHLIN

Annawan-Wethersfield's Logan Troxell (52) leads the team onto the field before the Class 1A state football semifinal in November.

Annawan-Wethersfield football

The Titans reached the Illinois Class 1A state semifinals for the third time in five seasons last fall. Coach Logan Willits' team posted a school-record 12 wins and claimed its third Lincoln Trail Conference title in four years. Led by an offense which averaged more than 400 yards per game, A-W wasn't held below 20 points all season. It had a 3,000-yard passer in Coltin Quagliano, an 800-yard rusher in Reece Gripp and a 1,000-yard receiver in Julian Samuels. The Titans also pitched five shutouts, and had a first-team all-stater in linebacker/lineman Drake Van Hyfte. After narrow wins over Forreston and Morrison in the second round and quarterfinals, A-W lost to eventual state champion Lena-Winslow 44-30 in the semifinals.



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Central DeWitt players gather around pitcher Alex McAleer in celebration after last season's 4-1 state semifinal win over Davenport Assumption.

Central DeWitt baseball

It was a banner season for the Sabers, who won a school-record 38 games, captured a Wamac championship and finished with an Iowa Class 3A state runner-up trophy — the best finish in program history. Senior catcher Garrett Finley was named captain of the Iowa Print Sports Writers Association 3A all-state team while the pitching staff was anchored by the 1-2 punch of Lucas Bixby and Alex McAleer. Central DeWitt survived a 16-inning marathon in the substate semifinal before a 3-2 win over Dubuque Wahlert in the substate final. At the state tournament, coach Shane Sikkema's team clobbered Centerville, 11-1, and knocked off Assumption, 4-1, before falling to Cedar Rapids Xavier in the title game, 8-1.



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The Tipton boys cross country team won an Iowa Class 2A state championship for the second consecutive season this past fall.

Tipton cross country

The top-ranked team in Iowa Class 2A all fall, Tipton collected the program's second straight state title in Fort Dodge. Other than a runner-up showing to a 4A school at an early-season meet in Iowa City, Tipton won every other meet on its schedule. At the River Valley Conference meet, coach Eric Walsh's team had five of the top 12 finishers and prevailed by 39 points. At districts, Tipton had six of the top nine finishers and cruised by 90 points. Despite an injury to senior and No. 2 runner Trent Pelzer, Tipton edged Des Moines Christian for the state crown by four points. Caleb Shumaker placed third and Jackson Edens was 14th overall. It was the first time in school history Tipton won back-to-back titles in boys cross country.

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1994 — Jayme Olson, Bettendorf; Brad Johnson, Geneseo  
1995 — Heather Best, Davenport West; Monte Jenkins, Rock Island  
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2005 — Lindsay Schwartz, Pleasant Valley; Tim Jackson, Bettendorf  
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FEMALE TEAM OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



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The Assumption Knights hold the championship trophy high after defeating North Polk 1-0 in the girls' Class 1A state soccer championship game held at the Cownie Soccer Complex in Des Moines.

Assumption soccer

No girls soccer program has been more dominant in Iowa the past decade. The Knights won their fourth consecutive state championship and eighth in nine years last June with a 1-0 triumph over North Polk in the Class 1A finale. Ranked No. 1 all season, Assumption closed the season with a 20-1 record, a Mississippi Athletic Conference title and outscored foes 128-5. Coach Elizabeth Maus' squad became the first Iowa soccer program to capture 10 state titles. Carly King was captain of the all-tournament team and led the Knights with 41 goals on the season. Assumption had seven players recognized on the all-state teams, including three first-team choices in King, Livy Lansing and Abbey Klostermann.



RYAN TIMMERMAN

Louisa-Muscatine's Whitney Morse poses with the state championship trophy. Morse helped the Falcons to a fourth consecutive Iowa Class 1A state bowling title in February.

Louisa-Muscatine bowling

Coach Al Jordan's team became the first Iowa team to reel off four straight girls state bowling championships. The Falcons compiled a team score of 3,043 at Cadillac Lanes in Waterloo, more than 300 pins clear of runner-up Central DeWitt. Whitney Morse captured her third straight individual crown with games of 226 and 258. L-M had four of the top 10 individual finishers at the state meet. Besides Morse, freshman Jersey Lessenger was fourth, senior Shadyn Bishop tied for sixth and junior Madisyn Gerdtz placed eighth. The Falcons were 62-1 for the season and had a match-score average of 3,012 — best in the state regardless of classification.



