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2021: Stronger than ever

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.

For the last year and a half, the Class of 2021 has been on an unprecedented roller coaster ride. This class of seniors has faced incredible challenges together, overcome extraordinary obstacles, and succeeded despite the circumstances. COVID-19 turned the world upside down. Schools closed and reopened, sports stopped and started again, but still the pandemic looms large forcing time-honored traditions to be interrupted.

Yet, the Class of 2021 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 2021. Salute to Academics and Achievements, a program

started 28 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.

These pages have your reflections on the past four years.

► 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.

So many of you shared lessons you've learned that you will carry with you throughout your next journey.

The on-line version of this section will be posted as part of our "Congratulations Class of 2021" sponsored by Twin State Technical Services, DuTrac

Community Credit Union, ExperiMax, and St. Ambrose University.

Our award-winning Quad-City Times' virtual graduation page: qctimes.com/virtual_graduations features student profiles that were submitted by graduates. Additionally, the site features videos, stories, graduate profiles, and more. It is our honor to host the web-page 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 are 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, are proud of you and are cheering you on. Congratulations, Class of 2021. 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 WEST HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Academics

Dustin Cornelison, child of Lisa and Ray Cornelison, plans to attend Indian Hills Community College.



Cornelison

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience that I will remember forever happened in my 7th grade Honors Math class, in which we were tasked with drawing a rough map of an imaginary city as a way to learn about angles' relationships with each other. When we were told the assignment, my initial thought was "Wouldn't it be cool to build the city in 3-dimensions," which prompted me to think about a voxel game called Minecraft. I immediately knew I wanted to build my city in Minecraft; I thought it was a fun and creative twist on the original idea. I enjoyed thinking of ways to build the city, and I even decided to wire up lights to some of the buildings for no reason other than it was fun. It is definitely my favorite project that I have ever created, as it allowed me to express myself freely and creatively.

Luke Loving, child of Katrina Loving and Brett Loving, plans to attend the University of Iowa.



Loving

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I'll never forget is my AP English class as a whole. There were so many great moments that I couldn't just pick one. There was a variety of different personalities in there, and everyone got along fantastically. Our teacher did an amazing job of allowing us to have fun with our discussions while also teaching us the curriculum. I am upset that the class ended, but I will cherish the memory that I share with all of my fellow AP English classmates forever.

The Arts

Hailey Schumacher, child of Deb Benesh and Michael Schumacher, plans to attend college.



Schumacher

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? The classroom learning experience that I will remember would be the days in my art class this year and years past. We learned so many different and cool things. All of the assignments were unique from one another, teaching me that there are many types of mediums and techniques to an art assignment. I will always remember how helpful and funny my art teachers were. The assignments from all of the art classes I have taken, none of them are more valuable than the other. What I have learned, I will take with me in years to come. My teachers will always have a special place in my heart and I hope they know how thankful I am to have had them as my teacher. Thank you to: Sade, Wolf, Schaeffer, Meeker, and Lehn.

Matthew Reis, child of Angela and Mike Reis, plans to attend Wartburg College. **Top 3 achievements:** Music Education Drum Major for the Davenport West Marching Band, three year All-State tubist, and Student Director for JV Jazz Band.



Reis

What's something you

learned that you will take with you after high school? One of the most memorable classroom experiences in music was when the band was playing a slow lyrical song and couldn't get the emotion or feeling out of the music. We could play everything on the page perfectly and could blend within the section well, but it just wasn't working. After a few runs, our band director grew frustrated and told us that music wasn't about playing the black and white on the page—it's about playing the red. She explained that it's not about playing the notes on the paper, it's about conveying the emotion of the song with our instruments. She said that music happens when people open their hearts and let themselves feel. This continues to impact my playing today because every time I play, I choose to play the red.

Humanities

Molly Daily, child of Jack and Kathryn Daily, plans to attend Iowa State University.



Daily

ball team, and National Honor Society.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I have enjoyed English classes all throughout high school and this year was no exception. I was nervous to start AP English at the beginning of this year because it is such a rigorous course. As the class went on I became close with my classmates and teacher. Towards the end of the course my teacher planned a surprise for us that I will never forget. One day during class we were preparing to study Shakespeare's Hamlet. Prior to our reading my teacher told us how this play includes a character leaving home and receiving advice from a parent. To tie in with our lesson my teacher surprised my whole class with letters from our parents to give us advice on the next chapter of our lives. This was truly a sentimental learning experience that I will never forget.

Connor Ware, child of Stuart Ware and Melissa Ware, plans to attend Western Illinois University



Ware

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? There are many memories that I'll take with me as I enter college and then the work force. The first thing I'll remember is the time and effort my teachers took to instruct me and prepare me for my next chapter. Starting in kindergarten and continuing through my senior year, all my teachers made an impact in my life. Teachers I will especially remember are Mrs. Griffin and Ms. Alexander, both at Walcott, and Mr. Cousins, Herr Kohl, and Mr. Franzenburg at West. Mr. Cousins would give out Burger King crowns for the best score on tests. I'm proud to say I walked out of school on more than a few occasions wearing that crown. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to each and every one of them.

Leadership

Isabelle Freund, child of Jennifer Elder, plans to join the Iowa National Guard, and then attend Iowa State University.



Freund

Top 3 achievements: Daughters of the American Revolution good citizen Award; Battalion commander for the Junior US Army ROTC program; and 2020-21 Drum major for Davenport West.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One ex-

Class of 2021

Reina Aguilera Gomez, Pierce Albright, Angeleina Alderman, Damarius Allen, James Anders, Nathan Andresen, Serena Arguello, Ashlyn Arp, Aiden Ashby, Haley Badtram, Richard Bailey Jr., Prianna Banks, Andrew Barnhart, Aldane Barrett, Alexis Beamer, Ethan Bedeian, Brandon Benson, Brianna Blake, DeMenciaha Bogan, Maria Bolanos Hernandez, Dakota Bolinger, John Border, Angelena Boyer, Paishlynn Boysel, Isaac Bricker, Keaton Britain, Victor Brooks, Makayla Brown, Brianna Brown, Carter Bruce, Chase Bruns, Sarah Brus, Michal Bui, Quint Burrage, Dillon Burt, Demerion Butler, Octavio Calderon, Cheyanne Caldwell, Kaylie Caldwell, Joshua Cantu, Allie Carminati Young, Hayley Carriker, Renee Casad, Yesenia Centeno, Aleiha Cerda, Joseph Chalupa, Rylee Chandler, McKenzie Christner, Wilson Chu, Jordan Churney, Erik Colclasure, Isabell Cole, Shawn Cole, Symantha Conger, Camden Conner, Erika Contreras, Tyson Cooke, Dustin Cornelison, Jessica Cortez, Justlyn Courier, Aidan Crispin, Devin Dahlhauser, Molly Daily, Denny Dang, Andrea Davis, De Shawn Davis, Jamar Davis, Dominic DeLaPaz, Caitlyn Devol, Lorenzo Diaz Jr., Caleb Dodds, Kilee Duncombe, Cody Edwards, Keyshawn Eicher, Darion Eldridge, Caden Emerson, Kadin Emery, Derek Erwin, Breanna Faison, Bryce Faison, Jessielyn Farnum, Sofia Fernandez, Aiden Fix, Lovely Flowers, Lina Fnu, Carter Ford, Samantha Foster, Austin Frantz, Isabelle Freund, Nathan Gamelin, Alexander Garcia, Orion Gardner, Alexandria Geigle, Logan Giebelstein, Cole Giles, Noah Giles, Samantha Gilliland, TreMaine Glenn, Logan Gosch, Jverea Govan, Alexander Goyette, Jayden Graap, Kaden Graap, Jacob Grady, Keaton Greenwalt, Tanihya Greer, Bryce Grisham, Garett Gustaf, Michael Guthrie, Thomas Hale, Ethan Hancock, Kylie Hancock, DeAntwan Hanes,

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perience I will never forget comes from the Army JROTC program at Central High School. In order to be promoted you have to go to a position board. On this board they teach you about how a real interview would go. Before this interview you have to fill out a packet to show you should be put in charge. You dress in business casual, and you are asked questions. If you do well you are put in a leadership position. This is a classroom experience I will remember for the rest of my life. It prepared me for what the real world is like.

Tiara Soppe, child of Kevin Soppe and Sara Riggs, plans to attend University of Arizona.



Soppe

Top 3 achievements: Senior class president, National Honor society, 4.0 GPA (4 years consecutively).

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Looking back at my last twelve years of schooling, my senior year has been the most memorable, for multiple reasons. My most memorable classroom experience was when we interpreted the poem "A Story" by Li-Young Lee. In this poem, a father begins to reminisce the precious, shared time with their child before they are grown and go about starting their own life. Afterwards, my AP English and literature teacher, Mrs. Staber began to pass out envelopes labeled with our names. Wandering eyes and confused glances began to swirl around the room. These envelopes contained heartfelt letters from our parents. The classroom full of seniors, including myself became teary eyed reading the letters as we move on

with our lives. The poem was the perfect lead-in to these letters, especially as many of us head off to college. This letter and experience is something that I will always cherish.

Math/Sciences

Kathy Truong, child of Hien Truong and Duc Truong, plans to attend University of High School.



Truong

Top 3 achievements: Senior Class Secretary, Yearbook Writing Editor, and Varsity Girls Tennis

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

Throughout my years attending West High School, I've managed to achieve good grades and understand new material relatively quickly. However, taking the class Advanced Writing during my junior year was a completely different story. The set up of the classroom was unlike any other class I had taken before, and I believe it was because of the teacher who ran the class, Mrs. Sheehey. She is an extremely intelligent, diligent teacher who was old fashioned, and because of her strict grading style and fast-paced curriculum, I found myself having to put in more effort than I was used to in order to earn an A in her class. While this experience was stressful and demanding, I am so thankful for it because it has prepared me for my future at college and taught me how much better of a student I could be if I pushed myself harder.

Vocational Education

Dominic DeLaPaz, child of Jenny and Junior DeLaPaz, plans

to attend Central College. **Top 3 achievements:** 2020 Baseball Honorable Mention, National Honor Society, Boys Swimming Team Captain my senior season.



DeLaPaz

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience that I will never forget is when my basic auto mechanics class was all online for a couple weeks. My teacher offered office hours for his students if they needed help on any assignments. I happened to be one of his only students that showed for one of the offered days while online. We were learning about each of the fluids under the hood and I was a little confused so believe it or not, he cleared up any questions I had.


Hunter Roehlk, child of Scott Roehlk and Tammy Roehlk, plans to enter the Concrete Construction Trade. **Top 3 achievements:** Honor Roll, 3 High school weightlifting state records at West High School, MAC Honorable Mention.



Roehlk

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Vocational Welding or Student Built Home—Not only does the dirt in your nails and sweat on your back tell you that you need a shower, but it also tells and shows how much hard work your putting in to succeed.

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DAVENPORT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Academics

Winiboya Aboyure, child of Kim Aboyure, plans to study Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology at Yale University



Top 3 achievements: Paragon Fellow (Global Leadership Program), Gates Scholar, Esperanza Legal Assistance Center volunteer staff member

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? It wasn't until sophomore year biology that I discovered my true love of science. Vaccines attempt to keep up with virus mutation. Genes pass in a predictable pattern. Rosalind Franklin's research was stolen. Every single idea, process, and fact opened my eyes to the world around me. I will never forget how absorbed I became in our evolution unit. Experiments forced me to think about how butterflies, unknowingly, adapt their patterns to their environment, which only gave me more questions to ask. Is it the same with people? I wonder what differences we would find in completely isolated populations? Luckily, my teachers entertained these questions because thoughts like these swirled through my mind all through biology, anatomy and physiology, and all through forensics. Although these classes taught me about science, they taught me more about myself and my insatiable curiosity, my obsession with constantly learning.

La Della Gallagher, child of Susan and David Gallagher, plans to attend the University of Iowa



Top 3 achievements: International Qualifier in Marketing Design at 2021 Iowa Thespy Awards, 2021 Governor's Scholar, and Brand-Boesharr Scholarship recipient

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One learning experience I will never forget has got to be Mr. Flaherty's civic engagement in AP US Government. We had to pick a bill in the Iowa legislature, research it, and decide whether to advocate for or against it. Along the way, we went to legislative forums and even had the chance to go to Des Moines and talk to real legislators and the governor. The bill I chose was about school funding increases. We had classroom debates about the bills, and had to do real research for our final papers. It was one of the most hands-on learning experiences I have ever had, and we had the opportunity to engage our skills in research, communications, writing, and persuasion. It was truly unforgettable.

The Arts

Meghan Brewster, child of Mike and Kim Brewster, plans to attend Mount Mercy University



Top 3 achievements: Being a Thespian Officer for 2 years, Captain of the Bowling Team, Getting first honors every year for academics.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Music and Drama have been a big part of my entire life. I have had amazing teachers and instructors who have helped my love of the arts shape me into the person I am today. I will always remember the laughter during sectionals and how much fun we had practicing. My directors would try to make everyday fun and exciting. I will also never forget the late night play rehearsals where we memorized lines and bonded with each other. Everyday has been a new learning experience and I have loved every minute of it all throughout high school.

Hayden IntVeld, child of Thea IntVeld and Shane IntVeld, plans to attend the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design

Top 3 achievements: Scholar-



Intveld

arship for \$100,000 and William Brand Boeshaar Scholarship \$12,000.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I've been given the opportunity to explore the arts in one of the best schools in Iowa. Davenport Central has the Performing Arts Center where I learned how to act, sing, and dance with my mentor and mother Thea IntVeld. I also was fortunate enough to have an amazing mentor Renee Ott who fueled my passion for illustration and visual art in the AP art studio at CHS. These opportunities are so special and are something I'll never forget I had the ability to use these spaces to achieve academic excellence in the Arts!

Humanities

Wyeth Platt, child of Jason Platt, Erin Platt, Erika Harden and Charles Harden, plans to attend the University of Iowa



Platt

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? An experience that comes to my memory is quite recent. In March of this year, I often came to our school's library; there, our accomplished librarian Mrs. Mussmann presented me with a proposition. She explained that we had been contacted by the granddaughter of a former Central student, who wished to learn more about her grandfather. He served in the second World War, and she had begun to write a book about his life. To obtain additional information, I was asked to study our yearbooks and pluck whatever history I could from them. My journey from 1939 through 1942 lasted several weeks, and upon finding the soldier, who had long since left our earth, I felt a historical connection. He was killed as a prisoner of war following Japan's surrender. Discovering the details of his life, as well as Central's history, was a humbling experience I will never forget."



Leveridge

Leadership

Wyatt Phillips, child of Darla Phillips and Greg Phillips, plans to attend the University of Iowa



Phillips

Top 3 achievements: Starting a petition to keep the block schedule, getting 1,200 student signatures and IDs in two weeks, and challenging the school board on the topic of scheduling, Central HS 2021 Class President; Volunteering 30 hours at local schools, environmental projects, and community service events.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? There was not one specific experience; however, my time in the AVID program has been crucial to my overall development. Through AVID and its methods, I have learned to be confident in my own ideas; I am now able to convey articulate and complex thoughts. The lessons provided to us helped me understand that everyone comes from a different place, but we are all capable of achieving great things. The class provided a sense of community and betterment of oneself. Where others saw a classroom, I saw home. AVID instilled into me the core values of honesty, commitment, courage, and determination. Without AVID, I would

ships Art & Writing Competition Gold and Silver Key 2021, Iowa Thespian Festival 1st place Scenic Design qualified for International level, Board of Trustees Scholarship for \$100,000 and William Brand Boeshaar Scholarship \$12,000.

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not be where I am today.

Meredith Sloat Bonnie & Gary Sloat, is plans to attend a four-year university to major in Neuroscience and minor in Theater, followed by medical school to become a pediatric psychiatrist



Sloat

Top 3 achievements: DC Coffee Shop—Co-Founder/Leader, 4 years, but the shop has been closed due to COVID-19. Raised over \$1000, donating it to local charities and service groups, such as King's Harvest Animal Shelter; National Honor Society—Service Liaison Officer, 2-yr member. After meeting membership requirements in 11th grade, I undertook responsibility for identifying, making outside contacts, and organizing all volunteering community service activities for 118 members; and Tri-M Music Honor Society—President, Secretary, 3-yr member.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During my government class this year, we discussed a lot of hot topic issues. I learned so much during those discussions—not just about my own political beliefs, but about how to deal with differing points of view. In no discussion did we all ever share the same viewpoint. Those discussions became my favorite part of the class because they were built on a common ground of mutual respect. That foundation allowed us all to hear everyone's opinions and to hold intelligent discussions about real-world issues. Sometimes, I even found that my own opinions would change during those debates—and all it took was an open mind and respect. I believe that I can use that lesson to become a better leader in any situation, and I will pass that lesson on to others. I will carry everything I learned in those discussions through my life.

Math/Sciences

Landon Adkins, the child of Alissa and Grady Adkins, plans to attend Liberty University



Adkins

Top 3 achievements: Co-captain of the cross country team, 4.0 GPA, Varsity Track runner

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember how our Calculus class managed to add an element of fun to the learning process. A couple of times throughout the course, our class would pick a day to bring in an object to demonstrate to the class, almost like "show and tell" in elementary school. There was always a variety to what was brought. Some students displayed different puzzles, some brought a gadget they had lying around, and

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Academics

Hagen Walker, child of Chase Walker and Deidra Walker, plans to attend Utah State University.



Walker

Arts), Presidential Scholarship at USU, 4.0 GPA.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Walking into it, I already knew my dual graduate Composition course was going to be difficult. Year after year, as my friends took the course, the result was always the same resounding negative. Then it was my turn to start Composition I. My class submitted our first essays confidently; none of us were prepared for what was to come. Our grades posted and we all checked, fearful of what was waiting. A bold glaring C. This was far from my typical A. Group chats filled with notifications as everyone saw their grades and started panicking. Fortunately, by the end of the term, many of us were able to save our grades and I was able to relax as my GPA was saved. We were left humbled, realizing life is hard, no one is perfect. But, as we climbed back up we also discovered the importance of perseverance, hard-work, and defeat.

Julian Swain, child of Lonni Swain and Jerry Swain, plans to attend St. Ambrose University.



Swain

Top 3 achievements: 4.0 GPA, Historian for National Honors Society, Completed 40+ Volunteer Hours.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I've had many unique learning experiences during my time in high school. Among them would have to be when I was taking Environmental Science. It was at the start of the pandemic, so my classes had been moved to an online format. While online-learning contrasted with what I was used to, my teacher did everything she could to make sure we were still engaged and enjoyed what we were doing. There were some difficult concepts to learn, but we got to use many real-life scenarios to help us understand what we were learning. We participated in labs and even got to design and conduct our own experiments—I chose to find ways to cut down on energy consumption in an average household. This class in general was a learning curve for everyone in more ways than one, but for me it helped me become more flexible and prepared for the future.

The Arts

Andrew Savely, child of Cindy and Micheal Savely, plans to attend Scott Community college and then hopefully transfer to DePaul in Chicago to pursue a future in High School Choir Education.



Savely

Top 3 achievements: Becoming a Dance Captain in Show Choir, Being a drum major for Marching band for the past two years, Playing Mr. Memory in a great cast of actors in "The 39 Steps."

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My junior year during one of our Show Choir Rehearsals during the week before our first performance the whole group got into a circle on stage and sang one of our songs as loud as we could towards each other. When we were done singing our voices resonated throughout the whole auditorium for about half a minute with sung a nice ring. The sound that we produced will stick with me forever.

Casey Scott, child of Robin Scott and Dan Scott, plans to attend the University of Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: Iowa Thespians Elected as a State



Scott

Thespian Officer and served the longest term of any student in the organization's history; One Theatre Movement – Worked with State Leaders across the country with State Leaders

to develop an online "festival" at the beginning of quarantine; and All-State chorus twice and once as an alternate.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? The classroom experiences that I'll never forget always began from a place of wonder. Whether I wanted to learn more about something we had discussed in class, or was just curious about something I had discovered on the side, my best learning always occurred after a big, fat question mark. Further, though I am pursuing social sciences at the University of Iowa, I learned just as much from my STEM classes as a result of my favorite punctuation: the question mark.

Humanities

Emma Davis, child of Nicolle Davis and AJ Davis, plans to attend Iowa State University.



Davis

Top 3 achievements: Becoming a member of my school's chapter of National Honors Society, becoming a member of the National Society of High School Scholars, and participating at the varsity level in basketball for four years and golf for three.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My English classes taught me that I could be a writer. My math and science classes helped me discover where my passions lie. Yet it was the book club that I was a part of most of my time in high school that really stands out. Although the novels we read were fiction, they were about very real and prevalent issues that pertain to our society today. It's because of this club that my eyes are open wider and I have more awareness of the social and racial injustices and inequalities that plague our country. I will forever remember this experience because it has forever changed my view of my country and my community around me.

Sophia Heller, child of Julie and Guy Heller, plans to attend University of Iowa.



Heller

Top 3 achievements: Governor's Scholar Award, my completion of 120 Service Hours, my work with Auditor Moritz on the

North Voter Registration Day.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will never forget the lessons learned in my AP Government class. The first lesson I learned upon walking into the classroom was the importance of an enlightened citizenry. We collectively discussed current events and about problems we saw in our government. Especially in today's polarized political climate, it is a joy to take part in facilitated civil conversations with opposing sides, actually listening to each other. My most favorite memory was our unit about law and the judicial branch. It ignited a passion in me to study law and fight for others in the courtroom for their civil liberties. Because of the brilliant teachers I have had through my high school years I have sought to become a lawyer myself. My favorite supreme court case is Griswold v. Connecticut. The most important lesson I have learned from all my teachers was how to work with others no matter their views.

Allison Greenwood, child of Chris and Cinder Greenwood, plans on attending the University of Nebraska, Omaha.

Top 3 achievements: Earning my green cord for graduation(40+ volunteer hours), being in Na-

Class of 2021

Abigail Hintermeister, Adam Jasper, Alec Brown, Alejandra Vasquez, Alexa Noble, Alexis Carstens, Alleena Blackwell, Allison Greenwood, Alyssa Griffin, Amaya Matthews, Amine Golden, Amy Middlemiss, Ana Arroyo, Anastasia Nguyen, Anastasia Sammon, Andrea Griesman, Andrew Savely, Angeleah Johnson Williams, Angelique Capen, Anthony Phan, Anthony Dietz, Anya Hawkins, Ariana Rodriguez, Aryeh Jett, Ashton Hesseling, Aubrey Gipson, Augustus Sullivan, Austin Weller, Benjamin Willet, Benjamin Roberts, Benjamin Bergfeld, Benjamin Alcala, Blake Gaskey, Blake Fries, Bonnie Clay, Braden White, Brandon Wingate, Brandt Bloomer, Breanne McCarty, Brielle Tuttle, Brooke Johnson, Bryn Gruber, Cailee Diaz, Caitlin Welu, Caitlyn Saldana, Cale Woodman, Camron Dohman, Cara Hockett, Carissa Harris, Carson Foglesong, Casandra Fisher, Casey Scott, CDrevian Pendleton, Chloe Norris, Christian Rush, Christopher Berdecia, Chrystian Pagels, Ciara Kane, Cierra Moorman, Clayton Spratt, Cody Peters, Colton Foglesong, Connor Califf, Connor Browning, Crista Baker, Daisy Trujano Garcia, Dale Shorter, Daleyn Bruce, Dan Nguyen, Danaisa Wright, Dania Green, Daniel Reyes, Daniel Eitel, Darius Sykes, Dartavious McNeil, David Bolinger, David Nguyen, DaVontae Hicks, DayJah Rias, DeMaria Lankford, Demarquis Hanes, Denise Moore, Derrick Davis, Destiny Findley, Devlin Egger, Dionte Baker, Dominick Kistler, Dylan Droessler, Eleazar Valerio, Elijah Boyle,

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Greenwood

tional Honor Society, and raising over \$10,000 for the University of Iowa Children's Hospital through JOI Club.

A learning experience I'll remember forever is the photography class I took my junior year. I love to do photography as a hobby, so it was a lot of fun to learn new skills when it comes to taking pictures and editing them. I did macro photography and did portraits on other classmates! I even got to have my photos at the Festival of Trees that year. We messed around with editing skills when it comes to Photoshop and enhancing the color. When it came to Photoshopping, we were supposed to put ourselves into a picture from the internet, so I added myself to the Avengers as Thor! Hands down one of the best classes I decided to take in high school.

Leadership

Jordan Colton, child of Jill and Chris Colton, plans on attending the University of Iowa (Business Management and Marketing).



Colton

Top 3 achievements: 1. Getting first place at the Iowa State Dance Championships. 2. Being chosen as a dance captain for varsity show choir (Northside Establishment) and varsity dance my junior and senior year. 3. Being inducted into National Honors Society and later becoming Treasurer.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I will remember forever is from my freshman year, first day in chamber choir. I had only known our vocal director for a few weeks and was very nervous to attend this after school vocal group for the first time. I looked around me and everyone else was memorized and looking up for direction while I was buried in the sheet music. At this moment, Mr. Riewerts knew

it was the perfect time to welcome me to the group. He called me out in front of everyone and asked why I wasn't performing. If you know him, you know this was playful fun but I was so beyond embarrassed and my face turned bright red. But because of this experience I learned that although the drive to be competitive or performance ready throughout my extracurriculars is important, having fun with each other is what really makes the experience memorable.

Math/Sciences

Denise Moore, child of Denise Thorson, Elmer Thorson and Varian Moore, plans on attending the University of Iowa.



Moore

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 experience with AP Biology online and in person. By far, this class was my favorite, and I learned many things that I still remember a year after. My professor Mrs. McCreery made this class an incredible experience for learning and growth, and I am so happy that I have had her as a teacher. At the start of the pandemic in March 2020, AP Biology got a lot more complicated. Online learning was hard to adjust to, especially during such a drastic time. However, this experience with online learning and AP Biology has shaped me as a person, and I continue to use the lessons that I learned from that time today. I want to thank all teachers who were understanding during this time, and I applaud all teachers who continue to change the world.

Skya Lau, child of Mark and Tracey Lau, plans on attending Liberty University.

Top 3 achievements: Color guard captain, Dual grad, Science bowl member.

What's something you

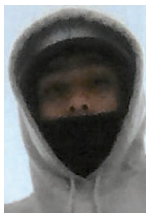


Lau

learned that you will take with you after high school? AP Calculus with Mrs. Buckley was one of those classes that eloquently combined actual learning with hilarious lesson tangent conversations. As a young sophomore in a class of juniors and seniors, I wasn't at the middle of most of the shenanigans that went on. Instead, I was the quote-taker. Whether it was a walking race, argument for sprinkles being considered candy, spelling "if" backwards, or any number of other ridiculous things teenagers say when their brains are broken by math, I wrote it all down, including when Mrs. Buckley said, "This is the strangest year ever", which back in 2018, I naively believed to be true. Even so, we all still managed to learn the material, and I realized this class was the first in which I'd found a long-awaited challenge. Thus, calculus is the class I forever remember being told, "The only thing you should ever quit is quitting."

Vocational Education

Eleazar Valerio, child of Sylvia Reyes and James Reyes, plans on are to join a trade and hopefully own his own business down in the future.



Valerio

Top 3 achievements: 1st at districts to go to state for wrestling, 1st team All-Metro Wrestling, and member of the Lulac 600 Council.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? "My most memorable moments in class are probably when my student built home teacher Mr. Peck talks to us about life. The reason why this is my most memorable is because we would talk about many things that will help me down the road. Not only was he educating us about things we will need to know about the future

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MOLINE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Academics

Michael Galvin, child of Katie and Patrick Galvin, plans to attend Iowa State University



Galvin

Top 3 achievements: National Honors Society, Illinois State Scholar 2021, and AP Scholar with Honor

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience I will never forget is building an automatic "factory" in my engineering class during my junior year. The factory consisted of a conveyor belt and six stations that each had different functions. As the team leader, I assigned duties and planned and programmed each station along with the designated team members. The sense of accomplishment after completing a tough and long project is a memory I will never forget.

Madison Lodico, child of Colin and Melinda Lodico, plans to attend University of Utah



Lodico

Top 3 achievements: AP Scholar with Honors, Illinois State Scholar, MHS 2021 co-valedictorian

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Building a trebuchet from scratch for the Quad City Engineering Trebuchet Egg Throw in my Principles of Engineering class is a experience that burns bright in my memory. From coming up with a design, to using power tools, to struggling to transport our trebuchet this project highlighted the problem solving process that comes with the STEM field. My enjoyment in that process as well as being able to meet experienced engineers at the competition solidified my aspirations to go into the engineering field and made this experience memorable.

The Arts

Krianna Walljasper, child of Tom Walljasper and Shelley Walljasper, plans to wait out COVID before making any decisions about a career in the theater, but her back up plans are teaching and vet tech



Walljasper

Top 3 achievements: Drama Club President, NHS, Choir departmental honors, and Homecoming Court

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I would say that something I will remember forever from Moline Theater is that everyone is always welcome. It doesn't matter what your hair color is, what you are wearing, or what you identify as. It can be for anyone. Being an upper class man and having this mentality has really taught me that everyone should always feel welcome, no matter where you are. We all know what it feels like to be that person in the corner. So be that nice welcoming person, a comfortable joyful face. It is really important to me that everyone involved feels like they have a reason to be there. And Knowing you could be the reason they feel comfortable ignites a different kind of feeling. Moline Theater became my safe place, a space I could truly be myself, with no judgement. I hope that kids who have the same passion for theatre take that leap of faith. Because without it, I wouldn't be who I am today.

Atticus Norman, no profile submitted.

Humanities

Greyson Hansen, child of Jennifer Hansen and Jason Hansen, plans on attending Augustana College



Hansen

Top 3 achievements: First Chair Trumpet,

University of Iowa Honor Band, Augustana Honor Band

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom learning experience that sticks out to me is from my freshman year Honors English class. We read Animal Farm and Lord of the Flies, which my 14 year old self didn't exactly enjoy. However, my teacher, Mr. Wyck-off, came up with a bunch of interactive activities for the class to participate in that went along with the events in the books. We were assigned into teams, made some cool art, elected and dethroned class leaders, played Jeopardy, and so much more. Because of these activities, I remember the plot of both books relatively well after three years. I looked forward to going to his class every day because he truly cares about his students and wants everyone to succeed while having fun. For this, I'll always remember my freshman year English class.

Larissa Horton, child of Lisa and Robert Horton, plans to major in History or Linguistics



Horton

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society, Line O' Type Co-Editor in Chief, Marching Maroons Low Brass Co-Section Leader

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? It's quite a task, attempting to name just a single standout experience from an occupation that's dominated such a large part of my life so far. I've certainly had classes that left an especially notable impact: my first AP classes in 10th grade, challenging me academically and trying my ability to keep a healthy balance between school and personal life; my dual credit English classes, giving me valuable experiencing writing, analyzing, and researching; my Spanish classes, pulling me out of my comfort zone and allowing me a deeper understanding of another language as well as my first. For all of these experiences, though, the through line has always been my teachers helping me to share their genuine passion for the subjects they teach, and I will do my best to hold on to the lessons I learned at Moline as I continue with my life.

Leadership

Nicole Artemyev, child of Kristina Artemyeva, plans to attend the University of Illinois



Artemyev

Top 3 achievements: Salutatorian with a 4.97 GPA and all departmental honors, 2020 AP Scholar Award Winner and Senior Class President

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One of the most prominent learning experiences as a student at MHS was developing my time management skills. As an involved and driven student, it was crucial for me to actively participate in various activities, yet be a focused student. From dance practices and clubs in the morning, to work and homework after school, I carried a full load on my plate. My teachers throughout the year helped find good study habits which allowed me to excel in and out of the classroom. Though high school is commonly known as some of the most stressful years of our lives, the support of my peers, teachers, and the MHS staff ultimately helped me dedicate time for volunteering, planning fundraisers, attending sporting events, completing assignments, and making life long memories!

Kaeleen Smith, child of Adam and Erin Smith, plans to attend Carthage College

Top 3 achievements: Working as a mentor for The Quad City Penguin Project, Illinois State Scholar, and volunteering for Congresswoman Cheri Bustos's successful reelection campaign

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What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In my AP United States Government and Politics class with Mr. Scott Ehlers, our first unit was a political science unit. This unit opened my eyes to a field I had never looked into before, and is the

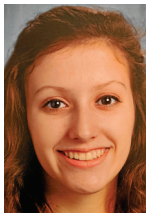


Smith

reason I am now double majoring in both History and Political Science.

Math/Sciences

Abigail McBride, child of Heather and Daniel McBride, plans to attend DePauw University and major in Biology



McBride

Top 3 achievements: AP Scholar with Honors, Illinois State Scholar, top 1% of my class

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? We were learning the biology unit in AP

Psych. We had just gotten to the divisions of the peripheral nervous system. The classroom was quiet; everyone was taking notes. Then, out of nowhere, our teachers screams. Nothing had happened—she just let out a really loud scream. It scared the heck out of me, but now I'll always remember what the sympathetic nervous system does.

Samuel Schwartz, child of Kendall and Susan Schwartz, plans on attending the Iowa State University

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Academics

Say Say, child of Pono Annai and Sandar Annai, plans to attend Black Hawk College

Top 3 achievements: Charles O. Austin Jr. Award, D.A.R. Good Citizen Award, and I.S.A.T. State Scholar

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I'll never forget my 8th grade

math class. Dr. Meredith was our teacher and now that I'm looking back, I can't thank her enough for preparing us for such successful futures. We always learned more than we should've and as tiring as it was, it was always worth it. It was a small class and we all knew each other. Everything we learned was thorough yet brief. We flew by each lesson to the point where high school math was almost easy. To this day, it is still my favorite learning environment and was an experience to always remember.

Noah Rettig, no profile submitted.

The Arts

Itangishatse Bujeni, child of Barigono Stephanie and Joachim Cumya, plans to attend Southern Illinois University

Top 3 achievements: Medal of Honor, NSHSS nominee, ILMEA participant

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? This is such difficult question to answer because

there have been many moments that I will remember forever. My mind goes to all of the moments in English when discussing an authors writing would excite us, or the small details in history good or bad that made the world what it is today. All amazing moments but none as unforgettable as freshman year. My first year in chamber choir. I remember feeling nervous and just lucky to be there. I remember our directors sitting us down and having us all introduce ourselves. We got personal about why we were here, everyone listened intently to what I (a freshman) had to say. I remember feeling as if I had found a family in this new unfamiliar place. This memory stays with me because it is a reflection of my experience at Rocky. Being apart of a family and never feeling small.

Riley Ellis, no profile submitted.

Humanities

Emily Pearson, child of Greg and Angie Pearson, plans to attend Black Hawk College for associates and then go to Texas to continue her nursing degree

Top 3 achievements: Charles O. Austin award recipient, being selected to be a National Society of High School Scholars member and being in the top 10% of my class all four years of high school.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning

experience that I will remember forever is having to learn the second half of my junior year and my whole senior year behind a computer screen due to being in the middle of a pandemic. This year has been a big learning experience for everyone, including teachers. It hasn't been easy but with the support of my teachers and family, I have really gotten through this. I came out on the other side feeling like my academic abilities are stronger than before. All the teachers have been so understanding and supportive of their students, seeing the teachers go above and beyond has really motivated me to do better and finish my senior year strong.

Although this year has not been what I expected my "normal" senior year to be, I wouldn't trade it for another year. I will remember this new Covid-style classroom learning experience forever!

Aex Kaalberg, no profile submitted.

Leadership

Kyle Gant, child of Gail and Bryon Gant, plans to attend Scott Community College

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, National Honor Society Member, and Captain of the varsity wrestling team

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning

experience I will always remember is freshman English class. We were reading "Romeo and Juliet" and Mrs. Parer told us to read it with more passion. Mrs. Parer startled us and jumped on top of her desk and read aloud one of the scenes from the play. The class laughed and was amazed of her acting skills but it taught me something different. It showed me how to have confidence and pushed me to not care what other people think me. This has pushed me to be a leader in everything I do which includes Band, Soccer, Wrestling, and in the classroom. When I get insecure or down I think back to that moment to maybe inspire the people around me.

Calvin Banks, child of Charles Banks and Cara Banks, plans to attend University of Missouri

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society President, Pride of Rock Island Drum Major, and ILMEA All-State Musician (Trumpet)

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning

experience that I will never forget is my U.S. Government class with Mr. Hains. I appreciate politics both in the U.S. and around the world, and this class gave me a chance to not only dive into politics but also look through multiple lenses on the political spectrum. Many queries were posed to question myself and my peers' moral structures, ranging from far right views, to far left, and everything in between. This class taught me that certain people view certain issues, not because it is right or wrong, but because without contrasting views the right answers would never emerge. This class also taught me that it's okay to question things that aren't quite understandable and to solve those uncertainties in a civilized manner. And lastly, this class taught me to respect all individuals no matter the circumstances.

Math/Sciences

Lily Paw, child of Mo Dee and TaKaw Say, plans to Western Illinois University

Top 3 achievements: Top ten, Chamber Orchestra, and Charles O. Austin Scholar

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning

experience I will remember forever is when teachers did hands on activities for their lessons instead of just making the students take notes at their desk. I feel as though this way of teaching has more of a lasting effect. I learn better when I have a way to go back and think about something that I can relate it to. Plainly taking notes is boring for me and I usually do not take any information into my head most of the time. I love it when my teachers come up with fun activities that relates to the lesson that they want to teach. If there's one thing that has a long lasting memory it would be hands

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Sigel

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

In 6th grade we had to do a wax museum and it was worth 70% of our overall grade. My person was James Naismith the inventor of basketball. I did a really good job on it and this taught me a really valuable lesson. This taught me to prepare and even study for test, projects, and big assignments. I couldn't just wing it and not prepare and I feel like that project helped me even to this day to prepare and study.

Natella Alieva, child of Elnara Alieva and Abdulla Aliev, plans to attend Midwest Technical Institute for Cosmetology program

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society, Girls club, and Tennis

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

A Classroom learning experience I will remember forever happened in Freshman year English. Our teacher loved to do group activities and presentation, and one thing I hated the most was presenting. One day when we actually had to present I went up to her and asked if I can take a 0 but she didn't take it, so I ended up presenting. I remember how nervous I was and how fast I read. My heart was beating fast , and

I thought everyone was laughing at me but instead they were just listening. I hated my teacher for that, but later on in my life it helped me fight my anxiety for presenting and always thinking the worst of everything. I know she has helped a lot of students with anxiety. Now that's something I won't forget.

Young Journalist

JaRaya Carr, child of Terresha Akers and Jashar Carr, plans to attend Tennessee State University

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, and Student Ambassador

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

I will always remember my french class this year, as a senior. We are reading a book called Le Petit Prince means The Little Prince in English, it's about a man who meets a little boy in a desert where his plane crashed, and he tells the story about the boy he meets. The story shows the little prince's life of him trying to make friends and see the reality of the real world. In chapter 21, which is a very long chapter compared to other chapters. The little prince meets a fox and the fox teaches him that he shouldn't rely on looks and appearances, but look at people's hearts and get to know them. I believe that I judge people sometimes and never think about who they really are as people. This book opened my eyes to the possibility of people, It made me realize, people are great!

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Rock Island

From K6

Jonathan Knuth, child of Ronald and Jennifer Knuth, plans to attend Augustana College
Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society, Eagle Scout Rank,



Knuth

and Quad City Youth Symphony
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom

experience that was most memorable, was AP Biology. The teacher made the topics interesting by providing hands-on activities, planning an educational trip, and a variety of collaborative labs. One activity that I enjoyed during our Cell Division unit was the use of magnets to show how cells divide

and reproduce. These magnetic tools helped me make connections to the cell division cycle. At the beginning of the year, the class took a field trip to a Prairie. While exploring the Prairie, I applied what I had learned in the classroom from our unit about ecosystems and food chains. Working in small groups

helped me keep actively engaged as we learned about the prairie habitat. During our lab portion of the course, I collaborated with my classmates as we used a microscope to discover more about cell DNA. AP Biology provided a variety of learning opportunities and fun memories.

Moline

From K5

Top 3 achievements: Becoming president of a club, receiving college credit for AP Calculus BC as a sophomore, and reaching the top 2% of my class.



Schoeve

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

ing experience that I'll remember forever —and in reality probably set me down the path I intend to pursue for my future— was the marble launcher experiment I did in Mr. Bohnsack's physics class. For the experiment, my partners

and myself had to calculate where a marble would land from a table without first launching the marble. We had to use variables like weight and height from the ground to try and figure out how far the marble would fly. We did our calculations, put a X on the floor and finally got to let the marble fly. Seeing that marble hit exactly where we had taped it out lit a match in me to pursue a career in the sciences. I had always been pretty good at math, but seeing it work in a real application was something awesome that I won't forget."

Vocational Education

Hunter Schoeve, child of Rita and Dave Schoeve, plans to attending Western Illinois University

Top 3 achievements: Spartan Pride of Excellence, National honor society, industrial Technology Top Honors



Rangen

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will never forget the times that I had in class in general and will

forever miss those moments.

Adam Rangen, child of Melissa and Kenneth Rangen, plans to pursue a CNC Apprenticeship

Top 3 achievements: Departmental Honor for Math, Straight A's Senior Year



Gilmore

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience I'll remember is my CNC

apprenticeship that I was a part of through the school. I gain job experience and real world experience that I wouldn't have gained from a class at school. I don't know if it would be a classroom experience, since it wasn't at school.

Young Journalist

Tayler Gilmore, child of Jessica Ross and Todd Gilmore, plans to attend the University of Missouri

Top 3 achievements: National Honors Society, Illinois State Scholar, Vice President of Minority Leaders of Tomorrow Club

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Learning the concept of creative writing, and writing in general, has been one of my favorite classroom experiences that I'll remember forever.

One classroom experience I will remember forever would be when I decided to add electives to my schedule pertaining to writing, such as Journalistic Writing and Creative Writing. I was able to surround myself by friends and peers who were as passionate about writing as much as I was. I remember getting out of my comfort zone in my Creative Writing class every time I volunteered to read my poem, short story, or even just to ask questions. I will forever cherish the close-knit connections I had with my teachers because they were my number one supporters when it came to not only improving my writing skills, but helping me to further my passion.

Kaeleen Smith, no profile submitted.

Davenport North

From K4

he would also make us laugh while doing so. This is just one of the memorable moments that I have obtained through my years of high school.



McDonnell

Mason McDonnell, child of Matt McDonnell and Emily McDonnell, has a Trade Apprenticeship through

Gabrilson.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Making a metal hand in Metals class with Mr. Zeismer.

Young Journalist

John Hiser, child of Scott and Amy Hiser, has enlisted in the U.S. Army.

Top 3 achievements: Lettered in Young Journalism. Cadet Sgt. Maj. of North MCJROTC. Four years of Cross Country.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? For me, quite surprisingly, it was giving my speeches in Speech class. The research I put into my work for the best and most convincing information I could use, the adrenaline rush from the anticipation of being next, to the surge in confidence and relief I would feel after walking away from my best speech yet. The whole class in general was enjoyable.



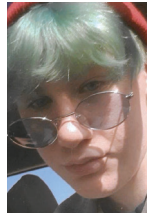
Revels

Young Journalist

Max Revels, child of Jeri and Bill Revels, plans to attend a community college and then University of Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: Head Photographer of Yearbook, Music Program, and Drama Club.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Sophomore year I was in Dual Enrollment and one of my classes was psychology. Our topic of the day was what dreams meant. As class was slowing down I asked her a few questions about my dreams



Smith

and as she was explaining something clicked in my head that I want to learn more about psychological issues. That day lead me in the direction of what I would like

to do. As someone who has neurological and psychological issues I would want to get an education in Psychology through University of Iowa and would like to become a therapist and even a gender therapist.

Davenport Central

From K3

others scrambled to find something in their backpack. At the end of the demonstrations, our teacher found a way to teach us more about math by showing off some of his math-related objects. One I remember in particular was a 3D model of the area between two curves. At the end of the session, everyone had fun while learning more about each other and the mysteries of Calculus.

Alyssa Migiel, child of Dave and Crystal Migiel, plans to major in animal sciences at Iowa State University



Migiel

Top 3 achievements: Academic Excellence (4.0 GPA) for 4 years, Noon Optimist Scholarship, Receiving 20+ college credits

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? As high school went on, becoming a veterinarian was all that I could think about when picturing future college plans. Thanks to my counselor, I became aware of the opportunity to take two different zoology courses. While getting to learn about different animal systems, I dissected a range of species

on a weekly basis. Not only was I able to learn about their different adaptations, but being able to physically see their anatomy was a great experience. These courses further ensured that I want to go down the veterinary career path. I have now advanced onto AP Calculus and AP Chemistry. These rigorous classes are exciting to me, I love what I am learning about, and cannot wait to further my education in STEM.

Vocational Education

Andrew Hutchcroft, child of Dave and Kristi Hutchcroft, plans to attend the University of Iowa



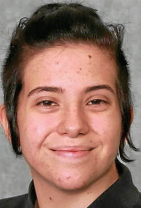
Hutchcroft

Top 3 achievements: Academic All-Conference-Basketball, Career Tech Ambassador, and a three Sport Letter Winner

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I will remember forever is the dual credit business courses I was able to take with Mrs. Lafrenz and Mr. Gisel. Through their guidance, I was able to gain an understanding of how a degree in business could help me be successful in the future. They provided me the opportunity to earn 18 dual credit courses towards college. Through their classes, I was inspired to pursue business, and major in it, at the

University of Iowa where I was accepted into the Tippie School of Business as a freshman.

Makenna Bayless, child of Leslie Vanlandschoot, plans to be a Preschool Teacher/Teaching assistant



Bayless

Top 3 achievements: Earning my Child Development Associates, getting a scholarship from the T.E.A.C.H. program, and being a preschool educator.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I will remember forever is my first time planning a lesson for preschool children. In the Early Childhood Education class, I worked with a class of preschooler every day. A project we were required to do for this class, was to plan play and educational centers for the children to engage in, and then document them. I worked with the children in the hearing impaired room. I put together a variety of educational and developmentally beneficial areas for them. This helped show me how much I loved teaching and working with children, and grew my love for the job I now have.

Young Journalist

Sara Holtam, child of Tom Holtam and Mary Holtam, plans to attend the University of Missouri



Holtam

a mi — Double major in Global Business and Entrepreneurship

Top 3 achievements: My top three academic or extracurricular achievements would be having a 4.0 GPA, being involved in 13 extracurriculars with 7 leadership positions, and being an IHSPA Scholar and Top Ten Emerging Journalists.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? From spending time joking with your friends in class, to learning about that subject you always found yourself mesmerized by, to making that connection with your favorite teacher, everyone is able to leave high school with that one learning experience they will never forget. For me, this was a whole picture experience rather than one monumental memory. My time participating in the Blackhawk yearbook taught me more than I ever expected. It went beyond how to write an interesting story or take a picture from the right angle; it was about working with others to create something that you were proud of and that people would be able to enjoy for years to come. Not only did I leave this experience feeling involved in a community throughout my four years in high school, but it also gave me

the skills of leadership, communication, and teamwork to use in the future.