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Members of the North Scott squad, including Grace Boffeli, left at trophy, Presley Case, right at trophy, Cortaja Seales and Aiden Bahls rush to collect their Class 4A state championship trophy in March.

North Scott basketball

For the third time in four years, North Scott reigned supreme in Iowa Class 4A girls' basketball. This time, the Lancers were perfect. Coach T.J. Case's team capped a 26-0 season with a 49-35 victory over Council Bluffs Lewis Central in the title game. North Scott was just one of two teams in Iowa's five classes to go undefeated. It won 15 of its 16 conference games by double figures and three of its five postseason contests by at least 20 points. Post Grace Boffeli averaged nearly 29 points per game and point guard Presley Case finished as the school's all-time assist leader. North Scott outscored its opponents by an average of 22.3 points per game.

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- ATHLETE OF THE YEAR WINNERS**

2009 — Chrissie McGaffigan, Bettendorf; Jason Smith, Morrison

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2011 — Lindsay Smith, Central DeWitt; Chasson Randle, Rock Island

2012 — Rose Ripslinger, Assumption; Nate Shaw, Bettendorf

2013 — Chloe Miller, Pleasant Valley; Bubba Hernandez, Bettendorf

2014 — Katie Shoultz, Muscatine; Tyler Hetzler, Wilton

2015 — Izzy Anderson, Alleman; Colin Kreiter, North Scott

2016 — Aleenah Marcucci, Northeast; Javin Drake, Wilton

2017 — Joy Ripslinger, Assumption; Wyatt Wriedt, North Scott

2018 — Ellie Spelhaug, Pleasant Valley;
- Joe Wieskamp, Muscatine

2019 — Brea Beal, Rock Island; Julien Broderson, Assumption

**TEAM OF THE YEAR WINNERS**

2012 — Davenport Assumption girls basketball

2013 — Muscatine boys swimming

2014 — Annawan girls basketball; Bettendorf wrestling

2015 — Pleasant Valley girls swimming & diving; North Scott boys basketball

2016 — Pleasant Valley girls track & field; Rockridge boys basketball

2017 — Assumption girls track and field; Geneseo boys track and field

2018 — Assumption softball; Assumption baseball

2019 — Rock Island softball; Central DeWitt golf

FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR FINALISTS



**Ava Bieneman**  
Geneseo senior

Signed to play softball at Division 1 Southern Illinois-Edwardsville, Bieneman was a spark plug at the top of the order for the Leafs. She batted .465, scored 53 runs and stole 24 bases in collecting all-Northern Illinois Big 12, all-Metro and Class 3A first team all-state honors by the Illinois Coaches Association last spring. Then in the fall, Bieneman qualified for the state tennis tournament in doubles. She placed fourth at the sectional meet and finished the season with a 14-5 record.



**Grace Boffeli**  
North Scott senior

The Northern Iowa recruit pieced together one of the best basketball careers in Quad-Cities history. She was a pivotal piece of three state title teams, including a 26-0 campaign this winter. Boffeli averaged 28.9 points and 12.3 rebounds per game in garnering first team all-state, conference player of the year and Quad-Cities All-Metro Iowa player of the year honors. She finished her career with 1,632 points and 975 rebounds, both of which rank among the top three all-time in the MAC.



**Sommer Daniel**  
Tipton senior

Enrolled to play volleyball at Utah, Daniel closed her illustrious high school career with 1,611 kills, 1,827 assists and 1,135 digs — the first player in Iowa history to eclipse 1,000 in all three categories. She was a first team all-state choice and Quad-City Times All-Eastern Iowa player of the year for a 32-win squad. Daniel also made an impact on Tipton's track and field team. She ran in four events at last spring's state meet — distance medley, 4x200, 4x400 and 4x800.



**Macy Daufeldt**  
West Liberty sophomore

In two years, Daufeldt has made an imprint on three sports at West Liberty. The Drake volleyball recruit was a Class 3A first team all-state choice after averaging 4.79 kills and 3.15 digs per set for a 31-win state tournament squad. She captured the 2A state long jump title (17 feet, 7 3/4 inches) last spring. Daufeldt was named to the River Valley Conference's Elite team in basketball this past winter after recording 12.1 points and 6.3 rebounds per game for the 19-5 Comets.