Makenna Verdon, child of Matthew and Michelle Verdon, plans to attend Scott Community College

Top 3 achievements: Yearbook's Co-Editor-In-Chief, Recipient of the QC Morning Optimist Scholarship, and a member of National Honors Society

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Learning the concept of creative writing, and writing in general, has been one of my favorite classroom experiences that I'll remember forever. Third grade was the earliest time that I could remember embracing the art of writing. My teacher informed us that we could write about whatever we wanted. This could be used as our voice. Fast forward to when I became a high school student. I joined the yearbook staff and I enrolled in some English courses. Between being a part of the yearbook staff and English courses, I figured out that I wanted to go into journalism as my future career. I thoroughly enjoyed expressing my thoughts in those two areas. I am thankful that I have found my future career throughout my variety of classroom experiences.



Verdon

Davenport West

From K2

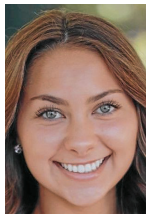
Young Journalist

Kennedy Wink, child of Marvin and Tammie Wink, plans to attend University of Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: National Honors Society, Mentor in Violence Prevention, Dance Team Captain.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? It's a difficult task to pin-point just one

memory from all my years of high school. If I have to pick just one that stands out in particular; a special teacher comes to mind. I had this teacher for an advisory period my freshman through junior year. He was always such a positive influence, and uplifting person to be around. I was always greeted with a welcoming hello and he was sure to ask about things that were important to me,



Wink

and always made me feel special. He was certainly one of my favorite teachers, and someone I am glad to have known. Unexpectedly this year, he passed away due to a medical emergency. This loss taught me that it's important to appreciate the little things, because you never know when one could be your last. This special person has made an impression in the classroom that I will remember forever.

Shonda Nguyen, child of Mindy Nguyen and Brian Nguyen, plans to attend Scott Community College, two years St. Am-

brose.**Top 3 achievements:** Honor Roll, CNA Program, and Yearbook Editor.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I'll remember for a very long time would be, having the opportunity of being the yearbook editor for 2021. It's an experience where I got to learn new ways of being a better leader however I was able to have fun with my staff. Nonetheless, being handed that big responsibility was challenging

at first but I grew to learn that it's not about yelling or stressing out about the book. It was all about going with the flow and having fun with my creative side. I got to work with unique individuals and make this book come to life. So overall, my classroom learning experience was the highlight of my senior year and I would do it all over again.



Nguyen



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Academics

Allison Antolik, child of Evan and Dawn Antolik, plans to attend Western Illinois University

Top 3 achievements: All-State Orchestra (flute), Valedictorian, National Merit Scholar



Antolik

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? While not in a traditional classroom, the most memorable learning experience I have had was leadership in my high school's marching band program. Throughout my junior and senior years I was given hands on leadership experience that was combined with my passion for band. As the flute section leader, I learned how to balance the qualities of a good leader by listening to my group's input while still keeping them on task. I also learned how to build on the principles of my previous leaders by sharing and expanding on them to a new group of people. This ability to lead is one that I know will be essential to my future, and I am extremely grateful for the chance I was given.

Lucy Buzea, child of Tracy and Michael Buzea, plans to attend Augustana College



Buzea

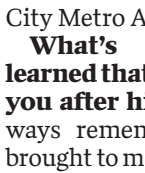
Top 3 achievements: Tennis, Key Club, and Marching Band

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I was very relieved with the way my teachers handled remote/hybrid learning. All of them made it to where it was still very interesting and easy to access. Our course material was also adjusted because of the lack of in class time, and I greatly appreciate that.

The Arts

Cassandra Higgs, child of Dawn and Jerry Higgs, plans to attend the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design

Top 3 achievements: I play bass in a local band, President's Award and a Cutting Edge award for a painting I had submitted in the Quad City Metro Arts gallery.



Higgs

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I'll always remember the challenge brought to me in my AP Art classroom. Even with the restrictions, I was challenged to think of new ideas and develop my style.

Aiden Zoller, child of David Jones and Cindy Zoller, plans to attend Augustana College

Top 3 achievements: I auditioned for and made the All State band, I got a perfect score and best of room for my flute solo at concert my junior year, and I have been in the top 10 for multiple years.

Zoller

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember the day when in physics class the teacher brought out an electrostatic generator, and we tested it out by sending a shock around the whole class. A few friends and I then tested the same thing but with a loop of three people, and jumped because of the stronger shock.

Humanities

Joseph Ross, child of Charles and Evelyn Ross, plans to attend Western Illinois University

Top 3 achievements: Making Top 10 this year, John Deere Harvester Works award, and departmental award for English

Ross

What's something you learned that you

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will take with you after high school? I can't think of one specific moment, but throughout the last three years, having been a part of the critical thinking program, I've been able to be a part of many great discussions where we encourage each other and learn together

Neida Márquez, child of Jose Joel and Hilda Leticia Márquez, plans to attend Augustana College



Márquez

Top 3 achievements: John Deere Harvester Award, Modern Language (Spanish) Award, and President's Award for Educational Excellence

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One thing I will never forget is getting back the first essay I wrote freshman year. I had a teacher who was very honest with me about the mistakes I made and I realized I did not know how to write an essay, but she also gave me very valuable advice and by the end of the year one of my essays was being used as an example in class. Then when I was in her class again junior year I received an A+ on my last essay. Not only did I become a much stronger writer, I also learned how to take criticism and persevere. Although this teacher's class was challenging, I found it was also my favorite because I had to work hard to earn a good grade.

Leadership

Daslah Geadeyan, child of Richard Gaye Nancy Geadeyan, plans on attending college.



Geadeyan

Top 3 achievements: All-Conference Basketball, All-Conference Football

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I remember being in Mr. Welch's classroom, and the topic we were studying was kind of hard for me to comprehend so it made it hard for me to do homework study, and do good on the tests and quizzes. So he taught something that made it a little easier for me, and the simple tip went a long way because I still use it now

Jade Hunter, child of Sheena Hunter, plans to attend the University of Iowa



Hunter

Top 3 achievements: John Deere Harvester award, Broke girls high-jump record, All-Metro for basketball, volleyball, and track.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will forever remember having my high school track and field coach as a teacher in middle school. She is the reason I am where I am today. In middle school she always wanted me to try the high jump but I always refused. When I got to the high school level she was the jumps coach and finally got me to fold and do it. In that same year I jumped state qualifying and made it to state as a freshman. Then I broke the school record my sophomore year and made it to state again. Then my junior year got cancelled by covid-19 and here I am now committed to University of Iowa as a high jumper in my senior year. I learned to try new things because I have nothing to lose but everything to gain.

Math/Sciences

Niah Tyler, child of Maryann and Theodore Tyler, plans to attend Augustana College



Tyler

Top 3 achievements: John Deere recognition award, Illinois state scholar, and social studies departmental award

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I remember working

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What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember all the fun projects we did in the critical thinking program. Some of them include making our own short movie over information we have learned from the school year, acting out a play, and making a presentation for an ethical dilemma that our world is currently facing.

Vocational

Kayla Dorn, child of Wendy Wenskunas and Jeff Dorn, plans to attend Eastern Nazarene College

Top 3 achievements: Academic Achievement award for the vocational/career department,

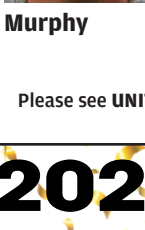


Dorn

leader of fosters voice suicide awareness club, and 1st team all-area for varsity soccer

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Learning how to communicate well with the kids at the daycare from my Childhood Education Class was a bright spot in my high school career. Teaching a child is probably one of the most rewarding things you can ever do in this life.

Reid Murphy, child of Jeff and Shelly Murphy, plans to attend Black Hawk College, Mechanical Engineering and Baseball



Murphy

Top 3 achievements: DAR

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Academics

Gage Mowry, a child of Craig and Barb Mowry, plans to attend the University of Florida.

Top 3 achievements: National Merit finalist, wrestling state-qualifier, and two-time captain of both cross country and wrestling teams.



Mowry

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will never forget my Spanish class this year. We have learned about Hispanic culture and traditions. We sang songs, danced, and ate delicious food while learning the language. I have grown in my appreciation for the amazing traditions of the culture. We specifically learned about many of the numerous fiestas held throughout the year. We ate Pan de Muerto on the Day of the Dead and are preparing a dance routine for Cinco de Mayo. One day, our teacher took us to the gym and showed us how to tie a rope into a slingshot used by Aztec warriors. We took turns knocking cups off the bleachers by launching tennis balls. Spanish class has been a lot of fun because we learn the language along with the customs and traditions.

Caroline Adam, a child of Johnna and Tim Adam, plans to attend the University of Michigan.



Adam

Mention—Illinois State Scholar

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One of my favorite high school memories has been asking my Calculus teacher questions before the beginning of every class. Along with all of the math, we have learned over the last two years, I have learned just as much, if not more from Mr. Boudro's AMAs. We have asked everything from his favorite condiment to how to do taxes. Our daily questions have taught me lifelong lessons I will never forget.

The Arts

Annabelle Bishop, a child of Heather and Charles Bishop, plans to attend Iowa State University.



Bishop

from kindergarten to my senior year of high school.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? At school, I've always felt most engaged in art class. Learning how to make a t-shirt with a silkscreen was one of my favorite projects, out of all of my art classes. I made two silkscreen designs during my years at Alleman, one my sophomore year and the other my junior year. My first silkscreen design was of a dragon sitting on the moon and the second was of Scat Cat from The Aristocats playing his trumpet surrounded by the words "Everybody wants to be a cat!" I enjoyed coming up with the designs and then spreading the ink over the actual silkscreen and seeing the final product. Even though it's an outdated way of making shirts, I always had fun making my shirt designs and doing something that I will never forget.

Samuel Maynard, a child of Michael Maynard and Denise Maynard, plans to Black Hawk College.



Maynard

Top 3 achievements: Promotion of Audiovisual Tech Director at AHS; Awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award from the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards Program; earning the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I remember the first time I walked into a Performing Arts Center, not to watch, but to work. Several friendly high school students welcomed me, a young fifth grader who stood by his father's side as he made sketches of the sets. My dad was asked to come back year after year, and each time I became more involved. As a seventh-grader, I helped out with my first high school production, where I was put in charge of the fog effects. After that, I became a crew member, cast member, sound designer, lighting designer, and now as a senior, I hold the position of audiovisual tech director. I am most grateful for the friends I have gained through my experiences and the passions I have found within myself. From these experiences, I wish to pursue a career in the field of Entertainment Management with a minor in Marketing.

Humanities

Zach Carpita, a child of Cheryl Carpita and Tony Carpita, plans to attend North Central College.



Carpita

Top 3 achievements: Member of National Honor Society, All-State Academic, 1st Team All-Metro for baseball.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Over the past four years at Alleman High School, I have been blessed with many memories that I will cherish forever. One experience that stands out above all the rest is the class retreat we took during junior year. All of the boys went to St. Patrick's Parish for the day and got to take part in Holy Mass and various activities that helped us learn about life and look at things through a different lens. Led by our chaplain, Fr. Hoelscher, and other teachers, the day was filled with life lessons and was a great getaway from the day-to-day classroom schedule. This day was truly memorable to me because of the way everyone came together and got closer in ways I never thought possible. In the end, we had all found out things about ourselves to make us stronger, and learned things that we will take away forever.

Brook Belshause-Picksley, a child of Nancy Belshause and Sam Picksley, plans to Augustana College.



Picksley

Top 3 achievements: Team Captain of 4x State Qualifying ICTM Team 2x State Qualifying ACES Team Illinois State Scholar.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Our academic competition team, ACES, was headed by our calculus teacher, Mr. Boudro. He seemed intimidating when we first met him. Despite knowing him for years, Mr. Boudro still scared us, and we appreciated any smile we received. At our ACES competition, we were nerve-racked as we waited for our next test to begin. Mr. Boudro brought out a game for us to play as we waited for the next event. The game was called BANG!, and none of us had ever played before. As we began to get into the game, so did Mr. Boudro. We continued playing, and soon, he was playing and laughing as though he were a teenager again. All of us who were at that competition cherish that moment and still bring it up to reminisce. It was a true bonding moment between teacher and student that made us enjoy his class so much more.

Leadership

Lily Beardsley, a child of Alison Beardsley and Kris Beardsley, plans to attend the University of Iowa.



Beardsley

Top 3 achievements: Member of National Honors Society, President of Student Council, Academic All-Conference Student-Athlete

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I feel very

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honored to have been chosen in the Leadership category for this award. After reading the essay prompt, one classroom experience quickly came to mind. Being one who has always enjoyed history and literature, I was very excited about my junior year history class. I had heard over the years how great Mr. Skahill's American History class was and I had been looking forward to it since my freshman year. We had reading assignments over the summer and when school began, the entire class had talked at one time or another about the assignments. It became clear that we had a tight-knit group who were passionate about academics which only made the class more enjoyable and interesting. My favorite memory from the class was telling daily jokes to our teacher. History class became my favorite part of the day and I learned valuable lessons beyond the textbook.

Diego Portillo, a child of Rosalva Portillo and Ruben Portillo, Northwestern University.



Portillo

DAR Good Citizens Scholarship.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Although our numbers have dwindled over the years, I appreciated the petite size of my French IV Honors class. Having only five students, class time always felt like a relaxing change of pace from the rest of my classes. With Madame Irelan's guidance and encouragement, we all engaged in fun conversation while building each other's language proficiency in French. The projects we did throughout the year absolutely made this year in French class memorable. In these projects, we posed as tour guides in foreign countries, critiqued Napoleon Bonaparte with a report card, and described the symbolism in Le Petit Prince, all while cultivating our knowledge of the French language. Along with the enjoyable projects, the lighthearted atmosphere we created in our French class will undoubtedly rest in my mind. In this environment, we knew we could rely on one another and we witnessed our learning thrive.

Math/The Sciences

Gunner Johnson, a child of Jennifer Johnson and Michael Johnson.



Johnson

Top 3 achievements: 1st place in ACES Sectionals for math, 1st place in regional ICTM geometry, valedictorian for fall 2020 semester.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My most salient memory of a classroom learning experience comes from when I was working with a couple of friends on a Quizlet Live project. With these friends, I was more motivated and joyful than ever to learn the material; I was working at full capacity when they had my back. This encounter taught me much about the unit we were studying for, but it also revealed a more long-lasting insight: the support of friends is so essential for keeping one's passion and enthusiasm for education alive. Passion for education enables a person to effectively learn, going

Rudy Glancey, Andrew Gripp, Brenden Gusse, Caleb Habel, Quentin Hall, Billy Hayes, Ainsley Herd, Errin Hoffman, Alijah Howarth, Jack Janssen, Gahyeong Ji, Gunner Johnson, Emma Keefe, Jake Keefe, Emily Klauer, Luke Lofgren, Bytten Love, Casey Magee, Janie Martens, Jackson Marx, Bella Massa, Jake Mattechek, Margo Maynard, Sam Maynard, Kiley McConville, Avriel Mentado, Kendall Miller-Wendt, Morgan Moore, Jacob Morel, Gage Mowry, Paige Newcomb, Annabelle Nienhaus, Isabelle Nonnenmann, John Nonnenmann, Romario Ojeda,

Zachary Otten-Thoms, Aidan Pasmore, Jack Patting, Isabelle Pinc, Maddie Porter, Diego Portillo, Annie Rafferty, Kristal Ramirez, Lucy Rector, Audrey Reynolds, HollieRochau, Katie Rochholz, Stephanie Ruiz, Karla Sanchez, Noah Schneider, Lynleigh Schram, Caleb Sharer, Grace Sheldon, Carl Showalter, Ian Snider, Madison Steines, William Taylor, C.J. Terronez, Sophia Terronez, Tori Thomas, Clare Thomson, Michael Turner, Ali VandeWiele, Kylie Veranda, Sebastian Villanueva, Cameron Wallace, Brianna Waller, Katie Wilde, Daniel Zepeda

beyond the bare minimum and putting full effort into their assignments. In my early years of high school, it drove me to do additional problems in my math textbook and to take Khan Academy courses of my own volition. The well-being that comes from the companionship of others is necessary for continuing on this way.

John Nonnenmann, a child of Jim and Julie Nonnenmann, plans to study Accounting at Western Illinois University.



Nonnenmann

Cross Country 3. Academic Challenge for Engineering and Science Regional Event Winner.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My many classroom experiences have forged me into the student that I am today. Being in Mr. Boudro's classroom is one of the experiences that has contributed the most. His classroom environment taught me to not only be hard working in my school work but to be hard working in all aspects of life. It grew my desire to learn more and greatly developed my work ethic. The difficulty of the class only pushed me to succeed more and grew my determination to study. Mr. Boudro helped me to learn the value of using my time wisely and always seeking to expand my knowledge in areas outside my experience. He instilled within me confidence in my work and a mindset to excel. I will always be grateful for my time in his classes because they helped set me down the path to success.

Vocational Education

Caleb Sharer, a child of Jennie Sharer and Matt Sharer, plans to attend Marquette University to study business.



Sharer

the student council.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Some of the most insightful and memorable events I've experienced at Alleman have all come from the same source, which is the daily "Ask Me Anything" portion of my calculus class. These AMA's were the creation of my math teacher Mr. Boudro, who started this tradition a few years ago. I think that this small part of my day sticks out so profoundly because of the hundreds of different directions our questions can go and that students have an (almost) free rein to ask anything they'd like to see answered. Mr. Boudro hardly ever skimps out on his answers and has always packed in some meaning, logic, or value to them. These memories I have made at both my pre-calculus and AP calculus classes will last a lifetime because of either the valuable lessons they contained or the way they made me laugh during an otherwise particularly stressful day.

Errin Hoffman, a child of TJ and Kristi Hoffman, plans to attend Black Hawk College and Trinity College of Nursing.

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society, Principal List, and 4 years of volleyball.

What's something you



Hoffman

learned that you will take with you after high school? In my CNA class this year at UTHS, the memory I will remember forever is going to clinicals at Hope Creek. Since the nursing home was on lockdown due to the pandemic, my favorite part was seeing the smiles on the residents' faces because many of them haven't seen their family in a while. They really loved sharing their stories and also telling me what they have all accomplished and seen throughout the years. As a student, it really meant a lot that they allowed me to take care of them and learn more about the nursing field. This has helped me realize that I am heading down the correct path and am excited to see what the future holds. I truly appreciate all the staff at Hope Creek and my teachers for giving me this opportunity as I want to follow in my sister's footsteps and become a Registered Nurse.

Young Journalist

Ella Darrow, a child of Clarence and Sara Darrow, plans to attend the Notre Dame Gateway Program



Darrow

and Science), Director of Pathfinders Key Club.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? When my sophomore math teacher's daughter was diagnosed with a brain tumor, it was bad news for all of us. Not only was it hard on him, but it also meant on top of teaching us, he had to drive back and forth to Iowa city many nights. He tried his hardest to keep a smile on his face, but we could tell it was hard for him. To help lift his spirits, I and my fellow classmate organized a money collection from our honors math classmates. From about 30 students, we were able to collect over \$500 to buy toys, gift cards, and other things to help him with his hardships. I will always remember my class's generosity.

Andrew Casel, the child of Todd and Virginia Casel, plans to attend St. Ambrose University.



Casel

Top 3 achievements: Multiple semesters on the honor role, being published in the school paper, member of Sigma Alpha Delta.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will definitely remember happened in my junior year history class. My teacher invited a Civil War enthusiast into the class, and he showcased pieces of history that represented the time period. I remember how passionately he spoke about each artifact, which included a Union uniform, replica revolver and an officer's sword. I had already been enjoying the Civil War unit, but being able to see the equipment a soldier of the time would have carried made me feel much closer to the history, and allowed me to appreciate it more. It was experiences like this that made me want to explore and appreciate both the past, as well as current events.

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Academics

Noah Rantilla, child of Adrian Rantilla and Debra Rantilla, plans to attend the University of Iowa



Rantilla

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My most impactful classroom learning experience is when, during my AP U.S. Government class, we would line up according to personal beliefs on an issue before breaking up into groups to discuss and prepare for a class debate. What made this experience memorable is how, while our teacher mediated as necessary, she was mostly uninvolved in the discussion. That, and I had some extremely passionate people on opposite sides of the political spectrum in my class. Because we were able to openly share and discuss our views, in a platform where we were all able to throw in our two cents and just work through what we believe and why, that experience in my AP U.S. Government class is one of the most impactful to me.

Sophia Utsinger, child of Kim and Andy Utsinger, plans to attend the United States Naval Academy



Utsinger

Top 3 achievements: Commented National Merit Scholar, Governor's Scholar, and Quad City Art's Scholar

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I'll remember forever is making snowflakes in Mr. Bonnstetter's classroom after we finished our Spanish final. We folded paper and used tiny scissors to cut small segments marked by a template Mr. Bonnstetter made for us. Once finished cutting, we unfolded our paper to reveal an intricate, detailed paper snowflake. My snowflakes decorate the case of my Chromebook to this day.

The Arts

Charlotte Barnes, child of Stacy Driscoll and Andy Barnes, plans to attend Iowa State University



Barnes

Spotlight for World Language, Science and Art

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? This year in AP Studio Art, we had to go all online instead of hybrid for two weeks due to a spike in cases in Scott County. During that time, Mr. Solbrig, my art teacher, had us critique each other's work over Zoom and it was a great experience for me since I got to see what everyone's theme and current projects were for the class. Getting to see everyone's work, even the students not in my cohort and all online was interesting so I could see beautiful pieces made by my peers, along with receiving some constructive criticism about my pieces.

Hally Michaelis, the child of Jana Michaelis and Dave Michaelis, plans to attend Iowa State University to study Environmental Engineering.



Michaelis

demec Letter

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? This year has been unique for a variety of reasons, but perhaps one of the most different and difficult aspects of the year has been navigating online schooling. Because I have been an online student for the entire year, I have had to try to stay engaged in classes while learning through a screen. Luckily, my teachers have been super patient and helpful throughout the entire experience. This year will stick with me beyond high school because it acts as a reminder that teachers are here to help their students grow no matter what, and that perseverance from both students and teachers leads to success no matter the challenging circumstances.

Humanities

Hayley Smith, child of Jamie Smith and Matt Smith, plans to attend the University of Iowa

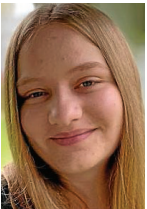


Smith

Top 3 achievements: Band Letter, National Honor Society, Iowa Scholars Award

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I remember being in AP Spanish class and our class was just having a conversation with our teacher about our lives and other random topics, and I remember how nice it felt having a teacher and class that was so open and kind and amazing that we could have these types of conversations where we could feel safe and joke around and have fun. I think that was the moment I decided I wanted to be a teacher, because Mrs. Zimmerman showed me what it was like to have a teacher that genuinely cares about you and wants to listen to what you have to say, so I also want to be that person for other young people that deserve to be heard and cared about.

Rachel Witt, child of Stephanie Witt and Dean Witt, plans to attend Augustana College



Witt

Top 3 achievements: Academic Letter, National Honor Society, and National French Contest—Placed in state 3rd (2018), 2nd (2019), and 5th (2021)

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I am very fortunate to have been able to take AP French as an independent study this semester. I was unable to take AP French as a traditional course this year, and my French teacher, Sheila Piasecki, offered to teach me the course as an independent study. She knew that I really enjoyed learning the language and that I was planning on pursuing a French minor in college. It has been a wonderful experience, and I am so thankful that Ms. Piasecki was able to find time in her busy schedule to allow me to continue learning French.

Leadership

Chase Mason, child of Thomas Allen Mason IV and Rachel Mason, plans to attend St Ambrose University



Mason

Top 3 achievements: Senior class president, Co-captain of the Golf team

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During my freshman year, I remember talking to a senior that was always in my advisory. It was the last day of school for him, so I thought he would be pretty eager to get out of the school. Instead, he seemed nervous and sad, so I asked him, "Aren't you ready to leave this place?" He replied, "Yes I am ready to leave, but the years go by really fast. Make sure you enjoy the rest of the time you have." I will never forget that moment because it put in perspective how fast my time in high school been.

Sammy Foht, no profile was submitted

Math/Sciences

Jaden Poole, child of Michelle and David Poole, plans to attend Iowa State University

Top 3 achievements: Highest

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Poole

Honor Role—4.0, 3rd place robot in the state robotics competition, and meritorious in the HiMCM COMAP competition

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I was a part of science club for a few years and one of my favorite activities was the egg drop challenge. However, for this egg drop we weren't told it was happening so we just used some items we could find in a half hour and make a contraption. My partner and I found some pencils and an old water bottle in a locker and used them to make our container for the egg. The eggs were dropped from the roof and ours survived. This was such a fun day as were all the science club days with Mr. Koepnick.

Rayanne Brackette, child of Leanne Boyer and Jared Brackette, plans to attend Iowa State University



Brackette

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Learning is much more fun when you're choosing to learn, that's why I love Science Club. My sophomore year my friends and I would think of tons of random questions to ask

our club supervisor, Mr. Koepnick. He would almost always have an answer for us, increasing our curiosity and creating more questions. He explained everything from different theories on how the universe was created to the physics behind sound. Every meeting we'd make him stay late answering our questions until he made us go home. Out of all my learning experiences throughout high school, these moments will be the ones I remember forever.

Vocational Education

Carter Furness, child of Jen Furness and Keith Furness, plans to attend college but is still undecided on where.



Furness

Top 3 achievements: MVP twice for varsity basketball, 4.0 GPA, and Academic All Conference for both baseball and basketball

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom experience that I will never forget was one of my first days in high school as a freshman. I walked into my first business class and took my seat. I began talking to one of my classmates, a senior entering her last year. I remember telling her that I hoped high school would fly by like everyone talks about. Before experiencing it for yourself, there's no real comparison. She told me that the last three years have done just that, and that she wished she could start over again. She was so right. The people I have met, experiences I

have had, and the learning I have done are something I would not trade for anything. Of course I am excited to move on to the next chapter, but that conversation will forever be true and I will never forget to embrace the moments I have throughout life.

Ethan Willis, child of Dawn Bergom and Eric Willis, plans to attend Scott Community College, then Iowa State University

Top 3 achievements: I have achieved honor role multiple times, won first, along side my team, in a varsity short distance medley relay, and hit a personal record of approximately 54 seconds for an open 400m dash.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One instance that I'll definitely remember when I stayed after school to work on my team's trebuchet. While drawing stitches on the trebuchet, I was asked by my engineering problems teacher, Mr. Drexler to help unload about 15 trebuchets into the auto bay. During that time I was kind of amazed at the combined creativity that went into that project. The reason being that although there were a few main models being the loft, merlin, and floating arm designs there were no two trebuchets that were the same. All of them had unique differences that each team had added similar to what my team and I did to ours. Although the details of that

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Academics

Matthew Tallman, child of David and Colleen Tallman, plans to attend a four-year college or university



Tallman

Top 3 achievements: Reaching the Iowa Class 3A State Basketball Semifinals, National Honor Society Member, and four-year member of Student Council.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During freshman year, we were assigned to read "The Lord of the Flies." The novel follows a group of boys who have crash-landed on an island. They try to govern themselves; however, as days go on, the more barbaric their behavior and order is lost. After taking attendance like she does every day, our English teacher, Mrs. McGuire, slipped out of the room to run "a quick errand." For an entire 45-minute class period, we were left on our own with no instructions, similar to the boys in The Lord of the Flies. The activity shocked us with a feeling of guilt as we came to realize we were no better than the characters in the novel. With this experience, I learned the dangers of arrogance and prejudice, as I was in similar circumstances as the boys, yet behaved in the very manner I was criticizing while reading the novel.

Jason Armstrong, child of K.C. and Ralph Armstrong, plans to attend a four-year university



Armstrong

Top 3 achievements: University member of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Assumption Knight Players, and I was on the Homecoming Court.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During the summer before my junior year, my mother and I were going through classes I could take my senior year. Flipping through the booklet, she was the one that had suggested that I take AP Literature and Composition. I didn't consider myself a very good English student, so out of a desire to better myself, I decided to take the class. This marks one of the best decisions I have ever made in my life. AP Literature and Composition was taught like a discussion. While reading different novels such as Frankenstein, Beowulf, or Oedipus Rex, our teacher, Mrs. Luton, would ask us thought-provoking questions relating to the current novel. Everyone participated, and we were allowed to disagree with those around us (as long as we did so respectfully). I believe this learning experience is a huge factor for my newfound love of literature.

Arts

Annette Baker, child of Julie and Tracy Baker, plans to attend Wartburg College.



Baker

Top 3 achievements: Iowa All-State Chorus member 2019 & 2020, top music scholarship at Wartburg College, and National Honor Society member.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience that I will remember forever is the day I was able to rejoin the choir in our choir room. Due to COVID-19, our choir was moved to a separate location, which made choir much more difficult. For the majority of me senior year, the choir stayed away from our former location. However, we have recently been able to move back to our choir room after some COVID-19 restrictions being altered. It was a wonderful experience to be back in this room where I sang with seniors past, and current classmates. My seat ended up being in the spot I was passed as a freshman, where my passion for music began to develop. I am thrilled to be able to hear others

in my choir, and slowly begin to experience the nostalgia of former musical experiences, while cherishing the ones that are to come, despite the circumstances.

Noah McCracken, child of Austin and Patty McCracken, plans to attend a four-year college or university.



McCracken

Top 3 achievements: Making the All-State Band my senior year, having the opportunity to be in the Bix Beiderbecke Youth Jazz Band, and being in National Honor Society.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will never forget marching band camp during the summer before my freshman year at AHS. I was not exactly enthused about getting up early in the summer for a week to march around outside, but it was not long before that changed. Mrs. Mahr, the band director, wanted to make the experience as enjoyable as possible, so she made sure we had fun while we learned the music and how to march properly. Each morning started out with a few hours of marching outside, but it never seemed that long because everyone was full of enthusiasm all the time and extremely welcoming of all of us. Mrs. Mahr patiently showed us what to do, and all of the students were more than willing to help each other out, so the experience was the perfect way to make some new friends and get a head start on the school year.

Humanities

Catherine Roe, child of Paul & Diane Roe, plans to attend Saint Louis University.



Roe

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society Vice President, Outstanding Attorney at State Mock Trial, Iowa Girls State Representative

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One of my favorite parts of senior year has been making scrapbooks in my Spanish class. We decorate pages for each month with the pictures we have taken and captions that we write in Spanish. I love to look back on the rest of the year and think about all of the good memories we've made, while also seeing how much better we've gotten with our writing. My friends and I always trade our scrapbooks with each other so that we can see each other's pictures and count how many we are in. It's a great way to continue expanding our familiarity with the language, but also to just have fun. Señora Smith always makes learning really enjoyable, and her class is one that I will never forget.

Bailey Petersen, child of Shane Petersen and Megan Petersen, plans to attend Simpson College



Petersen

Top 3 achievements: State softball, Drum major, and Honor thespian

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One of my favorite classroom learning experiences happened in my AP Literature & Composition class that was taught by Mrs. Jan Luton. In that class, we read a variety of novels that were sometimes difficult to understand. One way that Mrs. Luton helped us comprehend what happened in the chapters we read was by letting us play a game. We would move the desks to the edges of the room so that there was an open space in the middle, and then we would split the class into two teams. The teams would take turns acting out scenes from the novel we were reading, and the other team had to guess what was happening. It was always a very fun experience for all of us that helped us to understand what we were reading while also making memories with our classmates.

Class of 2021

Makenzie Alfaro, Kathryn Anderson, Jason Armstrong, Sarah Arnold, Annette Baker, Katherine Boldt, Anna Bourke, Collin Burnett, Joseph Byrne, Marian Camacho, Britney Carmona, Amil Combs, Jackson Cooley, Brooke Cosner, Annabelle Costello, Jacob Daniel, Savio Dinh, Logan Ehrecke, Emariion Ellis, Laney Fitzpatrick, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Parker Foley, Emma Frese, Quinn Frese, Isabellah Garcia, Juan Garcia, Richard Goff, Noah Gonzalez, Dylan Gooder, Jia Ha, Owen Hamel, Meredith Hanley, Madison Hanssen, Jessica Henning, Amanda Herrington, Dayne Hodge, Sean Holmes, Celia Huber, Madeline Hurley, Lucas Jacobsen, Samuel

Jacobsen, Ty Johnston, Chase Jordan, Hani (Daniel) Jung, Shay Kaalberg, Taeyoon Kang, Autumn Kelly, Trinity Kelly, Kade Kreinbring, Jessica Lai, Aubree Langan, Taegwon (Ben) Lee, Ryan Logan, Lauren Loken, Geovanny Lopez, Sergio Lopez, Olivia Lynch, Evan Lystiuk, Elizabeth Madden, Zubair Mahmood, Joseph Manternach, Andrew Marley, Tyler Maro, Maya Mayeski, Noah McCracken, Trey McDonough, Cayden McNamara, Alexandra Moore, McKayne Morrison, Alex Munoz, Madeline Murphy, Anita Ngo, Liam Nolan, Finn Oppenheimer, Margaret Overturf, Subin Park, Bailey Petersen, Alex Pollmiller, Haley Preston, Amelia Quijas, Annabel Quijas, Kaitlyn

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Leadership

Tyler Maro, child of Gwen and Randy Maro, plans to attend Iowa State University



Maro

Top 3 achievements: Two-time 1st Team All-State Football, National Honor Society President, and a 3.99 GPA

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember dissecting fetal pigs in my anatomy class. Throughout the year, I had learned about the various systems in the body, and I was able to apply that knowledge in the lab. I enjoyed this lab in particular because I was able to see all of the systems at once. Prior to this lab, we only studied one system at a time, and as a result, I had trouble imagining all of the systems interacting with one another. This dissection helped me fully understand the complexity of an organism. I was able to see hands on how each organ is connected and how they are placed within the body. It not only helped me understand a lesson, but it was an enjoyable and unique experience overall.

Katie Anderson, child of Brent and Heather Anderson, plans to attend Iowa State University.



Anderson

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society Recording Secretary, and holding a 4.0 GPA all four years of high school, made nine state appearances in multiple sports with 3 state championships.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom holds a significant role in a student's life, as it is the foundation for the development of that individual's education. While there are many lessons taught within the walls of a school, some seem to linger in the mind for years. I have listened to countless lectures about derivatives, the events of the Civil War, and the solubility of ionic compounds; however, the one lesson that has been permanently embedded in my brain is the value of teamwork. It is indirectly addressed through group projects and discussions in every class that I have completed at Assumption High School. While learning the formula for the Pythagorean Theorem is important for the expansion of my knowledge, I have discovered that learning how to cooperate well with others will be much more valuable for my future endeavors.

Math/Sciences

Olivia Lynch, child of Lisa and William Lynch, plans on attending the University of Iowa and majoring in Biomedical Engineering



Lynch

Top 3 achievements: National Honors Society, All American Cheerleader, and Drake Relays and State Qualifier in Track

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Choosing just one memory to write

about from my high school years at Assumption High School is an almost impossible task. From the ruthless spelling bees in Mrs. Luton's class to the meticulous calculus problems in Mrs. Murphy's class, my time at AHS will be a hard experience to top; however, the moment that I will remember for the rest of my life is going to the cadaver lab during Mrs. Martin's anatomy class. Walking into the lab, all I could hear was Mrs. Martin's excited giggle for all of her student's to be able to see the human body. I remember going into a daze of astonishment after looking at the human bodies. Being able to hold a human brain in my hands, solidified my future plans of pursuing a career in the medical field and is a moment I will remember for the rest of my life.

Azalia Snell, child of Angela Snell, plans to attend the University of Notre Dame to major in mathematics and minor in statistics.



Snell

Top 3 achievements: Being accepted into Notre Dame early action, graduating summa cum laude, and founding Mu Alpha Theta math club

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom experience I will remember forever is when my calculus teacher, Mrs. Murphy, used a note card that hypothetically ate Jell-O to describe rotating a function around an axis. She instructed us to imagine the classroom filled with Jell-O. She proceeded to revolve a note card around an imaginary axis. As the note card rotated, it ate the Jell-O in its path. She explained that the note card represented the function, and the volume of the room without Jell-O was the volume the function made when it was revolved around the axis. I hope to become a professor at Notre Dame, and lessons similar to this inspire me and give me insight into what I may share with my own students one day.

Vocational Education

Jessica Lai Ky Lai and Trang Lai St. Ambrose University, Biology Major, PA School



Lai

Top 3 achievements: 2019 KKD DTU Regional Champions, 2020-2021 KKD State Champions, and 2020-2021 National Honor Society Member

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience that I will remember forever is my college gen bio class. There is not a specific time of that class that sticks out to me, but every day is always a fun time. There is always laughter from everyone. Mrs. Martin, the teacher, is one of the best teachers here at Assumption. Although it is not an easy and simple class, she makes the atmosphere light and enjoyable. It makes me want to come to class and learn everything she has to teach. Besides the learning material, there are always mini-lessons that I get out of it,

such as being a hard worker and knowing that sometimes it is ok to lighten up and relax now and then. Her class will always be one of my favorites and I will truly miss her and her class the most when I leave Assumption.

Evan Lystiuk, child of Glen and Kari Lystiuk, plans to attend the University of Iowa



Lystiuk

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society, MAC All Conference 2nd Team (Golf), Quad-City Times Salute to Academics and Achievements

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? There is one particular day I remember very vividly when I had a special talk with my foods teacher. She had just shown us a very relatable YouTube video that was titled along the lines of "All Teenagers Should Watch This." This video had a very good motivational speaker speaking on the topic of the generation I live in and what people from my generation like to do, which is look at their phone screens all day. I still prefer face to face conversations over phones and this is what triggered a long, deep conversation with my teacher Mrs. Huber. I started telling her about how much I've grown up in the last four years of high school and the challenges I have faced and the lessons I have learned because of them. I also told her something I have never told anybody else, that of which I am not comfortable telling everyone, but this is a conversation I will never ever forget.

Young Journalist

Hallie Weaver, child of David and Karen Weaver, plans to attend Saint Mary's College.



Weaver

Top 3 achievements: Yearbook Editor, Dance Team Captain, and Project Renewal Volunteer

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? For as long as I can remember, English has always been my favorite subject. I love to read, and writing has always been second nature to me. My teachers throughout my academic career have taught me how to accurately use nouns, verbs, punctuation, and many other parts of speech. Although, it was not until I reached my junior year of high school that I encountered a teacher that expected each and every paper to be errorless. Mrs. Luton, my English teacher for the last two years, has helped me become the writer I am today. She expects "errorless" writing and nothing less, which ensures I strive to be the best writer I can be. Mrs. Luton always says, "Your words are a reflection of you." I have taken this statement to heart and live by it every time I put a pen to paper.

Madeline Murphy, child of Bridget and Kevin Murphy, plans to attend Benedictine College

Top 3 achievements: Making All-State Chorus twice,

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Academics

Michelle Powell, child of Bob and Penny Powell, plans to attend the University of Iowa



Powell

Top 3 achievements: Valedictorian, AP Scholar, and NHS
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?

When I was in chemistry, as a sophomore, we would do many labs. One specific lab has sparked my love for science fields. It was our magnesium lab, although it sounds kinda boring it has turned out really fascinating. The lab consisted of burning magnesium, that results in a very bright light. It was so bright that the protective glasses we would normally wear in labs were not sufficient enough and instead we needed to wear tinted glasses. This was very interesting to me and I began my dive into chemistry related careers. I have now based my future job on chemical reactions and will use that to help with climate change.

Joseph Simpson, child of Ronda Simpson and Rodney Simpson, plans to attend Kirkwood Community College

Top 3 achievements: Two-time 1st Team All-State Baseball, 1st Team All Conference Golf, and 8th Place in shot-put at the Drake Relays



Simpson

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My favorite learning experience in high school was in my Criminal Justice class with Mr. Misiewicz. Everyday was interesting in that class because he knew how to spice things up. We would learn about cool topics and then he would expand on them by telling stories from his past. Everyone in the class would be involved and no one ever got bored. It was always a great time.

The Arts

Erin Soesbe, child of Pat and Laurie Soesbe, plans to attend Clinton Community College

Top 3 achievements: High Honors, Section Leader and Co-President for Orchestra

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Music has had such a huge impact on my life in the past 9 years. I didn't realize that when I joined orchestra when I was only 9 years old that I would be participating in one of the most significant and heart-felt experiences of my life. I have realized throughout my time in orchestra that the people you surround yourself with truly do become like your family. It is amazing to see how much my classmates and I have grown, not only as musicians but also as individuals. I cannot thank my teachers and music staff at Clinton High enough for putting in all of the work, time, and patience that they have for us since we were that young and for treating us like a family. This is an incredible experience that I will never forget from my time at Clinton High School!



Soesbe

Emily Reeser, child of Rosemary Reeser, plans to attend a four year college

Top 3 achievements: 2020 Iowa Allstate choir, President of the drama/speech club, and secretary of Acapella choir

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

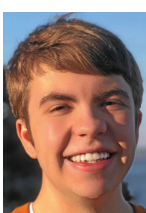


Reeser

One memory that will stay with me forever is my choir director. He always told us "practice makes permanent" and encouraged us to work to are fullest abilities. The class was previously built on honor, and hard work, that carried through his students through a life time. For that I thank you, and cherish.

Humanities

Oliver Reed, child of Scott and Jodie Reed, plans to attend the University of Iowa cinema program



Reed

Top 3 achievements: 3.747 GPA, all AP/honors courses, and raise/promotion at employment.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Learning to adapt with the pandemic with school has taught by me time management will stick with me forever. Starting off being online gave me experience in different classroom formats and lead me to choose attend a university rather than online college due to the enjoyment of interacting with peers in person. Coming back in person let me realize how important being with your teachers and classmates is.

Emily Frye, child of Jeremy and Estrella "Tia" Frye, plans to attend Iowa State University

Top 3 achievements: National Honors Society, Percussion Section Leader, and 3.0 Club.



Frye

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom experience I'll remember forever is a college physics lab where we built a trebuchet. We did several hands-on labs in this class, and this was my favorite. This was a group project and we had to communicate well to complete it. We met every morning at school and also communicated by group text. The days leading up to the launch were hectic and the team really came together to deliver. We assembled the arm and sling, as well as improved the trigger mechanism. When we did finally launch, it was near flawless with the results matching our predictions. Our project's outcome was a combination of good teamwork, coordination, and efficient communication. I'm proud to have been part of the team, and will never forget this project.

Leadership

Emily Manemann, child of Dan and Amy Manemann, plans to attend Clarke University National

Top 3 achievements: Honors Society Secretary/Treasurer, Student Council Executive Board Secretary/ Treasurer, and Troupe 452 Stage Manager.



Manemann

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My Junior year I decided to take on the challenge of taking College Physics. This was a class that I have heard many mixed reactions about. Some people

Class of 2021

Madison Adkins, Abigail Anderson, Alisa Anderson, Dylan Arioso, Rosezella Armstrong, Arissa Austin, Treveon Bailey, Leobardo Baldivia Trinidad, Briana Banker, Izabella Bates, Justice Bates, Aidan Beals, Lillian Bebensee, Cammi Bengston, Gabriel Bice, Logan Bielema, Keegan Birt, Dean Blinkinsop, Lauren Brennan, Keller Burden, Hayden Burke, Dakota Caples, Dylan Caples, Selena Carr, Athei Chagai, Avrian Childs, Chasity Clark, Rhianna Clark, Adrianna Clayton, Makenzie Cooley, Hailie Coppess, Ashton Corbin, Brayden Cottrell, Lacey Couvillion Lewien, Caleb Crabtree, Gabriella Crowe, Alexander Cuevas, Heather Dash, Adam Davis, Autumn Davis, Elle Davis, Halli Davis, Kristian Davis, Christie DeYoung, Jorge Dondiego, Luis Dondiego, Sean Doyle, Teraya Ellis, Grace Elmore, Dominic Escobedo, Jon Estes, Tegan Evans, Alex Eye, Rose Flores, MoeReese Foley, Emily Frye, Madison Fumo, Christopher Garrison, Matthew Goldensoh, Leidy Gonzalez Sotero, Madilyn Gray, Dru Greve, Paige Greve, Sarah Guidebeck, Avery Hager, Isaac Handy, Fransis Hansen, Joseph Hardy, Annaliese Hatfield, Jayven Hayes, Taylon Hayes, Virginia Heister, Brianna

Hendrix, Kirstyn Henningsen, Madisen Herch, Megan Herch, Meghan Hill, Isaac Hjerpe, Trevion Holmes, Alexandra Hook, Lakin Houzenga, Jace Howard, Rylan Howard, Carter Hudson, Makinze Huizenga, Isaiah Hume, Michael Jackson Jr., Giovanni Jacobsen, Keaton James, Alexander Jewell, Bella Johnson, Dominick Judge, Tate Jurgersen, Max Kaczinski, Justine Kane, Kallyn Keefer, Nicholas Keis, Patrick Kelley, Cameron Kersey, Zain Ketelsen, Bailey Klinkhammer, Sarah Klinkhammer, Andrew Kohl, David Kremer, Alexis Krogmann, Tason Kurtz, Mackenzie Lange, Amber Lee, Alexys Lemke, Megan Leonard, Keona LeRoux, Calob Leu, Devon Lewison, Paden Lindquist, Carson Lorenzen, Chelsey Lucas Rowe, Owen Luckritz, Alec Lueders, Anisa Lugo, Emily Manemann, Alexzander Mann, Stephanie Manning, John Martin, Micayla Martin, Francesca Mascagni, McKanna Matthew, Adam McColley, Kadence McDade, Deja McDermott Lewis, Xandra McMaster, Benton Meggenberg, Mitchell Metzger, Peyton Metzger, Ashton Meyer(posthumously), Brayden Miller, Xander Mlynsky, Elizabeth Morehead, Zachary Mueller, Rylie Mussman, Gideon Mussmann, Isaac Mussmann, Afrim Mustafa, Jaden Myers, Ryan Myers, Kassidy Namer,

Matthew Napolitano, Isaac Nauman, John Nguyen, Ian O'Neill, Kaden Ottens, Markavian Otto, Jacob Parker, Connor Patrick, Sanaa Patterson, Lucille Paul, David Pearat, Samuel Phelps, Zachary Poland, Avriana Powell, Michelle Powell, Amaya Price, Jakobe Prince, Kaylynn Proud, Viviana Ramirez, Kaitlyn Ready, Oliver Reed, Emily Reeser, Lane Regenwether, Yessenia Renova, Dylan Richey, Kale Rife, Marko Rocha Facio, Sydnee Rogers, Antoine Sampson Jr., Caden Samuels, Emily Sanborn, Noah Schurbon, Kaedyn Schutte, Xander Seitz, Oliva Serrano, Kira Shaff, Molly Shannon, Jordan Sheker, Blake Simmons, Joseph Simpson, Parker Sirna, William Sivright, Avery Smith, Zoey Smith, Erin Soesbe, Isabelle Soesbe, Ethan Spadaro, Allison Spencer, Carlee Spittler, Keegan Spriet, Christopher Stadel, Raina Starkey, Andrew Stoltenberg, Chase Stonestreet, Faith Striley, Michael Suessmith, Jade Swan, Abigail Telford, Nicole Thompson, Alexis Threatt, Kambria Tobias, Adrian Vanderleest, Kalli VanHorn, Aleigha Vital, Logan Vogel, Otto Weispenfning, Jazlyn Whitaker, Abigail Williams, Favin Williams, RaShon Williams, Takaia Williams, Skylar Winslow, Conner Winter, Diyorbek Yusupov, Kaylee Zmuda

Math/Sciences

Max Kaczinski, child of Molly & Jason Kaczinski, plans to attend the University of Iowa

Top 3 achievements: High Honors- 4 years, 2x All MAC All-academic, and 3.0 club four years.