**Kelsey Drake**  
Wilton sophomore

Drake already has become one of the top volleyball and basketball players in the River Valley Conference. She was a Class 2A third team all-stater by the coaches in volleyball after averaging 4.1 kills, 4.0 assists and 2.8 digs per match along with a team-best 72 blocks. Drake compiled 18.1 points, 7.8 rebounds and 3.9 steals per game this past season. She scored 46 points in a game, matching the most by any player in Iowa this past year. She also was a state qualifier in the long jump.



**Sarah Jacobsen**  
Orion senior

Headed to Illinois State on a volleyball scholarship, Jacobsen is among the best to come through the Chargers' program. The school's all-time leader in kills with 1,330, Jacobsen sparked Orion to a 37-2 season and to an Illinois Class 2A Super Sectional. She recorded a team-best 4.3 kills per set with a .364 hitting efficiency. The outside hitter was the All-Western Illinois player of the year and unanimous all-Three Rivers Conference along with being selected to the AVCA Region 6 all-star team.



**Hailey Sanders**  
Louisa-Muscatine senior

The Northern Iowa softball recruit is a returning first team all-state pitcher after leading the Falcons into the Class 3A state championship game. Named Quad-City Times All-Eastern Iowa player of the year, she was 21-1 with a 0.83 ERA and 283 strikeouts in 143 innings along with hitting .437 with 14 doubles and 28 RBIs. Sanders was first team all-SEISC North in basketball, averaging 11.7 points and 8.1 rebounds per game, and was honorable mention all-conference in volleyball.



**Kylee Sanders**  
Louisa-Muscatine junior

A returning athlete of the year finalist, Sanders is a four-sport standout. The Northern Iowa softball recruit batted .496 and was a Class 3A first team all-state choice by the coaches. An all-district selection in basketball, she averaged 20.3 points, 7.1 rebounds and 6.1 steals per game. Sanders was all-conference in volleyball and the team leader in kills at 3.83 per set. Last spring, she placed fourth at the 2A state meet in the long jump and ran on two state-qualifying relays.



**Emily Schipper**  
Fulton senior

A rare four-sport athlete in Illinois, Schipper excelled in volleyball, basketball, softball and track and field. A three-year starter and team MVP in volleyball, she holds the school record for kills (955) and aces (139). Unanimous all-Three Rivers West Division in basketball, she earned third team all-state accolades in softball last spring after hitting .386 with 5 homers and 20 RBIs. Schipper also qualified for state in the 800 meters (2:24.20). She'll play volleyball at Augustana College.



**Karli Stineman**  
Mercer County senior

Stineman earned first team all-Lincoln Trail Conference and All-Western Illinois accolades in volleyball and basketball along with holding the school record in the triple jump (34-7 1/2). In volleyball, the four-year starter led the Golden Eagles in kills (224), digs (273) and blocks (60). Stineman finished with more than 1,100 career points in basketball, second on the school's all-time scoring list. She averaged 15.5 points, 8.5 rebounds, 3.1 assists and 2.2 steals per game.



**Tori Thomas**  
Alleman junior

Thomas powered Alleman to Western Big 6 and sectional championships last spring in track and field. The All-Metro selection, who has garnered Division I attention, has finished as the Illinois Class 1A state runner-up in the pole vault each of the past two seasons along with running on the third place 4x200 relay and taking sixth in the 100 meters (12.44). She cleared 12 feet, 10 3/4 inches in the pole vault this indoor season, among the top jumps in the country by a high school girl.



**Emily Wood**  
Pleasant Valley junior

Wood has been a fixture in the starting lineup the past three seasons for the PV softball and volleyball programs along with a four-event participant at the 2019 state track and field meet. The outfielder was Class 5A second team all-state after hitting a conference-best .553 with 46 runs and 33 stolen bases. Second team all-conference in volleyball, Wood was second on a state semifinal team in kills (2.29 per set) and digs (2.55 per set). She ran on PV's third place 4x100 relay at state.