Kaczinski

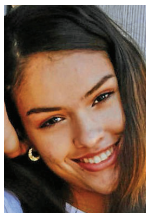
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will definitely never forget my

experience in my Introduction to Engineering Design course. As a small class we learned many different principles of design, and learned how to apply them through different projects we did throughout the class. The hands on experience was very enjoyable and different from many other classes. Towards the end of the course, we got to use 3-D modeling software to apply everything we learned, and this experience helped me decide to pursue a career in engineering after graduation.

Viviana Ramirez, child of Maria and Rafael Ramirez, plans to attend the University of Iowa

Top 3 achievements: Homecoming Queen, girls' Cross Country captain, and Senior class Vice President

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will never forget the many rigorous classes that I took during my time at CHS. Although I may have worked tirelessly, spent many late nights, and studied for hours in the end it has helped me challenge my abilities as a student.



Ramirez

Vocational Education

Brayden Cottrell, child of Tami and Mark Cottrell, plans to enter the workforce

Top 3 achievements: 3.0

club, college level welding certificate in Mig, Tig, Stick, and Flux core. American Legion Boys State recipient.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? As a student in advanced classes, the custodial staff brings in damaged equipment from around the school and we are asked to problem solve and fix the equipment using the skills we learned in the class. This helped show me that the skills I'm learning in class are needed in many different areas of life.



Cottrell

Zoey Smith, child of Pauline Smith and Timithoy Smith, plans to attend Capri College

Top 3 achievements: 3.0 club
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?

When I was a freshman, Mr. Pataska was my Accounting One teacher. All summer I had been told he was a bad and mean teacher, I was kinda worried.

The first day I walked in, their was one other freshman and we both had to sit in front because all the back seats were taken. so I was even more worried because I couldn't hide in the back and just do work. The first thing Mr. Pataska did when he walked in was call us freshmen out. He said "We got some brave ones sitting in the front." Then all eyes were on us and everyone started laughing. We joined in because what else were we supposed to do. The whole class he messed with us, but it was in a good way. He was different from most of the teachers I've had. He made his class fun and exciting. I made great relationships with the upper class and Mr. Pataska. That class is the reason I loved my freshman year.



Smith

"I cannot thank my teachers and music staff at Clinton High enough for putting in all of the work, time, and patience that they have for us since we were that young and for treating us like a family. This is an incredible experience that I will never forget from my time at Clinton High School!"

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Academics

Anirudh Pradeep, child of Bhanu Ravindran and Ramarao Pradeep, plans to study Nueroscience at University of Iowa Iowa

Top 3 achievements: All- State Band- 2019, 2020. Published research abstract at Duke University. Top 1% ACT score.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Despite coming from a multi-lingual childhood, learning Spanish was one of the hardest things I have had to do. Memorizing hundreds of vocabulary words combined with reciting 17 different tenses, it was challenging to apply these skills in a real-life situation. However, my AP Spanish and Spanish 3 class with Señorita Risius provided me with memories I will cherish forever. The classroom setting and activities granted me opportunities to practice applying my Spanish knowledge in an engaging manner. Not only was it exciting to practice the language in a non-traditional way, but I learned more about the various unique cultures in the Spanish world. Whether it was the sabias que or tres jueces activity, I felt more confident speaking the language and in the process enjoyed doing so.

Akash Pradeep, child of Bhanu Ravindran and Ramarao Pradeep, plans to attend the University of Iowa, neuroscience major on pre-med track

Top 3 achievements: Completed research at Duke University and published abstract in American Society of Anesthesiologists; National Honor Society; and Top 1% ACT.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Señorita Risius's AP Spanish class allowed me to view different cultures in an unique light and absorb new experiences. During her classes, I felt that I developed significantly as a student and as an individual, because I learned the practices and traditions of various Hispanic countries. She was always prepared during the week, which allowed me to be organized and perform well in the class. In addition, she formed a profound relationship with her students, which allowed me to trust her and have confidence in the class. There was never a dull moment in her class as she lightened the mood when needed and truly understood what her students needed. Her teaching allowed me to approach life with new perspectives, which caused me to want to try new foods, music, and other cultural practices. I am grateful for what Señorita Risius did for me, and I hope to carry what I have learned into the future.

Charles Mitchell, child of Sandra and Chuck Mitchell, plans to attend Iowa State University for Mechanical Engineering

Top 3 achievements: Eagle Scout, the council and district eagle project of the year, and Pleasant Valley Varsity Trap Team.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During my junior year One of the elective classes I took was intro to engineering and design. This was by far one of the best classes I have taken. The instructor, Mr. Studenberg did an excellent job of making this class hands on, fun, and challenging during the 100% online portion of our COVID experience. We went from doing sketches of inanimate objects to reverse engineering objects of our choosing and modeling them on a CAD software. Again, by far one of the best classes I've taken even during COVID lockdown.

The Arts

Kaden Green, child of Richard Green, plans to attend the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design

Top 3 achievements: Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design: Dean of Recognition Scholarship; Quad City Arts 43rd High School Art Invitational; Deborah Doehler Studio Award; and Quad City Arts 43rd High School Art Invitational: Jurors Choice Award for Exemplary Work

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? By far the best experience and person that I will forever remember is my art teacher Aimee Peters. She has always been like a second mom to me. She encourages me to go far beyond everyone's expectations, including my own. She undoubtedly is the source of my passion for creating things because of the way she inspired and continues to inspire me every single day. I had a ring made that I wear around my neck everyday and on the ring is inscribed a quote from her "You got this, I believe in you." Mrs. Peters has said this to me countless of times whether that be art/school related or life issues in general. She has always believed and been there for me and for that I'm eternally grateful.

Maegan Neil, child of Matthew and Anji Neil, plans to attend the University of Iowa

Top 3 achievements: 2-year All-State Choir member, member of the 2020 NC-ACDA Treble Ensemble, and performing as a part of the opening act for the 2019 International Thespian Festival

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember the families that we made in my choir, band, and theater programs. The people I have met and brought into my life are the most incredible group of friends anyone could ask for. Having the teachers actively encouraging us to follow our passions and connect with one another is a big reason why I am who I am today. I have grown so much as a person through the connections I have made in these departments, and I am sure I would be in a much worse place mentally if I did not have this wonderful family to lean on when I needed support.

Humanities

Ben Curran, child of Chris and Sheri Curran, plans to study political science at an undecided college/university

Top 3 achievements: Selected for Iowa All State Choir and Jazz Choir, National Honor Society Executive Council Member, and Co-Section Leader of the PV Drumline

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I am fortunate to have had many learning experiences at PV, each with their own merits and value. However, the most memorable experiences are when I am able to connect with my peers about issues that have impact beyond the classroom. Every Friday in AP English Language and Composition, our class held "Friday Forum." Two students would facilitate a discussion about a topic that has relevance to them or to the world. These discussions not only educated me about what is going on in the world, but they also educated me about the views of my peers. Everyone brings a completely unique world view, and by listening to why everyone thinks the way they do, I am able to examine my own beliefs and values. By having real topical discussions with my classmates, I have been able to learn the value of listening before speaking, and the value of conversation.

Amber Matthews, child of Aaron Matthews and Marcia Mat-

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Matthews

thews, plans to major in Finance and minor in Arabic at the University of Iowa

Top 3 achievements: Executive Secretary of the Model United Nations club, Spartan Assembly Representative, and making honor roll all 4 years.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will never forget my first dissection in my Anatomy class at 3 pm on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. With a racing pulse that could out beat a NASCAR driver, I grasped a scalpel for the first time. My teacher, Mr. Parker, brought out my pig, who I affectionately named Hamlet II, and humorously reminded me that we were "practicing to become surgeons and not serial killers". And, with that, I made my first incision. I will remember this experience for the rest of my life for a multitude of reasons: it was a hand-on experience that further exposed me to the complexity of life and biological systems, it stirred up a curiosity in me that made me yearn to learn more, the success of the dissection left me unable to wipe the grin off of my face, and because the procedure gave me a glimpse into surgery, my dream profession.

Leadership

Paulina Garza, child of Elena and Sergio Garza, plans to attend the University of Iowa

Top 3 achievements: Spartan Assembly Representative, Social Committee Member, and Youth Group Leader



Garza

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience that I will always remember is when I took the Child Development/Preschool Lab class at my high school. I will always remember this class because this is one of the classes where I gained the most experience on being a leader. This is also the class that made me realize that I wanted to work with kids after college and make a difference in their lives. In that class I learned how to make lesson plans and handle different kinds of situations that will help me in my future. I learned a lot throughout high school, but one of the things that I will always take away is how I became a better leader, and how I am still growing everyday.

Ramya Subramaniam, child of Sankaran and Lakshmi Subramaniam, plans to attend the Georgia Institute of Technology (Major: Electrical Engineering)

Top 3 achievements: National Association of Secondary School Principals Student Leadership Advisory Committee: I was 1 of 6 high school students chosen from the US to serve a two year term representing all student councils and National Honor Societies across the nation. I have advocated to US Congressional representatives multiple times and presented at national leadership conferences to students/advisors from across the world. Additionally, I helped plan the advisory committee's National Initiative with No Kid Hungry. Iowa Association of Student Councils (IASC) First Vice President. Girl Scout Gold Award



Subramaniam

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In my ninth grade English class, my teacher, Dr. Fry was reflecting over a recent assignment that we had completed. He touched on the mentality students should have when they are doing assignments from school. Dr. Fry commented that students should not just try to get all A's, but yearn to truly expand their knowledge of a particular subject. This lesson has stuck with me throughout high school and is the mentality I use in and outside of academics. It sparked a curiosity within me to understand the why and how of everything I learn. I will keep Dr. Fry's lesson with me all my life because in the past four years it has helped me accomplish everything I have done.

Math/Sciences

Emerson Peters, child of Aimee Peters and Jeffrey Peters, plans to major in Physic at the University of Iowa

Top 3 achievements: 35 composite ACT, Co-President of PV Girls Learn International, Shoemaker-Strickler scholarship in physics for full tuition at University of Iowa

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During my junior year in AP Physics 1, we learned how to derive the equation for the speed of a satellite orbiting Earth. Even out of all of the course's lab experiments and conceptual derivations, this memory stands out to me because it was the first time when I realized how math can be used to describe even the most abstract and universal

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Academics

Kyle Skinner, child of Kerry Skinner and Leslie Powell-Skinner, plans to attend Iowa State University, Cybersecurity Engineering

Top 3 achievements: 2x All-State Vocalist, 4.0 GPA all 4 years of high school, and State Archery (Individual Qualifier)

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My favorite class project came in an engineering class from my freshman year. Our assignment was to design and build a trebuchet (catapult) with the goal of throwing an egg at targets of different distances. We worked in groups of 3, and had to build our catapult with no instruction from our teacher, and no template. This is what made the assignment so fun; none of us had ever built catapults before so we had no idea how we were going to accomplish the task. After we designed our trebuchet, we gathered materials ourselves, and began cutting and constructing everything. We built and tested our catapult, and took it to the district wide contest, where we placed 3rd. This project taught me the importance of teamwork, as well as the reward of building something successful on your own. It also solidified my love for engineering and problem-solving.

Dylan Engelbrecht, child of Darin and Shelli Engelbrecht, plans to attend Drake University

Top 3 achievements: Three time nationalist for National History Day, President of North Scott FFA, National Honors Society Member

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Long tests, difficult lessons, and boring homework – that's what people usually think about high school math class; however, I have viewed it in a different way. Geometry, Algebra, Calculus, and Statistics were classes I took and each one taught me a new way to think. From theoretical problems to real-world applications, math concepts can easily be tied into my daily life. Finding the probability to crack a 4-digit garage code may be fun to know, but learning application problems pertaining to topics like COVID-19, interest rates, or sports show how math is used everywhere. When solving math problems, I do not "just" need to find the right answer, but to be able to think critically and out-of-the-box. The intangible, complex way of thinking taught in math classes will forever be used in my life.

The Arts

Owen Popelka, child of Brian Popelka and Wendy Davies-Popelka, plans to attend Lawrence University

Top 3 achievements: Conservatory of Music 3 Time Allstate Choir Member, Soloist with Iowa Ambassadors of Music 2018 European Tour, Multiple Division I Ratings in Solo and Small Group Contest

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One of the memories that I will remember forever is when Mr. Skyles, the director of our guys choir, got frustrated with our lack of attention with a piece of music. He told us that we weren't singing the music with the depth and meaning that it needed. Mr. Skyles broke down the meaning of the piece of music and was vulnerable about himself and about the piece, "Nothin Gonna Stumble my Feet." He explained that life is hard, and sometimes it just drags on you, but how we needed to sing this song like nothing would make us trip and fall. The next run of the

music was the best run of that song we had every done, because we finally understood the deeper meaning. Having our director be vulnerable and help us understand the next level of music helped us receive straight I ratings at contest that year.

Elena Kook, child of Tom and Sara Kook, plans to attend Colorado Christian University

Top 3 achievements: North Scott High School's nomination for Iowa Academic All State, Iowa All State Choir Member 2020, and Qualified for International Thespian Festival for Ensemble Acting and Duet Musical Theater (2019, 2021)

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I have loved singing for as long as I can remember, and so it was an easy decision to participate in my school's choir the second I was given the opportunity. The classroom learning experience that I will never forget happened my first day back from summer vacation at the beginning of my sophomore year. I had auditioned and been chosen to be a member of my school's top choir and I will always remember the first moment we all sang together. The energy was unmatched and the sound was magic to my ears. Being able to be a part of something so much bigger than I was really helped me to grow in my passion for not only singing but music and the arts in general. I have loved having the opportunity to sing in a choir with people who share the same passion.

Humanities

Madison Knoche, child of Amy and Shane Knoche, plans to attend Coe College

Top 3 achievements: Will graduate high school with an associate's degree, History Day National Qualifier, and National Honor Society Top Volunteer

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My freshman year, our English class read Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe, a novel depicting the impact of colonialism from the perspective of a Nigerian tribe. We were to analyze its portrayal of the human condition – a task that stretched our young minds to great lengths. This was the first time many of us had to perceive a completely different way of life, comprehend the impact of actions, and genuinely understand the perspectives of others. I learned to become comfortable with analytic reflection so that I could allow opportunity for awareness and change. To consider literature and uncover meaning is a beautiful thing; to apply it in order to better understand another person is an even more remarkable capability. I am forever grateful for this experience, as my teacher provided me with invaluable insight that will help me live compassionately and see the world through multiple lenses.

Madison Ahrens, child of Jenny Drake and Thomas Ahrens, plans to attend UW-Platteville

Top 3 achievements: Excellence in Academic Achievement Award Winner, All-American Cheerleader; and Qualified for State Track in the Distance Medley.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom memory I will remember and cherish forever is when I was in my Veterinary Science class. My Agriculture Teacher, Mr. Hunter helped me see how I would be a great Veterinarian. Mostly because I would do great on tests, dissections, and quizzes and this motivated me to earn my Doctorate of Veterinary Medi-

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Izaya Abarca, Maximus Adkison, Madison Ahrens, Joshua Alcalá, Donnie Allen, Kathryn Allen, O'Lissa Amling, Bailey Andry, Addisyn Bahls, Grace Baker, Jazamynne Basting, Evelyn Bauer, Faith Beadle, Logan Beaver, Lauren Behm, George Behnke, Leslie Bell, Madison Bender, Lily Bendickson, Jacob Blair, Cody Blissett, Nolan Blodig, Ashton Blumhardt, Alissa Bockenfeld, Benjamin Boddicker, Dylan Boeken, Brycen Bohannon, Jakob Boyle, Grace Brodersen, Ethan Brown, Zachary Brown, Taniah Butler, Jayce Carsten, Kelly Caskey, Ryann Cheek, Andrew Chizek, Ryan Christner, Taeler Claussen-Jones, Keegan Cline, Logan Cole, Joshua Connor, Asheton Connors, Maekayla Coon, Jaydon Costello, Meridith Costello, Rachel Costello, Jillian Cox, Kolten Cox, Sophia Cox, Aundrea Crain, Bradley Dahlen, Kyle Daufeldt, Micah Denger, Alex Dickman, Mia Doellinger, Dylan Doty, William Dowda, Kylie Duhachek, Mackenzie Duncan, Trenton Duncan, Landon Eiland, Dylan Elam, Brady Elbe, Dylan Engelbrecht, Molly Engler, Morgan Eyerman, Jack Fahrenkrug, Jade Farrell, Hayley Feddersen, Torrance Foit, Ashley Fountain, Cooper Frank, Sofia Garcia, Owen Gentz, Kaylee Gerardy, Devin Gheer, Carson Golinghorst,

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Popelka, Jacob Powell, Jessica Powell, Emma Prine, Marquan Quinn, Faith Rains, Jacob Redman, Emerson Reid, Elsie Rieck, Koryn Ries, Sebastian Rinehart, Isabel Robbins, Taylor Robertson, Rhys Roelandt, Kara Rohlf, Lily Roseman, Hailey Rossmiller, Landon Rupp, Laurissa Rupp, Madison Russo, Parker Ruth, Megan Scacia, Haley Salyars, McKenna Santee, Kathleen Schermerhorn, Elizabeth Schlichting, Alli Schneckloth, Reagan Schoening, Dalton Schoenthaler, Lauren Schulz, Samantha Scott, Cortaja Seales, Kaleb Seil, William Seligman, Maria Simatovich, Grace Sindt, Kyle Skinner, Logan Small, Hannah Smith, Kelsey Smith, Megan Smith, Maxwell Solis, David Sorensen, Emma Stanley, Jacob Stewart, Kaitlyn Stick-Mueller, Brady Stover, Deven Strief, Luke Striegel, Garrett Taflinger, Natalie Tague, Dylan Thompson, Ethan Tiesman, Kade Tippet, Blake Tyler, Claire Ulrich, Emily Ulrich, Alexander Upmeyer, Emma Van Roekel, Baylor Verbrugge, Kylee Vice, Cailey Vondal, Carly Webb, Olivia Wessel, Owen West, Sadie West, Kaleigh Westlin, Paige Westlin, Ashton Wheeler, Olivia Wheeler, Madison Wiebel, Jawaun Williams, Bethany Woodruff, Desteny Woodruff, Ahnilycia Woods, Brandon Woods, Benjamin Wright, Bailey Wuestenberg, Olivia Young and Carley Youngquist.

cine. Now I have many people in my life that will push me and will continue to motivate me to be the best I can be in whatever field I pursue. Through these lessons Mr. Hunter really made me realize that I can accomplish my dreams. Not only was it just that though, he is a teacher who will motivate anyone to push themselves. He really made me realize that I can do this, and that I will be great at it. I just have to put my head down and work.

Leadership

Jake Laufenberg, child of Brian Laufenberg and Angie Laufenberg, plans to attend Grand Canyon University—Majoring in Exercise Science

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society President, Graduating Summa Cum Laude, and being chosen as a Delegate to the mG20 Summit at Harvard University

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I've had amazing classroom experiences during my time at North Scott, but one of my favorites is taking Literature with Mrs. Sambdman. Like any high schooler, I despised reading – I would do anything and everything to find a way around reading books. Needless to say, SparkNotes was heavily utilized. Mrs. Sambdman just has a way to get students to appreciate learning. Don't get me wrong, I still don't like reading, but I've learned to hate it a little bit less. The lessons I've learned from Mrs. Sambdman in my college Literature class this past year have been unlike any other I've learned in school. Not only did she succeed in teaching me how to be a great student, but how to succeed in life. The lessons she taught in her classroom could be applied to all facets of my life, and I am forever grateful for having that experience.

Marquan Quinn, no profile submitted

Math/Sciences

Alex Upmeyer, child of Carl and Rhonda Upmeyer, plans to attend Iowa State University

Top 3 achievements: President's List at Scott Community College four times, receiving the Lancer Leader award in Golf, achieving Summa Cum Laude status

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 had a heated debate in calculus about what 2%5E2%5E2%5E2 equaled. Part of the class thought it was 256 and the other part thought it was 65,536. The funny thing was that our calculators said one answer but Google said it was the other one. We ended up asking three different math teachers at our school and they also weren't completely sure, but I think we finally decided that it was 256. Suffice it to say, we really didn't get much done in class that day but I think we all learned something in the end.

Aden Mess, child of Tammy Wells and Rick Mess, plans to attend Iowa State University

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society, All-State Choir Alternate, 3 year first chair oboe

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During freshman year, in engineering class, we did a project in which we constructed trebuchets and then competed against other groups within our area for who could build the best trebuchet. My group spent a lot of extra time out of class to make sure our trebuchet was as good as it could possibly be. We also put in the extra time to paint it and make it look competition ready. When we went to the competition, we had a very impressive performance and came home with 2nd place. I will never forget this experience because we saw that when we put the extra time and effort in, we could achieve excellence.

Vocational Education

Molly Engler, child of Jerod and Trinity Engler, plans to attend Black Hawk College—RN program and committed to play volleyball

Top 3 achievements: MAC All-Academic Team, Varsity Volleyball—3 years, Varsity Letter—Choir, and Plat-

form Elite Volleyball Club—4 years
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Emily Dimmer, our school nurse, and CNA (Certified Nurse Assistant) instructor told me that I will be an

amazing and compassionate nurse and that I truly have a natural gift. I was nearing the end of my task check-off and once I did finish, she was speechless. She had never seen a CNA student show as much compassion as I did. This moment made me realize what I was born to do: help people. With the sudden and unexpected death of my grandmother in 2019, and seeing how compassionate her nurses were at the University of Iowa Hospitals, I then knew that this is what I wanted to do for my career. Emily's kindness and encouragement pushed me to work hard at my dreams. I will forever be grateful for Emily. She has believed in me at times when I didn't even believe in myself. Emily will always be an important part of my life, and her kind words will be something that I will never forget, as I know nursing school will be a difficult journey. As I'm getting to the end of my high school years, I'm excited to start my journey to become a NICU Nurse.

Rhys Roelandt, no profile submitted

Young Journalist

Ryann Cheek, child of Justin and Tara Cheek, plans to attend Upper Iowa University

Top 3 achievements: 1st Place Winner of the 2020 Iowa Congressional Art Competition; 1st Place selection for 2021 in the North-

ern State University High School Art Competition; and 4 year varsity softball participant, 3X all-conference selection, 2X all-metro selection, 2019 All-District and All-State selection. All academic all conference in 2020.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My most memorable high school classroom learning experience was this year in my Comp 106 class. We were assigned a paper that was to meant to inspire critical thinking and the teacher was questioned by some parents on the intention of the paper. In this class, we were taught to always stand up for what we believe in. When the situation in question was brought in front of the school board we came together as the class of 2021 and were the first to be at the board meeting to do just that; stand up for our teacher and for what we believed in. This was an experience I will never forget.

Hailey Rossmiller, child of Stan and Angela Rossmiller, plans

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GENESEO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Academics

Grace Miller, child of Jarrod and Gloria Miller, plans to attend the University of Tennessee

Top 3 achievements: AP Scholar with Honor, Illinois State Scholar, and President of Geneseo National Honor Society



Miller

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

During my sophomore year, I decided to take Mrs. Hirschfelder's early bird chemistry class. The class left a lasting impression on me, not only because of the great teacher but because of the environment that I learned in. The class size was small, which enabled us to work together to solve questions and succeed throughout the year. We went past the textbook material and connected chemistry to everyday events. When we had extra time, we completed fun labs, such as creating color-changing fireplace pine cones to burn over the holidays! While the class material was complicated, being in a supportive and creative environment allowed me to develop a love for chemistry and determine a path for my future. Mrs. Hirschfelder's approach in teaching made the subject less intimidating, and it's something that I will always be grateful for.

Melani Hodge, child of Peggy and Frank Hodge, plans to attend Iowa State University



Hodge

Top 3 achievements: Adventure Award from Iowa State. Varsity Letter from Geneseo High School Swim Team. Iota Sigma Pi National Honor

Society for Women in Chemistry. **What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** In my junior and senior math classes, I will never forget before every single math test we took, our math teacher said, "Good Luck. Have lots and lots of fun. And as always rock on." The day I got excited for my first math test junior year was when I realized I needed to major in math and engineering. I knew on that test—and every test after that—that I would have fun. I will most likely take this quote with me to college. That is one learning experience I will remember forever.

Humanities

Abby Sancken, child of Glen Sancken and Christy Sancken, plans to attend Black Hawk College, then transfer to a four-year university to study biology and pre-medicine.

Top 3 achievements: AP Scholar, Illinois State Scholar, First Honor Roll

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience that I will remember forever was a lab for my anatomy and physiology class where the class dissected fresh pig organs. Because of the circumstances of the year, it was uncertain if our class would have the opportunity to preform this lab. I am very glad we had the chance to do so. Not only was the lab very helpful in learning and understanding the curriculum for the unit, but it was very interactive and extremely engaging as well. Sometimes reading a textbook can be quite boring; however, seeing and applying your knowledge to real life is completely different. This lab sparked my interest for anatomy and overall was a unique experience. I look forward to more classroom experiences like this in the future.

Leadership

Morgan Simms, child of Chuck and Sue Simms, plans to attend Iowa State University

Top 3 achievements: National Honor and National Technical Honor Society, Leader for Fellowship of Christian Athletes for two years, and Varsity letters in three sports



Simms

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In 2018, Geneseo High School created

and implemented a new search engine called Career Connections. This website contains information about Geneseo alumni, their careers, and their college choices. Having this tool in my sophomore curriculum jump-started my search for potential careers and colleges post-high school. Without this website, I may never have decided on my major, architecture, or found my dream school, Iowa State. This careers unit also afforded me the opportunity to travel to Chicago and speak on why more schools should implement something like this in their curriculum in younger grades.

Kade Ariano, child of Neil and Amy Ariano, plans to attend Augustana College and pursue a degree in Physical Therapy



Ariano

Top 3 achievements: 3x Maple Leaf Basketball award winner, 2 year member of the NHS, 1 year member of the NTHS

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Learning and growing as a student during a pandemic is a major experience that I will remember forever. Being able to balance all of the demands of teachers with the demands of my parents will forever benefit me. It was a major challenge but looking back over the past year I believe I have become a better son, brother, student, athlete, and friend all because of it. I learned a great deal about myself, and was able to grow in the field of scholarship, leadership, patients, and communication. During the pandemic I was given the opportunity to intern in a rehab department as a part of my class load. This opportunity has furthered my passion for helping people, and established a deep love for physical therapy. I will forever cherish the opportunity that was presented to me.

Math/Sciences

Bruce Moore, child of Chris and Julie Moore, plans to attend the University of Illinois (Urbana—Champaign)

Top 3 achievements: Top 10% of my class, KWQC Spotlight Athlete of the Week, and NIB12 all conference honors(wrestling)

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I remember moving from Utah to Illinois in the begging of 7th grade and getting this really great math teacher for my first year of school in Illinois. His name is Mr. Mathew and he always taught math in a way that was fun and engaging! We would do activities where the class would have to walk around and solve problems that were taped around the classroom and hallway. Most Fridays Mr. Mathew would put an "impossible" math problem on the board and as a class we would try to solve it. I always enjoyed learning in that class because of the way that it was taught. I'm sure that my experiences in that class throughout my 7th grade year are things that have helped me to become interested in what will be my future career, Civil Engineering.

Olivia Johnson, child of Alison and Matt Johnson, plans to attend the University of Valparaiso

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, National Honors

Class of 2021

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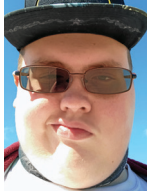
Society, and Student of the Quarter and Student of the Month

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

One classroom experience I will remember forever is resilience. Especially after the Corona Virus occurred and Geneseo was forced to do remote learning, students of all grades had to adjust quickly. It is challenging to adapt to a new schedule and environment while also completing school work and other extracurricular activities. I have learned to always prepare for the unexpected and react in a way that will help and benefit me. Resilience is important for students of all ages because it teaches hard work and perseverance, whether that is in the classroom or not. Also, mistakes allow individuals to realize what they could've done better and change how they act in response to that mistake. Resilience teaches every student how to learn and move on quickly with renewed motivation.

The Arts

Ethan Rubrecht, child of William and Kandace Rubrecht, plans to study computer science

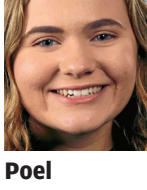


Rubrecht

Top 3 achievements: Student spotlight and Honor Roll and Henry and Stark Art festival.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In 12 grade this year I do remote and in person for a year. I learn to do my schooling at both home and school because of Covid-19. I teach myself at home with computer my school work and email my teachers in my room. Like doing art, history, English, PE, computer class in my house. Now I'm back to in person doing my schooling while wearing a mask and doing social distancing with my teachers and friends.

Anna Poel, child of David and Tina Poel, plans on attending the University of Illinois, Music Education Major



Poel

Top 3 achievements: AP Scholar, Illinois State Scholar, Honors Band Vice-President

What's something you learned that you

will take with you after high school? A classroom experience I will remember forever is being a soloist in our marching band show my junior year of high school. In marching band, our classroom is the stadium. I play trumpet and it takes a lot of sound to fill such a big venue, especially as a soloist. This experience forced me to be confident in my abilities because I knew the band was depending on me to play my role in the show. The first performances were nerve-racking because I didn't want to let the band down. I wanted to wow the audience and I ended up having a lot of fun with it. I will never forget this experience because it took me out of my comfort zone and gave me an opportunity to shine.

Vocational Education

Miranda Roemer, child of Michael Roemer and Carol Roemer, plans to attend the University of Wisconsin—Platteville



Roemer

Top 3 achievements: The first leadership award for the girls golf team this year, First in Honor Roll throughout high school, Varsity and JV letters for both my sports, golf and bowling

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I am part of the new internship program at GHS this year and for my internship I go to St. Malachy Elementary School. When I'm at St. Malachy, one of the main things I do is help struggling students. One day during my internship, I was working with a girl who was having a really hard time. She didn't understand the lesson and there was a test the next day. The teacher had me focus on her and help her out. I explained the lesson multiple times but she wasn't getting it. I didn't give up on her and eventually I said something that must've made sense to her and she understood it. She even explained to the class how to do an example problem. I will remember this forever because that was the moment in my life where I knew for sure I wanted to be a teacher.

Young Journalist

Evie Wilson, child of Ryan and Kristin Wilson, plans to attend Illinois Wesleyan University

Top 3 achievements: Cheer Captain for four years of high school, Class Vice President for three years, and Spoke on a panel

in Chicago for Career Connections Conference

I will always remember a seminar experience I had in my AP U.S. History class sophomore year. We were discussing one of my favorite eras in early U.S. history and I had an opinion that the rest of the class didn't agree with. I voiced this opinion and gained no support from the class which left me feeling a little disappointed that I decided to put myself out there, but soon after my teacher, Mr. Aper, acknowledged the statement and revealed to the class that I was correct. This small and seemingly unimportant victory gave me confidence to voice my opinions even when they are different from everyone else's. I'm now always eager to share my opinion and answers in class even when they aren't right, or are unpopular.

Alison Bowers, child of Scott and Kristie Bowers, plans on attending the University of Iowa

Top 3 achievements: DAR Good Citizen Award recipient; Presenter to an education panel in Chicago about our high school's career connection program; and State Qualifier and medalist in IHSA track and field

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember playing a review game my sophomore year which my history teacher, Mr. Albers, invented. It was called "Shurmuffle." Our games were always "sponsored" by something random like Trident gum. There was a wheel to spin in order to earn points, and he sprinkled sound effects in. It remains my favorite way to review for a test simply because it was unique and entertaining. My day was always brightened when we played Shurmuffle. I also retained the material well after immersing myself in it and participating in such a highly involved and active review game. As we played, I would write down every question, which helped with my memorization skills and allowed me to study the material more thoroughly that night. Mr. Albers' game, Shurmuffle, is a memory from my high school career that will stick with me forever.

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Academics

Brooke Jackson, child of Brad Jackson and Becky Jackson, plans to attend Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.



Jackson

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I will remember forever is during Mrs. Steider's English class junior year. We were reading The Crucible and after we read a chapter we would make Tik Toks about it to show her. She was always so excited to see what we had picked up on during the chapter and encouraged us to make more. This experience made me realize that you do not just have to sit in a

class listening to lecture in order to learn. Having fun and learning should go hand-in-hand more often, and Mrs. Steider was able to teach us that.

The Arts

Grace Althaus, child of Angie and David Althaus, plans to attend the University of Illinois.



Althaus

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, Valedictorian, and Phi Theta Kappa
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In the classroom, learning is meant to be seen as the sole purpose of being present. And when one is present, lots of valuable things can be learned. One of the things that I can forever remember and carry is how we learned about the color theory in art class. Learning about the dif-

ferent hues and combinations to get different colors is something that I always found fascinating. Also, learning about vibrancies, saturations, and color schemes is something that I can use throughout my career and is something that I have become particular about in my personal life. The late Ms. Fielder, my past art teacher, taught me my foundation for the arts and I am forever grateful for her.

Humanities

Anna Paul, child of Jeff and Wendy Paul, plans to major in sports management and minor in marketing, at Grand View University.



Paul

What's something you

Class of 2021

Brecken Adamson, Grace Althaus, Lucas Althaus, Pablo Avila-Rubio, Grace Barman, Skya Barton, Jacklyn Bowles, Beau Bringolf, Haley Brooks, Mitchell Brooks, Mackenzie Brown, Thomas Bumann, William Bumann, Zoe Eidet,

Ganon Greenman, Madison Haar, Brooke Jackson, Madalynn Jones, Wolfgang Jones, Joseph Keever, Logan Lawson, Madison Lindsey, Hannah Matter, Drake Meirhaeghe, Anna Paul, Austin Peterson, Leah Reed, Braden Taflinger, and Natalie Wilson

learned that you will take with you after high school?

Throughout my high school career I have learned how to be resilient, organized, responsible, and manage my time. My biggest lesson was how to challenge myself, even when I fail at those challenges. I chose to challenge myself by taking dual credit courses starting my sophomore year, and it was an eye opening experience. Coming into the class I did not know what to expect. It was fast paced and more than I had prepared for. I failed my first test of the year, which

shocked me since that wasn't something that I was used to doing. But, after that I realized how to study for college level tests, and didn't let one grade keep down for too long. Even with a rough start, I still ended the class with an A. This experience taught me that I do not need to succeed immediately to still excel in school.

Leadership

Madalynn Jones, child of Lance Jones and Rabecka Jones,

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Pleasant Valley

From K13

ideas to human existence. Something that seems so complicated and higher-level (hence the term "it's like rocket science!") can be described through algebra on an elementary level. This specific derivation is what caused me to realize that I wanted to utilize math and science to discover and describe more throughout the rest of my life.

Cassandra Smith, child of Stan and Janis Smith, plans to major in Biology on the Neurobiology Track at the University of Iowa



Smith

Top 3 achievements: Iowa Governor's Scholar, National Merit Finalist, 3 year All-State musician
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? "When will we ever need to know this?" As an inquisitive child, I never searched for an answer to this question; I have always loved learning just for the sake of knowing more, yet this seemingly unanswerable mystery

bubbled up from time to time. The Pythagorean theorem, the quadratic formula—how important could it be? It wasn't until high school that I realized the importance of math, and it was science that helped me understand this. Science explains the world around us, and it often does this through math. From evaluating momentum in physics to calculating enthalpy in chemistry, I have learned that math and science play an integral part in our world. And, while I may not be asked to find derivatives at the grocery store, I will always remember my calculus teacher's enthusiastic affirmation that the small connections between math and the world are the most mind-blowing.

Vocational Education

Siddharth Sharma, child of Meenakshi Sharma and Arun Kumar, plans to study Elementary education at the University of Iowa
Top 3 achievements: Two-year varsity wrestler, National Honor



Sharma

Society Executive Board, and Academic Excellence award

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? The Child Development is a course I took my freshman year that involved directly working with children. Pleasant Valley High School has a preschool program in which the students observe children, create lesson plans for them, and ultimately, provide them with an education. The course and the classroom environment challenged me to be creative and empathetic in creating a positive learning environment for these children. I hope to embody these values on my path to become an elementary school teacher.

Young Journalist

Alyce Brown, child of Laura Brown and James Brown, will be studying journalism at Northwestern University



Brown

Top 3 achievements: Receiving the Iowa Journalist of the Year Award, Finalist

for the New York Times' Editorial Contest, and Editor-in-Chief of the PV Spartan Shield

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Working on the newspaper in our journalism lab has been an experience I'll never forget. Being able to collaborate with so many talented students and help them engage with journalism and writing has been such an honor and an experience that has helped me grow as a journalist and a leader.

Ingrid Hofmann, child of Bernard and Milissa Hofmann, plans to study International Relations and Spanish on a Pre-Law track



Hoffman

Top 3 achievements: Editor-in-Chief of an Iowa All News Team of the Year, winning state-level journalism awards and having my work re-

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Initially, the thought of journalism terrified me; not only was I younger than my classmates, but less experienced too. My first few weeks in class, I entered the publications lab a shell of who I actually was. At team meetings, I was rendered voiceless, only raising my hand to say "I can," when asked who was willing to take on certain articles. Even then, I primarily covered stories about construction on the road running in front of the school or the district expansion project. Nearly two years after my scared, junior self walked into class for the first time — voiceless and afraid — I am preparing myself to walk through the door for the final time. However, the young woman walking out that door has found her voice and no longer fears the once daunting task of using it to advocate for and take a stance towards what I believe in. Thanks to journalism, I'm more passionate, confident, and unafraid to say what is on my mind. I have found my voice, and it continues to become clearer and stronger every day.

Assumption

From K11

graduating with 50 college credits, and being an Iowa State Thespian Officer

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? People often associate school with learning English, science, history, and math. However, my peers and I have been blessed to also learn skills that strengthen our morals. I will never forget one of my first senior theology classes. At the start of class,



Murphy

the priest posed the question: "What is love?" After my classmates' several failed attempts to answer, he defined it: "Love is to will the good of the other." Ever since then, I have held myself differently. I know I am called to love all whom I encounter, so I find myself frequently thinking, "Am I loving this person? Am I willing his or her good?" This experience in the classroom shaped me into who I am today, and I am extremely grateful for it.

North Scott

From K14

to attend Iowa State University

Top 3 achievements: North Scott FFA Growing Leaders Vice President; Member of the 2020 State Wining and National Qualifying North Scott FFA Agriculture Communications Team; and 2021 FFA Star Over Iowa Agriscience Finalist

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During my freshman year of



Rossmiller

High School, I decided that one day I wanted to become an FFA officer within my chapter. However, at the time I did not realize that this choice was life-changing. Throughout my time involved in FFA, I have served as my chapter's Reporter and Growing Leaders Vice President. While having a leadership position was great I never expected to expe-

rience so much personal growth and development. Being an officer allowed me to serve others within our chapter, school, and community. As well as advocating for the agriculture industry a topic I am extremely passionate about. Even though I have experienced growth in areas of leadership and communications the biggest takeaway I have had from being in the agriculture classroom was that it is great to have personal success but, even more, rewarding to see classmates benefiting from your efforts.

Bettendorf

From K10

encounter may fade, I think that the moral, people have their own experiences and ideas that are unique will remain.

Young Journalist

Laurel Wade, child of Todd Wade and Heather Wade, plans to attend a community college

Top 3 achievements: Lettering in choir, lettering in aca-



Wade

demics, inducted thespian
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My most memorable classroom experience was in Speech during the student congress unit. It was an immersive experience to be a part of a "congress," vote on other student's bills, and get my own bill approved. After, I felt

stronger as a public speaker and more knowledgeable about how our government system works.

Rheanna DeCrow, child of John and Autumn Gray, plans on studying education in journalism and music education at Ithaca College, as well as continuing my athletic career on the golf team.



DeCrow

Top 3 achievements: 4.0 GPA,

becoming and AP Scholar, and making the all academic teams in both softball and golf.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? The day after the capitol insurrection, my choir directors asked if any students wanted to share anything they had been struggling with recently or if anyone had anything to say regarding the tragedy. This experience was so surreal because it was the first time that I had experienced where people could share their opinions

and feelings, and even if everyone didn't necessarily agree with them, all of my classmates were extremely respectful towards their peers. It blew my mind how in a world full of disagreements and chaos, my classmates and I could have conversations about the things we were frustrated by in this world and not get into a screaming match. This experience was one of the first times I had hope for the future of our country because of the leaders that are stepping up to create a better world.

United Township

From K8

Award, John Deere Harvester award, Business Winner

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Being in Gym class and playing kickball in the small gym, we were separated into two teams and started playing. Whenever we think there is

a controversial call we asked the teacher and his answer every time was federation, meaning the teacher is always right in that situation and do not argue with him.

Young Journalist

Calli Godwin, child of Kellie Godwin, Bruce Godwin and Alison Guldenzopf, plans to attend Monmouth College

Top 3 achievements: Top ten of class all four years of high



Godwin

high school? Something that I will always remember is how the teachers in the community can


school, Top ten percent of students in IL, and NHS for three years.

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

make you feel special, so many of them are dedicated to their work. It amazes me some of the ways they make class more exciting and interesting. One specific memory I will always have is the studies program at UT. Every teacher in that program pushes their students as well as lets them be creative in their work. They never fail to make class fun and class discussions are the most comfortable conversations


I have over controversial topics. Another specific teacher I would like to recognize is Señora Rio. She cares about her students so much and made learning Spanish fun and exciting. The effort she puts into her work is contagious and uplifting. If you're having a bad day, her Spanish class will put a smile on your face no matter what.

Jonas Ortiz, no profile submitted



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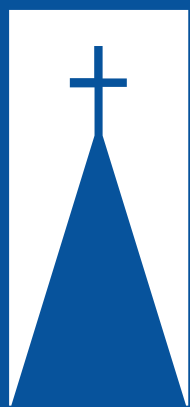
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Alwood

From K16

plans to attend Creighton University.

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society, Phi Theta Kappa, Illinois State Scholar



Jones

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience that I will remember forever has to be from English III. Mrs. Steider was one of the most enthusiastic teachers I have ever had, and when COVID-19 shut down the schools, she would send us our lesson plan via video on her front porch swing. She has the most pure personality, and I am so glad she was able to effectively teach us everything we needed to

know from her front porch that semester. She was always able to make the best out of every situation. I am very grateful I had the opportunity to learn from her.

Math/Sciences

Joseph Keever, child of Shane and Jennifer Keever, plans to attend Black Hawk College to finish my associates, then join the Air Force and continue my education at a later date.



Keever

Top 3 achievements: Math Team State Qualifier (2019), Academic Challenge State Qualifier (2021), Cross Country Team Sectional Member (2021)

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In chemistry my sophomore year, our science teacher was demonstrating that when alcohol burns,

the object the alcohol is on does not burn. To show us this, he took out a real \$100 dollar bill, dipped it in alcohol, and lit it on fire. This was one of many great demonstrations throughout all of my science classes with him that I will never forget.

Vocational Education

Grace Barman, child of Kurt Barman and Denise Barman, plans to attend Black Hawk East.



Barman

Top 3 achievements: I am the winner of the DAR award from our school, I will graduate with my associates degree the same time I graduate high school, and I received my FFA State Degree.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember baking cookies

in chemistry. We were split into groups and had to work together to decode the recipe from moles to a unit that we could easily use to measure. Not only did we have to be sure that we did it correctly so that our cookies turned out good, we had to work together as a team in order to get it done by the time class ended. It was a very fun way to learn how much a mole is and how to convert it.

Young Journalist

Thomas Bumann, child of Shannon and Chris Bumann, plans to attend the University of Illinois, Springfield, and major in biology, play college golf, and attend dental school.



Bumann

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, Class Co-Valedictorian, and IHSA All-State Academic Honorable Mention

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Throughout high school, I have consistently tried to combine my assignments in the classroom with activities I enjoy outside the classroom. I was recently faced with the task of creating my own final project for my dual-credit statistics class. After brainstorming a few ideas with a friend, we decided to collect data by playing a competitive tennis match against each other. Once our statistics teacher approved of our plan, we became enthusiastic about the entire assignment.

During my four years of high school, I have enjoyed working with many of my friends on group projects. One of the most valuable skills I have learned at AlWood is combining work with recreation. That is why my senior quote reads, "A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and gets to bed at night, and in between he does what he wants to do," —Bob Dylan.

ANNAWAN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Academics

Rhett Hulick, child of Brad and Teresa Hulick, plans to attend Black Hawk College for two years and then transfer to St Ambrose University for a doctorate in physical therapy.



Hulick

Top 3 achievements: DAR Good Citizen Award school, Geneseo Chapter, and District One winner; National Honor Society inductee as a sophomore, and an Illinois State Scholar.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One learning experience I will remember forever was the time our history teacher taught us the five ideals of citizenship: liberty, rights, freedom, equality, opportunity. Learning it at the time, I did not think much of it. It seemed like something I had heard millions of times about American citizenship. However, ever since I learned this information, I have used it in various ways. I have used them to become a better citizen myself. I try to ensure everyone around me gets to experience these ideals as all American citizens should. No citizen should have one of these ideals stripped from them, and if I see that happening I step in and ensure something is changed. Since that point I have vowed myself to use my opportunities, freedom, equality, and rights to defend those ideals for others, as well as make changes in the country to ensure everyone experiences them.

The Arts

Adam Gerber, child of Jeff Gerber and Katrina Gerber, plans on attending University of Saint Francis.

Top 3 achievements: Student of the month, all-conference in



Gerber

Scholastic Bowl, inducted into NHS

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In sixth grade writing I got a marker thrown at me for getting something wrong that we just learned.

Humanities

Zoey Nielsen, the child of Dave and Janet Nielsen, plans on attending St. Ambrose University



Nielsen

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society, Field Commander, and Elks Student of the Month

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One experience I will remember forever will be my first time ever conducting the band. Everyone was so lenient and willing to cooperate with me still learning. I appreciate the effort everyone put in to help me grow. Our band has become my family. They told me what I needed to improve on and that really helped. I got to be able to form a great connection with everyone in my band.