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MALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR | CHARLIE BUNN

Bulldogs’ Bunn transforms body to become state’s best

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His waist line was expanding. He struggled to complete one pull-up. He was lagging behind in the pool.

Several months before starting his freshman year at Bettendorf, Charlie Bunn was at a crossroads in his swimming career.

An elite swimmer at ages 8, 9, 10 and 11, Bunn had plateaued.

At approximately 5-foot-4 and 160 pounds, Bunn had trouble fitting into his suit for the club state meet in Iowa City. One of the meet’s starters, in fact, questioned if it was even him on the blocks based on much his body had changed following foot surgery in eighth grade.

He finished second-to-last in the 200 freestyle.

“It was definitely a wakeup call for me,” Bunn admitted. “People are always going to be faster than you, but that just humbled me and made me realize there was a lot more work I needed to put in.”

Bunn, with the guidance of his father and a massive growth spurt, overhauled his body. The end result was him having one of the most decorated high school swimming careers in Quad-Cities history.

The Missouri recruit finished with nine state championships, nine All-American honors, two state meet records and more than 20 pool, meet and state records.

He is the Quad-City Times Salute to Sports Male Athlete of the Year, the first from Bettendorf since Bubba Hernandez in 2013 and the first boy recipient in 39 years to have swimming as his primary sport.

“He’s not a four-sport kid, but the work he does for his one sport eclipses what most people do in four,” Bettendorf swim coach Mike Ahrens said.

Brotherly influence

Bunn never had to search far for inspiration. His two older brothers, Cole and Zach, provided plenty of



MEG MCLAUGHLIN

Bettendorf senior Charlie Bunn finished his career as a nine-time state champion and nine-time All-American. He is the Quad-City Times Male Athlete of the Year for 2020.

fuel.

Cole graduated from Bettendorf in 2014 and Zach in 2017. Cole, a state qualifier in swimming, became a premier triathlete. Zach stood on the podium in all four events at the state swim meet his senior year, including a championship in the 200 medley relay.

“They’ve been very important in my development,” Bunn said. “Most of it comes from the competitiveness between all of us. We all wanted to beat each other.”

Jim Bunn and his wife, Lisa, encouraged their boys to try all sports at a young age. Besides swimming, Charlie dabbled with baseball, basketball and football.

“Our dad didn’t force us to pick just one,” Bunn said. “My brothers picked what they wanted and I followed their footsteps with swimming.”

“It was the competitiveness for me. I wanted to stick with the sport I could beat my brothers in.”

Overcoming injury

Bunn broke his ankle while playing with a friend in September of eighth grade. That wasn’t the worst of it.

After X-rays and doctor visits, it was discovered Bunn had no heel bone.

“He had to go through a lot of surgery to get it corrected,” Jim said. “He sat out swimming from like September until March that year.”

Bunn couldn’t walk for four months. He was on crutches and often used a scooter to get around. As a result, he added weight.

His heart wasn’t in it, either. Jim created a dryland program for his son. Bunn locked into it.

It wasn’t specific for swimming. Jim devised a plan that included the power and explosiveness needed for football, the agility required in basketball, the anaerobic endurance necessary for soccer and the focus vital for baseball.

“I looked at all those different sports and embedded them into a program to make him an overall athlete,” Jim said. “I wasn’t sure how it would specifically equate to swimming.”

“My focus was to make him the best athlete he could be.”

Turning point

Ahrens described Bunn as

“small and a little chubby” when he entered the Bulldogs’ program. Bunn swam distance events during his freshman season and most of his sophomore year.

He was 12th at the state meet in the 200 free (1 minute, 46.87 seconds) and 14th in the 500 free (4:54.12) along with swimming a leg on the third place 400 free relay as a freshman.

“(My freshman season) gave me confidence and hope,” Bunn said.

Bunn took another leap his sophomore year. He placed third at state in the 100 free (46.60), sixth in the 200 free (1:42.85) and swam on the championship 200 free relay.

At the same point, his body developed.

In a span of three years, Bunn grew more than 6 inches to his current height of 6-1. He started doing more explosive work designed for sprinters.

Jim believes the game-changer was during the summer of his sophomore year. Bunn made the first junior national cutoff time.

“It was then I thought, ‘Wow, I’m a higher level than I even thought,’” Bunn said. “It made me push harder and want to reach that next level.”