Leadership

Cali McKibbin, child of Shane and Heidi McKibbin, plans to attend Iowa State University



McKibbin

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society, ELKS Student of the Month, and the Kewanee YMCA Swim Team Captain

What's something you learned that you will take with

you after high school? One classroom learning experience that I will remember forever took place during my freshman year of high school. That year I was in two of the four art classes I could take. During the last semester, in my Mixed Media class, we had a project final where we had to plan and complete a media project in an hour time frame. When taking the final, I was able to finish early. Instead of sitting around waiting for the last half hour, I asked if I could help the other students who were still working on their projects with different media. I was given permission and was able to help one of the other students finish on time before the final bell. Overall, I learned from this experience the value of planning and working ahead.

Math/Sciences

Zachary Kulisek child of Katherine Barker and stepfather Trey Barker, plans to attend the University of Illinois — Urbana-Champaign



Kulisek

Top 3 achievements: National Honors Society, Scholastic bowl captain, and titan award in cross country

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During freshman year when my math teacher made fun of the class because they were cheating so badly.

Vocational Education

Sophie Wiesbrook, child of Wendy Baele, plans to attend University of Idaho- College of Natural Resources



Wiesbrook

Top 3 achievements: Inducted into National

Class of 2021

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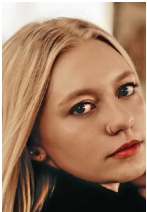
Honor Society sophomore year, 5.0 Club throughout high school, Chapter FFA President.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During my sophomore year, I was enrolled in an Ag construction class. We spent numerous hours in the Ag shop fixing walls, re wiring outlets, and fixing up miscellaneous projects around. During this particular year, our Ag teacher, Mr. Henrekin, decided to purchase around 100 Tilapia. Tilapia is a freshwater fish that can be raised and harvested for food. We had this large tank in our aquatics room that was perfect for raising these fish. We got the fish in late December over Christmas Break. Flash forward to February, it is the middle of National FFA Week. Every year, we hold a petting zoo for the little kids. Mr. Henrekin let the kids feed the Tilapia small amounts of food each time a new class came through. The day ended well and the kids were ecstatic that they got to feed the fish. However, when I walked through the high school doors the next morning, a rancid smell filled my nostrils. It was the smell of very dead fish. I walk into the Ag room to see what the smell is about and come to find out that all of our precious Tilapia have died over night. All that time building the tank and taking care of those fish for nothing. We felt defeated. Though it was a sad day for our fish, I will never forget the atrocious smell that filled our hallway for the entire next two days. Ag

class was always my favorite class of the year. I have been heavily involved in FFA throughout high school and have been introduced to so many new learning experiences through the field of Agriculture.

Young Journalist

Courtney Baele, child of Elaine and Jason Baele, plans to attend Illinois State University and study Nursing



Baele

Top 3 achievements: Early Acceptance With Honors into the Mennonite College Of Nursing at Illinois State University, Selected as a 2018 QC All-Star Volleyball Player, High Honors All 4 Years in High School.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom learning experience I will remember forever was my job shadowing experience at Colona Urgent Care. This experience was amazing, and confirmed that I wanted to continue my education into nursing school. This entire experience happened because of the classroom, even though the setting was elsewhere. Without teachers and administrators pushing us to use our classroom knowledge outside of school, learning cannot happen. I'm forever grateful for this experience because it has allowed me to focus on my career goals in nursing. Go birds!

CALAMUS-WHEATLAND HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Academics

Anne Tulley, child of Brian Tulley and Deb Tulley, plans to attend Iowa State University



Tulley

Top 3 achievements: Varsity Captain of Volleyball and Academic All State Senior Year, Governors Scholar 2021, and Girls State nominee (2020)

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will never forget sitting in my junior high classes not understanding. Not only what we were learning, but also how it was being taught. Simply being told something and writing it down was not helping me learn. It wasn't until my sophomore year history class that I realized the specific type of learning I had been seeking. I realized that I need an inclusive discussion style rather than just an information

overload without explanation. In this history class we would learn about things, take notes, but actually have conversations about what we were taking notes on. Now, when I was taking my tests I didn't need the word banks, or the formulas given to me, because I could remember our conversations, and what we were taking notes on. Without this class, I don't know if my love for school and learning would have continued to grow.

The Arts

Zachary Weih, child of Michael and Carena Weih, plans to attend St. Ambrose University



Weih

Top 3 achievements: Six year member of the Musical program, All State Choir 2020, ACDA National Honor Choir Member

What's something you

learned that you will take with you after high school? In the 5th grade I was walking to the drinking fountain when I was stopped by our choir director, Mrs. Kerr. She told me that she had noticed I had I very nice voice and asked if I was interested in joining choir. I was surprised to say the least. I didn't even know how to spell choir, let alone comprehend what it was or what it entailed. Nevertheless I agreed to show up a little early to school certain days to practice. Since then I have become an all state singer and have participated in choirs at the national level. I can earnestly say that one teachers belief in me sparked a love for singing that has persisted and grown ever since.

Humanities

Ethan Wilhelm, child of Adam and Rebecca Wilhelm, plans to enroll in an Apprenticeship Program

Top 3 achievements: 3.8 GPA, National Honor Society, and let-

Class of 2021

Seth Beuthien, Alison Boeckmann, Sydney Boeckmann, Emma Bopp, Brady Buchmeyer, Kyle DeWulf, Killian Ewoldt, Madison Feuss, Amanda Ganzer, Andrew Grau, Joshua Gronewold, Keegan Hayes, Paige Heileman, Austin Henning, Grant Huston, Taylor

Jacobsen, Chase Knoche, Maggie LaMaack, Blaine Long, Alyssa McElmeel, Chloe Moellering, Connor Nelson, Chesney Olson, Dakota Rohwedder, Magnus Sands, Connor Scheer, Kaden Schede, Tristen Searcy, Emirha Seifert, Madison Thompson, Anne Tulley, Anna Turner, Zachary Weih, Ethan Wilhelm.



Wilhelm

tered every year in golf

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One of my favorite classes (where many memories have been made) is in our newly constructed greenhouse. Just recently we had a dilemma with our coleus plant's leaves wilting and dying. After close examination, we

soon learned that our plants were being taken over by these small, white, bugs. We found these bugs were pests called soil mites. Soil mites survive in moist, warm soil to which our greenhouse provided ideal conditions. We had to wipe and spray down each coleus plant with a solution of water, Dawn dish soap, and alcohol regularly. We also had to cut down the water supply that the coleus were

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Calamus-Wheatland

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receiving, to dry-out their living conditions in hopes of eliminating them. After the first week, the plants looked tough, but we didn't give up. After about of month of diligent care, our labors paid off. The coleus flourished because of our green thumbs! Thankfully, we were able to save our coleus just in time for our greenhouse community sale.

Leadership

Chase Knoche, did not supply a profile.

Math/Sciences

Sydney Boeckmann, child of Mark Boeckmann, plans to attend Kirkwood Community College



Boeckmann

Top 3 achievements: 4.0 GPA, President of the Class of 2021, and Secretary of the National Honor Society

What's something you learned that you will take

with you after high school? A classroom experience I will always remember would be when someone who had previously struggled with a certain subject or concept finally understands it. No matter how hard or easy school is for any of us, everyone has experienced this at least once. It was always interesting to me to see how different learning is for everyone. I love to see the lightbulb go off in peoples heads and am proud to say that sometimes I helped my classmates get to that point. It's a very satisfying feeling for both the stu-

dent and the teacher leaving them both feeling extremely accomplished. Along with this, I enjoy seeing those who do understand a certain concept helping those who are still struggling. It's very comforting to see how much we as friends and classmates want to help each other further ourselves and become smarter and stronger as people.

Vocational Education

Austin Henning, child of Kayla Henning and Blaine Henning, plans to attend Kirkwood Community College and major in Agriculture Business



Henning

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society, FFA Iowa Degree, and Honorable

Mention All-State Basketball
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I took an agriculture economics and agriculture business class in my 2020 school year. These classes opened my eyes to a wide variety of opportunity in my future years of the work force. While taking this class I was able to see the economic side of raising cattle, marketing corn, and overall a side of agriculture that I have not seen in my years of helping on the family farm.

Young Journalist

Amanda Ganzer, child of Jay and Shelly Ganzer, plans to attend Clinton Community College

Top 3 achievements: Two year member of the high school National Honor Society (NHS), President of the high school organization Family, Career and

Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) for two years (4 years total as an officer), and a recipient of a Paul B. Sharar Foundation scholarship (through EICC).

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

had on yearbook ad sales trips with my classmates and advisor Mrs. Linville. Earlier this spring we went to DeWitt to visit local businesses to sell ad spaces in our yearbook. On our trip we ate lunch at Hall of Fame and had ice cream at Cups and Cones, which made it even more enjoyable. All and all, it was a nice day to be on a field trip with the yearbook staff.



Ganzer

CAMANCHE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Academics

Abby Determan, child of Mike and Taryn Determan, plans to attend Central College and major in chemistry and secondary education.

Top 3 achievements: National Honors Society, Valedictorian, and State Bowling team runner-up

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience I'll remember



Determan

forever was learning responsibility in band class Junior year. During this year I was put in the position of section leader of the trumpets. I had to make sure that my section was able to understand their music and answer any questions that they had. Throughout this experience, I had to learn, not only how to help myself but also how to help others at the same time. All in all, I believe that this experience will stick with me for a lifetime.

The Arts

Katera Scott, child of Kay and Gene Scott, plans to attend Clinton Community College



Scott

Top 3 achievements: Valedictorian, National Honors Society Member, and Thespian Society Vice President (MVP for two years)

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? "Well, that's admirable" that is what my chemistry teacher sent me after I had emailed him about my grades and was asking if there were any extra credit options. He never budged and just laughed in my face because I still hoped to get an 'A' in his class. Although I was very offended by the way he acted, I realized that no one is going to give me handouts just because I am trying hard. Within the past year of learning all of these tips

to being an adult, I kept that lesson in mind. No one will indeed give you handouts, and it's best to learn that while being a teenager. Life will always have its ups and downs, but you have to be able to trust in yourself and be there for yourself because you can pick yourself back up.

Humanities

Grace Stutting, child of Paula Stutting and Kevin Stutting, plans to attend the University of Iowa



Stutting

Top 3 achievements: Going to the National competition for History Day. Being in 3.0 club. Helping with Special Olympics and Best Buddies special

needs program.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience that I will never forget is my sophomore year Spanish II class. I just moved to Camanche and was getting a feel for the classroom setting. All of the students along with the teacher, Seniors. Turner gave me a jump start to an amazing two and a half years at Camanche High. We discussed the morals of learning other ethnicities and embracing the differences in humans. Since that first day in Spanish class, I felt at home in that classroom. Knowing the injustices of humans around the world has compelled me to be a better person and help and love people no matter their race, religion or social status. I am forever thankful for all of the memories and the person I have become thanks to, Camanche High School.

Leadership
Emma Holstein, child of Brent Holstein and Lisa Holstein, is undecided on what college to attend
Top 3 achievements: 4 year 3.0 club member, Na-



Holstein

tional Honor Society, and Dean's List at Clinton Community College

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One of the learning experiences that I will remember forever is being a class officer my sophomore and junior year. This was a great opportunity to work with others and accomplish various missions for our community. Within student council, I have volunteered with blood drives, food drives, toy drives, Dance Marathon, and indoor Trick or Treating, while also planning homecoming and pride week. Mrs. Emily Turner and Ms. Lynnea Quick are great role models and always pushed me to do my best and express my leadership skills. My work ethic and commitment to volunteering has increased tremendously throughout the years, while these skills I have learned will be very beneficial for my future.

Math/Sciences
Christopher Dorsey, child of Krishna Dorsey and Debra Dorsey, plans to attend Clinton Community College/Iowa State University
Top 3 achievements: State cross country, National Honors Society, and Breaking track record in middle school
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During my sophomore year, in my CAD class, I decided to make a project on my own using everything that I had learned and using new stuff. Up until my senior year, I worked on it when I could, and it took a lot of troubleshooting and self-teaching as well as help from peers and my teacher. In the end, I finished the project and it is something I am most proud of in high school.



Dorsey

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will never forget my first day of sophomore year, all of the nerves and excitement. I was super terrified of high school and what it had to offer, in fact I was so nervous for so long that it started to have a negative impact on my grades all the way through freshman year. Then sometime during the 3rd or 4th week of school, my science teacher, Dr. Cameron approached me and talked to me as if I was his best friend, I remember what he said to this day, "Troy if you start approaching your work with more confidence and focus I truly believe you can great work". For some reason that was all I needed, a confidence booster. From that day forward I have but forth my best effort to be the best student and will continue to do so in everyday life until my breath. Without that conversation I truly am unsure if I would ever have so much success.

Vocational Education
Troy Edmunds, child of Gregory Edmunds and Lisa Runge, plans to enlist in the United States Air Force
Top 3 achievements: Three

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Jessyka Lamberton, Jordan Lawrence, Brayden Lodge, Javier Marquez, Madeline Matyasse, Sean McDermott, Caleb McManus, Damian Meiser, Madelyn Michels, Julia Murphy, Erica Nelson, Molly Peppmeier, Dejah Point, Tyler Potter, Chase Quarrie, Isabella Sager, Audrey Sawwell, Andrew Schoenig, Zachery Schutte, Katera Scott, Emyrson Seeser, Garrett Shaw, Logan Shaw, Erin Short, Maci Sloane, Cole Soenksen, Riley Sowle, Tavian Spence, Grace Stutting, Madison Thompson, Alayna Vogel, Kamryn Vogel, Brett Voss, Logan Waltz, Brianna Webster, Carley White, Connor Willrett, Kevin Wilson, Jack Wruck

year 3.0 club member, 2020 Individual state bowling champion, and 2020 team state bowling champions



Edmunds

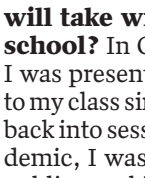
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Young Journalist

Bella Sager, child of Jessica and Dan Sager, plans to attend the University of Iowa

Top 3 achievements: Valedictorian, National Honors Society, and Battle of the Books State

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In Composition I class, I was presenting my first speech to my class since schools had gone back into session. Before the pandemic, I was perfectly fine with public speaking. Yet as I stood in front of my classmates, it was as if every fear I'd had about presenting had come true. My mouth was filled with cotton, beads of sweat were rolling down my back. It was as if my voice had left me. Each breath through my mask was a panicked wheeze. I considered taking a bad grade on the speech, despite the many hours of work I had put into it. Despite this, I managed to finish my speech. Powering through my anxiety and struggle taught me a lesson about perseverance that I have already put to use. By completing an act I was afraid of showing me that doing so is the only way to grow.



Sager

CAMBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Academics

Victor Snook, child of Candy and Wade Snook, plans to attend Western Illinois University.



Snook

Top 3 achievements: 2020 Sons of the American Revolution Award, 2018-2021 Academic All Conference, 2020-2021 FFA Chapter Scholar.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My most memorable learning experiences in High School happened in the Ag room. It was here that I took some of my most fun classes including Horticulture and Ag Mechanics. These hands-on classes were what really made me enjoy my school days, and made school feel

less like work. I was able to learn great useful information including how to weld, electrical work, and engine work. These lessons that I learned have given me valuable skills as I grow and look to the future. Horticulture taught me the importance of plant life and the great beauty that comes with them when they are arranged. Ag mechanics was my favorite class in high school. Not only did I learn essential skills for my future, but I also learned tangible knowledge about engines to help me with my hobbies like snowmobiling. In conclusion, my ag classes have been most memorable to me.

The Arts

Baylee Palmer, child of Cari Palmer and Brad Palmer, plans to attend Black Hawk College.

Top 3 achievements: Quad



Palmer

Cities Scholastic Bowl Masonic Conference 3rd place, Art show best in show, and Wood Working State Champion 4H.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom learning experience that I will remember for ever is how often I have taught my art teacher things. My art teacher is rather inexperienced in art and I have taken art for four years. I have saved various project ideas she has had by explaining the way that they should be done in order for things to not be destroyed or messed up. I taught her how to use paint thickener mixed with

Class of 2021

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Johnson, Kendall Lewis, Jarrett Lund, Kaley Martin, Kiley Martin, Tatum Miller, Jordyn Murzyn, Baylee Palmer, Taylor Sall, Kash Schnowske, Logan Segura, Sebastian Sharp, Victor Snook, Colton Stahl, Braedon Starberg, Isabella Tucker, and DJ VanHouten

acrylic to create three dimensional texture on a painting piece. I enjoy teaching her as she encourages me to so my best. I have never had an art teacher before her that encouraged me in quite the way that Mrs. Jewett does. Though my experience of teaching her art techniques in the last two years I have learned so much as far as expressing myself and allowing myself to be freely creative is concerned.

Humanities

Olivia Akers, child of Kelly Akers and Thomas Akers, plans to attend Oklahoma City University.

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar (2021). I qualified for IHSA State Speech Competition, the first person from my school to do so (2020). I was selected for the Illinois Music Educators Association's 2020 senior band.

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Cambridge

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



Akers

Most people have few memories of kindergarten. I am not an exception to this. I couldn’t tell you what day I learned the alphabet or who sat next to me on the bus, but I remember everything about Mrs. Youngstrum. She never liked to have students stand up to work in her art class. She was strict about noise and scissors. And I adored her. I was very shy in kindergarten, but Mrs. Youngstrum made it clear that she believed in me and my talents. She was the first person to do this. In 2010, Mrs. Youngstrum sent me a note. It was not a very special note, just

thanking me for some presents. However, I was the only student she ever sent one to. She continues to be a part of my life today, and I know I have someone in my corner. And I will always remember that.

Leadership

Kendall Lewis, child of Mike and Dawn Lewis, plans to attend Monmouth College.



Lewis

Top 3 achievements: D.A.R. Award Winner, All-Area Dispatch Team for Softball, High Honor Roll. **What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom learning experience I will remember forever was senior year is physics with Mrs. Fielding. We were learning about wave lengths and we got to make our own flutes out of straws.

This was one of our labs that she described as “one of the best” before we started that I will never forget. We even played Twinkle Twinkle Little Star as a class and got it on video.

Math/Sciences

Lauren Anderson, child of Terry and Angela Anderson, plans to attend Monmouth College.



Anderson

Top 3 achievements: IDTA scholastic achievement, Lincoln Trail Conference Champions – Cross Country, Lincoln Trail All Academic Team – Basketball, Cross Country. **What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** Ever since I was a kid I’ve been the odd-ball of the family. They all prefer history or English over anything math. If my brothers had ques-

tions about something in math I was their go-to person. Numbers and the process of math have always made sense and stuck with me. During a math class I asked my teacher what I could do with math. I dislike learning vocab and explaining why it works. I’m more of a hands on person wanting to actually do the math. My teacher asked if I’d looked into engineering. I’ve never really thought of it but after doing more research I found that engineering might be the path I want to take in college. My math teacher was more of a role model than an actual teacher to me because he helped guide me through my high school career and gave me options for my future.

Vocational Education

Annie Johnson, child of Justin and Amanda Johnson, plans to attend University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

Top 3 achievements: 2020-2021 Cambridge FFA President,

University of Wisconsin Platteville Chancellors Scholarship Recipient, 2021 FFA State Winner of the Swine Production Entrepreneurship SAE Area While in high school.

What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I have been enrolled in agriculture classes and been a part of several labs. My favorite skill I have learned is how to weld in an ag mechanics class. Welding is not a skill I would have been able to learn had it not been for me taking an ag class. My teachers Miss Riden and Mr. Taber taught me safety and the important components of welding. Learning this skill helped me prove to myself that not only can I learn new things but I can excel at it if I put my mind to it.



Johnson

CENTRAL DEWITT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Academics

Grace Pierce, child of Johann and Amy Pierce, plans to attend the University of Iowa



Pierce

Top 3 achievements: Tutoring Club at Central DeWitt High School; Junior and Senior year; National Honor Society; and Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach. **What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One classroom learning experience that I will remember forever is my second-grade year. My teacher was Ms. McCloy, and she had some strict rules, but she is still one of my favorite teachers to this day. I remember that you had to do your homework with a sharpened pencil. She could tell if your pencil was sharpened or not and if it wasn’t, you would have to spend recess standing along the fence. Also, if you ever forgot to write your name at the top of the paper, you would have to re-write your name over and over a hundred times. Each time you forgot to write your name, another hundred was added, so if I forgot a second time, I would have to write my name 200 times. This taught me to always have sharpened pencils with me and to always put my name on my papers.

The Arts

Rory Maricle, child of Chris and Holle Maricle, plans to study neuroscience and global health studies at the University of Iowa



Maricle

Top 3 achievements: Drum Major of the Marching Sabers Pride senior year, lettering eight times in band, and finishing high school with a 4.0 GPA. **What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I’ve been a musician for the last four years, and I’ve learned so much from my peers and from my director, Mr. Greubel, throughout that time. Although I intend to pursue medicine instead of professional music in the future, there is a lot I’m taking with me from my time as a member of the band. Practicing and perfecting solos has taught me that I can do anything I put my mind to, no matter how ambitious. Being section leader and

drum major has taught me how to be an effective and kind leader. And most importantly, band as a whole has taught me what it feels like to be genuinely passionate about something. I’m truly grateful for all that band has done for me.

Humanities

Kaylie Stearns, child of Christy and Josh Stearns, plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa



Stearns

Top 3 achievements: Iowa Honor Cheer Squad, National Honor Society, and American Legion Leadership Award. **What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will never forget is spending my last semester of high school in a composition class working on a research paper throughout the duration of the course. This will forever be engraved in my head because it was an opportunity to learn a lot and really challenge my writing experience. There are so many rules to follow when doing research and having to fit all the information into 7-10 pages was definitely something that took a lot of time. The bonds that were created with the class was an experience too with all the reading and writing sessions we would make together to keep each other motivated. I feel like I spent countless hours doing this paper and becoming educated on the topic. I will now be a pro in college on how to do in-text citations and effectively write a well thought out research paper.

Leadership

Keaton Zeimet, child of Jason Zeimet and JoEllen Zeimet, plans to attend the University of Wisconsin Madison



Zeimet

Top 3 achievements: 3rd place finisher at State Wrestling, National Honor Society, and Student Council President. **What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will remember forever what happened freshmen year in AP European History class. We were learning about Napoleon Bonaparte through a giant game of Napoleonic chess. We were learning about historically important bat-

tles and napoleon style war tactics through a chess game. This event taught me that education can be fun and be found in the least likely places. The class made me realize that I wanted to study political science and eventually become a lawyer.

Math/Sciences

Wyatt Sailer child of Melanie Sailer, Brent Sailer, and Angie Sailer, plans to attend the The University of Iowa

Top 3 achievements: Made it to the FTC World Championship in 2019 with the school’s robotics team; AP Scholastic award; and Outstanding Delegate in 2020 Iowa Youth Symposium. **What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school?**

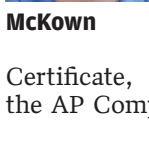


Sailer

The environment of my German class fostered growth and encouraged critical thinking through a number of approaches that may be considered odd compared to a typical classroom – which it is not. The instructor granted us freedom to choose how we learn, provided amazing flexibility, allowing us to do our work in class or out of class, and goes extraordinary lengths to provide the necessary tools for his students. The environment encouraged open discussion, which opened my eyes but more importantly my mind to topics rarely discussed in school, such as entitlement, gratitude, and white privilege. We definitely learned what our transcript implies we learn, but that only scratched the surface, and this open dialogue and challenging of ideas helped me sympathize with others, understand others, and see things from new perspectives far greater than I could have before, something I will cherish forever.