By his junior season, Bunn transitioned into an all-out sprinter.

Bunn won a maximum four state championships his junior season — 50 free, 100 free and anchored the 200 and 400 free relays.

“After those four wins, I wanted more,” he said. “That was a big driving factor for me. A lot more (Division I) schools contacted me. It wasn’t just the wins, but the times that I went.”

He added titles in the same four events this past February, becoming just the third swimmer in Iowa boys’ history to capture eight straight gold medals.

Bunn broke the state meet record in the 50 free (20.18 seconds) and his anchor leg in the 400 free relay guided the Bulldogs to a state-re-

cord clocking of 3:02.38.

The nine state championships are second most in Bettendorf and Q-C history behind the 10 Ian Renner-Arjes claimed from 1996-99.

Next chapter

After his run of success late in his sophomore season and through his junior campaign, Bunn was inundated with calls and emails from Division I programs. He had more than 40 schools reach out.

“It got a little bit overwhelming and stressful for him,” Jim said. “It was driving him nuts.”

Southern Methodist University made a hard push at the end of the recruiting process, but Missouri won Bunn over on his visit.

“He’s always wanted to swim in the SEC,” Jim said, “and Missouri is relatively close to home.”

Bunn understands he’ll no longer be the most dominant swimmer when he walks into Missouri’s program. He’ll be competing against teammates who are bigger, stronger and just as accomplished.

Bunn is ranked among the top 10 in the country for ages 18 and under in the 50 free for long course meters. He is ranked as the third best prospect in Iowa by collegeswimming.com for the 2020 class and among the top 200 nationally.

Can Bunn make an impact in his freshman year? Missouri coach Andrew Grevers believes so.

“Charlie will have an opportunity to make an immediate impact on the sprint program, especially on the 200 freestyle relay,” Grevers said. “I would not be surprised if he was representing Mizzou at NCAAs in that relay.”

Just a tenth of a second off the Olympic Trials cutoff in the 50 freestyle, Bunn has aspirations of qualifying next summer.

Down the road, the dream is to make the United States Olympic team.

“That is something every high-end swimmer wants to make a run at,” Bunn stated.

FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR | GRACE BOFFELI

Three-time state champ Boffeli leaves mark on record books

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The bar already had been set high for Grace Boffeli’s senior season.

Boffeli averaged 18 points and 10.9 rebounds per game as a junior, earning all-state and all-tournament honors while leading North Scott to a second state title. As the Lancers opened up the 2019-20 season with eyes on another state title, it was understood Boffeli had the potential to have a big final year.

“In the beginning, I thought she’d be an 18-to-20-point girl, maybe 25 periodically,” North Scott head coach TJ Case said.

Boffeli didn’t just meet those expectations. She shattered them.

The North Scott senior posted one of the best single seasons in Quad-City basketball history, averaging 28.6 points and 12.3 rebounds in 26 games, earning repeat first team all-state and all-tournament captain honors for the second straight year.

For comparison’s sake, Rock Island graduate Brea Beal, who set the Western Big 6 all-time scoring record with 2,709 points and was a three-time Illinois Ms. Basketball, never averaged more than 25 points in a season.

Boffeli’s senior season is the most dominant scoring season in Quad-City metro girls history since Davenport North’s Amber Harrington averaged 35.1 points per game in the 2009-10 season.

That, along with helping lead the Lancers to a 26-0 season and a third state title in the last four years, is why Boffeli has been selected as the 2020 Quad-Cities’ Female Athlete of the Year.

Boffeli is the second girl from North Scott to capture the honor, the first since Jenni Fitzgerald in 1986.

“When I look at the past season, it was an unforgettable season,” Boffeli said. “It’s crazy to think there’s so many players through-



TIM HYNDY, LEE ENTERPRISES

North Scott’s Grace Boffeli (42) and the rest of the team celebrate their 40-32 semifinal win over Center Point-Urbana in Des Moines earlier this year. Boffeli is just the second girl from North Scott to be named the Quad-City Times Female Athlete of the Year.

out the years and not many people have been able to accomplish the things my team and I have.”

Showing potential

The youngest daughter of Paul and Kathy Boffeli, Grace grew up playing soccer, flag football, volleyball and was involved in dance. Basketball became more of a focus in third grade when she joined the Little Lancers program.

Competing against her older siblings, Anna and Drew, had a big influence on Boffeli’s athletic drive growing up.

“Both of them taught me toughness and to never back down and always be competitive,” she said. “I think that’s shaped me and my whole basketball career.”

Once she reached high school, Boffeli didn’t see much varsity time in volleyball her freshman year. She did make an impact on the basketball court, averaging 6.9 points and a team-high 6.8 rebounds per game to help the Lancers win their first state title in girls basketball.

As a sophomore, she finished third on the volleyball team in kills and second in blocks, but it

was quickly becoming clear basketball was her path. She averaged 12.4 points and 8.9 points in the winter, earning second team all-state honors from the Iowa Print Sports Writers Association and third-team honors from the Iowa Girls Coaches Association.

In her junior season, she really broke out on the basketball court for the Lancers, averaging 17.7 points and 11.0 rebounds entering the postseason.

She took it to another level in the playoffs, averaging 19 points and 10.8 rebounds in five games. She had 24 points in the state title game against Marion, leading the Lancers to the state title, and earning all-tournament captain and first team all-state honors.

A new mindset

Following the 2019 state tournament, Boffeli knew that basketball needed to be her sole focus moving forward.

She decided not to play volleyball in her senior year. Instead, she spent the summer working on basketball.

That included changing AAU

teams. After playing with the All Iowa Attack in Ames, Boffeli — along with teammate Presley Case — switched to Lady Martin Brothers, based out of Iowa City, changing a three-hour drive into just a one-hour trip.

Boffeli started getting more college looks and committed to UNI after receiving an offer in June. Her commitment added to a strong recruiting class for the Panthers, which consists of six in-state recruits.

With the college commitment taken care of, Boffeli also made a commitment to improving her conditioning for her final year at North Scott and for the next level.

“I wanted to be the first one up and down the court,” Boffeli said. “I knew this was my last season and I wanted to go out with a bang, make a statement to everyone.”

Boffeli averaged 30 points per game until the month of February, a run that included a career-high 45-point, 22-rebound performance against Davenport Central.

“I’ve coached a lot of girls. Everybody can have their night, but she was having her night every night. That’s what was the craziest thing about it,” Case said. “I just felt as the year went on, we didn’t try to put any more pressure on her, but I think she was just gaining more and more confidence, and our girls were gaining more and more confidence in her.”

As the season went on, Boffeli saw every kind of defense — box-and-one, triangle-and-two, multiple zones as well as double and triple-teams.

Nothing could stop her.

She finished the season as the state’s second-leading scorer, only behind Dowling’s Caitlin Clark, an Iowa signee who was this year’s Miss Basketball.

Biggest stage

There was a significant amount of pressure on the Lancers entering the state tournament. Ranked No. 1

all year and undefeated, the target was squarely on North Scott as it looked for its third title in the last four years.

There was also a lot of pressure on Boffeli. Unlike her junior year, when she flew somewhat under the radar, everyone in the state knew who Boffeli was entering the state tournament.

“I did feel some pressure, kind of because everyone is following the paper, the news, that’s what was expected for a while,” she said. “They saw how my team was doing and what I was scoring. I saw the pressure, but I don’t think it really impacted me because I just put that aside and kept playing how I’ve always played.”

In the state title game against Lewis Central, Boffeli scored 21 points and added 17 rebounds, tallying all 10 points in the fourth quarter to help the Lancers put the game away with a 49-35 win.

“The undefeated season, that was a big shock,” she said. “The main goal was to get to state, but going undefeated too, that was the cherry on top. It was just the best season, playing with girls I’ve played with since third grade, a year we’ll never forget.”

Lasting legacy

Boffeli leaves North Scott with a lengthy list of accomplishments. Along with the three state titles, she is the school’s all-time leading scorer and rebounder, and holds several single-game and single-season statistical records.

Her 1,632 points rank second in MAC 5-on-5 basketball behind only Harrington. Her 975 rebounds are third most, trailing North’s Antonea Stuckey and Muscatine’s Jenny Noll. With Boffeli in the lineup, the Lancers were 87-11 and lost just three times in the last two seasons.

“There’s nobody else in the state that is Grace Boffeli,” Assumption head coach Katelyn McNamara said.

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