Vocational Education

Brad McKown, child of Rachel and Justin Stewart, went to Basic Training last summer, and this summer will be going to Advanced Training for the Army. Afterward, he plans to attend the University of Iowa



McKown

Top 3 achievements: ServSafe Certificate, Earning 100% on the AP Computer Science Test,

Class of 2021

Isaac Appleby-Granja, Jordan Auliff, Tyson Belk, Hunter Berg, Isaac Blandin, Henry Bloom, Reed Boeding, Makenna Boland, Eleanore Boomershine, Koal Bossom, Owen Boyer, Isabella Burken, Emilie Butler, Jack Campbell, Abigail Carr, Isabelle Carr, Brady Cavanagh, Grace Copeland, Henry DeHaan IV, Anthony Dietz, Madison Dochterman, Payton Drevyanko, Jaedon Evans, Alexa Finley, Alexxis Foreman, Krystina Franks, Sydney Freeman, Logan Frett, Kaitlynn Fuller, Lauryn Ginter, Kathryn Grau, Maddison Gregoire, Kelli Grell, Paige Griem, Chloe Gronewold, Logan Hansen, Monasia Hardy, Lindy Heister, Kimberly Hendricks, Matthew Hinds, Katelyn Hoffmann, Kyle Holmes, Madison Holmes, Robert Howard, Brody Jaques, William Jess, Nathaniel Johnson, Marcus Kaczinski, Andrew Kallemeyn, Sean Kinney, Talbot Kinney, Colleen Klostermann, Claire Kuehl, Alyssa Lampe, Nicolas Lee, Carlee Lincoln, Abigail

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and getting to the point where I can understand a conversation between to people completely in Spanish.

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

The most memorable class experience was being in Mrs. Betz’s in the meal management classes as everybody was trialing their recipes. There is a wide variety of smells around the room, and to help trial the recipes taste tests must be done as well which makes each day enjoyable as you never know what you’re gonna get. Some people choose to do themes from around the world or a dessert theme. I just popped into one of the classes last week and got to try some chocolate-covered cheesecake balls and some chicken and spinach lasagna. A majority of my fond memories from high school took place in Mrs. Betz’s room.

Young Journalist

Krystina Franks, child of Tammy Brown and Mike Brown, plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa

Top 3 achievements: My writing was chosen to be published in a college anthology;



Franks

What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During grade school, I always struggled with reading and writing. I had multiple learning disorders and was told by many therapists and doctors that I would pretty much never be able to write “well.” In 6th grade, we were assigned an argumentative essay and I made it my mission to work twice as hard as my classmates in order to be taken seriously by teachers. Long story short, it worked. That was the first paper I had received an A on. By the end, my teacher, Mr. Miller, pulled me aside and told me how proud of me he was. I had broken the standards set for me and knew I was capable of sharing my voice through writing. I am forever grateful for this memory because without the support and courage I was given through Mr. Miller, I don’t think I’d be the writer I am today.

FULTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS

Academics

Giana Floming, child of Brooke Posateri and Jason Floming, plans to attend College.

Top 3 achievements: Perfect Attendance for 3 years, 3.75 GPA award 4 years, overall Steamer of the month November 2020.

What’s something you learned that you will take with

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Fulton

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you after high school? I'll never forget my 7th and 8th grade history class and all of the fun we had with our teacher. He presented a new concept to the classroom called "gamification."

Floming

This essentially made learning into an interactive game where we got to compete as teams for points. You got points by doing different things to prove that you were studying the material. Teams got points for getting good grades and doing other things as well. We played our own version of Mario Kart and Monopoly with different teams competing. It made learning history fun and encouraged us to study more. I'll never forget all of the fun memories we made

playing those games and learning. Mr. Mo was an incredible teacher and he found an innovative way to help students engaged and to encourage them to do better.

Humanities

Kaitlyn Bruggenwirth, child of Steve and Laurie Bruggenwirth, plans to attend Bradley University.

Top 3 achievements: Academic Excellence (all 4 years), Bradley University Presidential Scholarship, Volleyball MVP, freshman year.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom learning experience that I will forever remember took place in my chemistry class sophomore year. The assignment was to create a commercial that would emotionally affect the viewers in

some sort of way, and teach them the dangers of radiation. It was a lot of fun because it allowed for a lot of creativity and I feel it is really important for students to be able to express their creativity through their schoolwork.

Leadership

Kylie Collachia, child of Jim and Stacey Collachia, plans to attend Augustana College.

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, B.L.I.N.D. Leader, and I was unanimous first team all conference for volleyball.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience that I will remember forever would be when I was in my history class 8th grade year. My teacher decided that we were going to take a

fun approach when learning about the election of 1824. We split our class into 4 teams and each team's leader was one of the presidential candidates. I was chosen to be the leader of my group and was named Henry Clay. We were able to complete different challenges and worksheets that helped you get points or advantages on other challenges. In the end, the team who had the most points was the winner and their leader was deemed the president. I think this truly was a unique experience and I will remember doing it and what we learned during it forever.

Math/Sciences

Elizabeth Fish, child of Eric and Lora Fish, plans to attend Blackhawk College (playing basketball as well).

Top 3 achievements: Academy Student at Sauk Valley Community College, National Honor Society, and Chemistry Student of the Year.

What's something you



Fish

During my sophomore year I took chemistry with Ms. Gates, which is now my favorite subject. Seeing Ms. Gates's passion for chemistry and teaching her students about chemistry led me to take more classes with her. During my junior year I went on to take Dual Credit Chemistry which was one of the best choices I have made academically. We were in her class every day expanding our chemistry knowledge and then we were able to apply that knowledge in the lab. Ms. Gates always has amazing lab experiments and she puts in a lot of hard work to do so. I appreciate everything that Ms. Gates has done for us as students to expand our knowledge in Chemistry.

learned that you will take with you after high school? I have always had a love for science but in high school, my passion started to grow stronger.

MORNING STAR ACADEMY CLASS OF 2021

Academics

Eliana Parks, child of Brian and Kara Parks, plans to attend Black Hawk College, majoring in nursing.

Top 3 achievements: Canine Companions for Independence graduate puppy raiser, Tae-KwonDo 1st Degree black belt, and receiving the Iowa Governors Scholar Award.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? "I will always remember the deep conversations my class had during study hall. Though we were not necessarily discussing homework, the conversations were applicable to life and made me think about it in a new light. Sometimes it would be very serious, while other times we were dying of laughter. We would talk about relationships, life, God, death, and why there should be M&M Oreos. We had good times, I can remember laughing so hard it hurt. Though

this is not a traditional "learning experience" the whole class had their ideas about life challenged, which forced us to think critically about what really matters."

Humanities

Jackson Trotter, child of Ryan Trotter and Deana Trotter, plans to attend Iowa State University.

Top 3 achievements: I finished multiple years of high school with both Magna Cum Laude and Summa Cum Laude honors. In basketball, I have received both 1st and 2nd Team All-Conference honors.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? The classroom experience that I will remember forever is not a sole event, but rather an ensemble of memorable discussions. This often took the form of a debate or Harkness (discussion between students with minimal teacher intervention). After all, school

is about much more than taking notes and memorizing facts. Looking back on my years in high school, I can honestly say that what has truly remained with me is the meaningful conversations that I have had the pleasure of having with my peers. Whether discussing how a particular aspect of the Constitution should be applied, or weighing the pros and cons of U.S President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "New Deal", I often was astounded at the diversity of stances my peers took on certain issues. In the end, many of these discussions were key in shaping my beliefs and have changed my opinion on certain topics to this day.

Math/Sciences

Elijah Brady, child of Bob and Amy Brady, plans to attend Iowa State University.

Top 3 achievements: Tae Kwon Do 2nd Degree Blackbelt, Salutatorian, Robotics Team.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I took a robotics class in 2019-2020 as an elective. In that class I learned



Brady

It was a lot of fun learning how to build a robot with working code and the hardware necessary to make it work.

The Arts

Faith Littig, child of Melody Littig Scott, plans to attend community college.

Top 3 achievements: "Drama Club (4 years), Varsity Volleyball (5 years), New Kingdom Trailriders volunteer (2 years)."

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? "One of my most valued learning experiences is learning all of the jingles

Class of 2021

Eli Brady, Evan Burd, Achaia Cooper, Adia Giza, Faith Littig, John McClure, Eliana Parks, Isabel Simpson, Jackson Trotter, Cole Walters.

for Shurley English in elementary school. This course covered grammar and composition, and the jingles taught us basic grammar skills. Thinking about the jingles brings back a lot of good memories that I have with my class. "O-Quigley" is a jingle that I will never forget. It talks about how to be a good and organized student. Quigley starts off as a bad student who does not have his homework done, and is not listening to the teacher. The next verse describes Quigley as a good student who is prepared for class and has a future with goals. The catchy tune helped the message to stick in my memory. If you asked the senior class at MSA to sing "O-Quigley" I bet that we would be ready at any time to recite the entire jingle.)"

MORRISON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Academics

Ashton Smith, child of Jill and Jason Smith, plans to attend Cornell College.

Top 3 achievements: National Honors Society, 2020-2021 Illinois State Scholar, Varsity Basketball Captain.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My experiences at Morrison High School made an impression on me that will stay with me for life. This past year has been difficult, with schedules changing, shortened athletic seasons, and spending countless days in quarantine. The bad experiences from this past year have made it harder to remember the good of the past four years. However, my precalculus class gave me a learning experience I will remember forever. Math is challenging, and teachers tend to use tools to make the work easier to understand. Now, my teacher decided to utilize something quite peculiar to explain strenuous mathematical concepts; she would use rubber ducks of all shapes and sizes. The rubber ducks made things clearer, and I am certain my classmates would agree. It is astonishing how something so simple can assist with the complexities of advanced math, so I am going to keep that trick in my toolbelt forever.

The Arts

Charley Williams, child of Shuqin Li, planning on attending Augustana College.

Top 3 achievements: Judge's choice in art competition in state fair, top five at Woodlawn arts academy competition, 36x48



Williams

small pieces of paper. By the time I was on my fourth self-portrait, others were still on their first. Mr. Wright challenged me and gave me a blank piece of paper and two Prismacolor pencils and told me to sketch whatever I wanted. If he gave me the OK, then I could draw my sketch on a big piece of paper. Mr. Wright gave me the approval, set out a big piece of paper on an easel, and told me, "knock yourself out.," so I got to sketching. It was a long process, but I uncovered more about my art style and what my personality is, and the art piece became one of my favorites and one I am most proud of.

Humanities

Alexandria Bullard, child of Angela Dykstra and Terry Bullard, plans to attend Clinton Community College.

Top 3 achievements: National Honors Society, Honor Roll, and the Impact Award from the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Unlike the rest of my class, I hadn't had time to fit Speech into my schedule as is typical sophomore year. So, as a junior, I was a little behind in the whole "writing and giving a speech" thing. But, I decided to

treat the speech (that I had to do in my junior year English class) as acting. I feel comfortable on stage, so I figured it would help to picture the speech as a monologue. When I got up to give my speech about OCD, I was a little nervous still, but one of my comments was, "One of the symptoms of OCD is anxiety; which I am having a lot of right now." The whole class laughed and I calmed down and gave the rest of the speech with ease. I got an A on that speech, and felt as though I could do anything!

Leadership

Emily Henson, child of Andy and Tracy Henson, plans to attend Sauk Valley Community College.

Top 3 achievements: National Honors Society my junior and senior years. I am currently working on an education endorsement through my education pathway

class. I received all conference for cross country my senior year.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? This year, I took a class called education pathway. This class has been extremely beneficial because it made me realize that I want to become an elementary school teacher. During this class, I teacher aide at the elementary school. I usually grade papers, make copies, and help students with their work. I also have weekly assignments from Mrs. Stevenson, the head teacher of education pathway. I have learned several things about teaching that I never would have thought of before. Because of this class, I feel that I have a head start going into college to study education. My

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McCartney, Anna Mickley, Ashley Ogburn, Thomas (T.C.) Ottens, Brandon Peppers, Jaysie Pruis, Isabelle Reed, Gauge Richmond, Anna Rinker, Britney Sage, Jaicee Schmidt, Madison Shelton, Ashton Smith, Tyson Smith, Madeline Sterenberg, Kyle Stuart, Isabel Stuhlman, Anna Szabo, Alexis Tichler, Bradley Toppert, Toby Troutman, Ivy Unger, Zackary Usterbowski, Ivy VanKampen, Sarah Wallander, Avalina Williams, Charley Williams, Kayden Wolber, Aaron Wolf, Emma Youngquist

knowledge of teaching will prepare me for college and help me get a teaching job in the future. I am so thankful my school offers this class because without it, I may not have realized teaching is the right career for me.

Math/Sciences

Anthony Fulton, child of Christine Fulton and Robert Fulton, plans to attend Western Illinois University—Quad Cities, studying for Mechanical Engineering.

Top 3 achievements: Eagle Scout, Rotary Student of the Month for April 2021, National Honor Society Inductee.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I will remember forever is my Community Internship class in my senior year of high school. This class, taking place in both classroom and out-of-classroom settings, has taught

me a lot about the real world and how it functions. It opened my eyes to what my future career may look like, and gave me job experience as well as valuable skills that I can use in the rest of my life. Whether it was my time helping prepare classes at the Morrison Institute of Technology, or helping the Morrison High School technology department, this class has helped prepare me for the rest of my life, and I greatly appreciate being able to take part in these opportunities that have been given to me.

Vocational Education

Aaron Wolf, child of Tammy Sugars and Lance Wolf, plans to attend University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

Top 3 achievements: I have been a two sport athlete and have been on honor roll my entire high school career, and National Honor Society. I made it

Wolf

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Morrison

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to sectionals for wrestling and my team made it to the quarter finals for football my Junior year of High-school.

What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One experience that I will never forget would be my time in Career Exploration. Mr. Stevenson helped me determine what my strengths are and how I could apply them to

my future job and life. That class taught me a lot about myself and what type of career I wanted to pursue. My teacher helped me determine if the career I was interested in would make me happy for the rest of my life as well as allow me to make enough money to support the lifestyle I want to live. He also helped me with real life things that I needed to know like making a resume and doing a mock interview. He asked us both general questions and some that were more job based. The Career Exploration class helped me make

important decisions about the future and gave me the tools I need to be successful.

Young Journalist

Chloe Bielema, child of Cory Bielema and Jennifer Bielema, plans to attend University of Illinois—Urbana-Champaign

Top 3 achievements: Drill Team Association State Soloist 3rd place 2021, Illinois State Scholar, Honor Roll at Sauk Valley Community College (dual credit).

What’s something you learned that you will take with



Bielema

in, which allows us to take control of the lesson and get what we give out of it. I’ve never experienced this teaching strategy, and it excites me. During class, while learning how to effectively argue

and speak in public, we discussed a topic we were passionate about and “argued” with him from the opposite perspective. Putting myself in opposition to what I believe genuinely opened my mind and showed me that what I thought was effective speaking, wasn’t. I’ve always known there are multiple perspectives to every situation, but having to argue against something I’m passionate about was an experience that changed the way I formed my opinions. I will continue to practice the skills I’ve learned in class throughout my life.

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Academics

Beth Lamp, child of Perry and Darlene Lamp, plans to attend Western Illinois University to study Agricultural Science.



Lamp

cate (Final Nominee for the Norman Borlaug Award); and National Honor Society

What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I have had many classroom learning experiences; yet, the ones that I will remember forever are the times where I struggled in school. The thing is, although I receive A’s in all my classes, I still struggle and get frustrated with school and the work associated with it. In fact, there was one moment where I had a hard time on an assignment; my teacher looked at me and said “When you get frustrated you cry, don’t you?” My response was “yes,” because it was the truth. I would get too flustered that I couldn’t focus on the problem at hand. However, this teacher helped me to learn how to control the controllables in my life. I couldn’t control the situation, but I could control how I responded, and that’s what mattered. That new perspective was everything, and it helped me to excel in school and now in life.

The Arts

Ciera Krogman, child of Paul and Robin Krogman, plans to attend Augustana College (Pre-Med) and continuing my golf career.



Krogman

What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience that I will remember forever is the countless hours spent at CNA class. This has helped me in my future plans in the medical field by putting in the hours studying, and learning valuable skills for my future career. Throughout the classroom this

year, I have had the opportunity to work with some amazing individuals who have pushed me to become a better student and leader. The best part about this class is that it is very hands-on, and I always look forward to the next class when we learn something new. Not only do my peers help me achieve my goals, but my teacher has been one of the biggest supporters because he always tells us about real life experiences and prepares us for what’s to come in the future. Without this class, I would not have the drive and dedication for the health field.

Humanities

Madison Martens, child of Brent and Sara Martens, plans to attend Clinton Community College.



Martens

What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience that I will remember forever would be from my sophomore year when my Spanish class made music videos to learn how to conjugate verbs in the imperfect and preterite. My class was split into two different groups to come up with lyrics using and explaining one of the two grammar styles. We had never done anything like this in another class, so it was something new and exciting for us. We got to pick our own songs and my group used “What Is Love” by Haddaway. We also made posters and came up with dance moves. I believe this to be one of my most memorable learning experiences because while learning, I got to do something fun with my classmates. I think these music videos were a great way for my grade to learn and make memories with each other that will stick with us.

Leadership



Holdgrafer

K e s l e y Holdgrafer, child of Gary and Lisa Holdgrafer, plans to attend Iowa State University for Ag Communications.

Top 3 achievements: Iowa FFA

State Officer and will be serving as a servant leader for over 16,000 Iowa FFA members this upcoming year; National FFA Finalist; and I have my own weekly column, Kelsey’s Corral, in the Iowa Farm Bureau Spokesman Clinton County news section. For the past three years, I have been writing fun weekly ag-related articles that come to life with fun stories of life on the farm. My articles reach 11 counties with thousands of devoted weekly readers; and All-State Speech 5 times in 4 years.

What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school? “This past fall I was enrolled in a government class. One activity we did was creating ourselves into a political figure. Each student had to choose a party, create our very own campaign, and get fellow classmates to join our movement and campaign. We got the chance to dive deep within ourselves and figure out our own personal beliefs and then we were able to express those beliefs to others in a way we liked. I personally made a one-minute campaign video containing what I would do if I was elected Senator. I have a passion for agriculture so my campaign was based on what I would do to help farmers. This learning experience not only taught me about government, it also expanded my horizons. I learned more about the ag industry and also myself. I will use this knowledge I learned immensely throughout my future endeavors.

Math/Sciences

Nathan Ketelsen, child of Chad and Jan Ketelsen, plans to attend Milwaukee School of Engineering.



Ketelsen

Top 3 achievements: All State Speech honors in Acting and Improv. Varsity letters in Track and Cross Country. Being selected for the national four year Marine Option NROTC scholarship to use at Milwaukee School of Engineering.

What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Now this is going to make me sound like a super nerd, but one of specific experience came early this year in calculus, physics and principles of technology classes. For at least the first two years of my high school career I was under the impression

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that what I learned in each particular class would only be used in that class. But that was wrong. This year was the year where all the building blocks started to come together. In math classes we learn how the world works through a black and white logical process. In physics you then apply that math to the world and motion to explain why and how. And then in principals of technology you combine the math with the why and how to learn how to use it more effectively in life. Knowing how everything builds off of each other is a powerful lesson.

Vocational Education

Judd Swanton, child of Don and Terri Swanton, plans to attend Illinois Central College for Agricultural Studies and Minor in Animal Science.



Swanton

Top 3 achievements: Compete on the Livestock Judging Team and Play Basketball. Then transfer to Iowa State University National Honors Society, Basketball Team Captain, and All Conference Elite Team, Basketball.

What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school? For me, a classroom experience that I will never forget was in my freshman year when I took my first Agricultural class: Agricultural Science. I have always been an agricultural and livestock kid, but when I took this class, it had really opened my eyes and my passion for agriculture. That class had inspired me to take another Ag. course for my

Young Journalist

Emma Ketelsen, child of Chad and Jan Ketelsen, plans to attend Drake University



Ketelsen

Top 3 achievements: Iowa FBLA State Officer, Most Improved Cross Country Junior year, and Captain of the soccer team senior year.

What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A learning experience I will never forget is my time in Introduction to Journalism class my sophomore year. It was the class that solidified my love of writing especially for print. A good chunk of what I know about journalism came from that class, and I wouldn’t have set the goals I have without that push in the right direction. It also helped that I had the class with one of my best friends who had a unique writing style, so we would collaborate and gain new ideas to strengthen both of our writings.

PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Academics

Madeline Adams, child of Steven and Erin Adams, plans to attend Clinton Community College



Adams

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society, Honor Band, and First Honor Roll every quarter.

What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience I will remember forever is working with our little kindergarten buddies. We spend almost every Friday helping them learn Spanish. We get to spend time talking, coloring, and getting to know the little kids we get to work with.

The Arts

Ava Ruden, child of Rodney and Thea Ruden, plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa

Top 3 achievements: National Honors Society Vice President, Cross Country State Participant, Iowa State 4-H Participant



Ruden

What’s something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My school does a project that if you take art as a senior you get to paint a ceiling tile to be put up around the school. This is definitely an experience that I will remember forever. I chose to paint something memorable on my ceiling tile. I painted a collage of events and memories from the year 2020. It is crazy to think of all the things that happened during my senior year. I will never forget my senior year and this is the perfect way to leave my legacy on the school.

Humanities

Sophie Griffin, child of John Griffin and Michelle Snyder, plans to attend Iowa State University

Top 3 achievements: State Cross Country, Student Council President, First Honor Roll

What’s something you learned that you will take



Griffin

we had to read a dystopian story for the unit. This is when I started to love reading. Because of this unit in English class I learned to love reading and it changed my life. Without this classroom experience I don’t know how my life would be. I read everyday and I thank my eighth grade English teacher for helping me love reading.

Leadership

Isabel Hansen, child of Jennifer Hansen, plans to attend University of Iowa

Top 3 achievements: President of NHS, holding the school record for most career assists and service aces, and I have been on the highest honor roll all four years of high school



Hansen

mates and I helped the first grade class with Spanish. Every Friday we go to their room and help teach them Spanish words. I love this activity because I love helping others.

Math/Sciences

Madison Anglese, child of Crystal and Eric Mallicoat, plans to attend Iowa State University



Anglese

Top 3 achievements: I qualified for state cross country, National Honor Society, and Captain of the cheer squad for the past three years.

What’s something you

Class of 2021

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learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience I will remember forever happened recently. This past year I decided to take AP Calculus. I wanted to take this class because math has always been my strong point, and I have not ever struggled with it too much. This year all of that changed. Calculus is an extremely difficult subject to learn, and it made math hard for me, which I was not used to. I really struggled with it, but my teacher helped me along the way. I was unsure if I was retaining any of the information I was learning

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until I began studying for my final, and all of a sudden I knew how to start the problems. I was able to get all of the way through them, and I did it correctly. This was an achievement for me, and I was so surprised when I began to get them right I would be shocked.

Even though calculus frustrated me, I am glad that I took it because it made me realize I can do anything I set my mind to.

Young Journalist

Grace Dehner, child of Josh and Maggie Dehner, plans to attend college

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society as a sophomore, Honor Roll every quarter of high



Dehner

school, and varsity volleyball player all 4 years

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience that I will remember forever would be when my classmates

and I learned about World War II in history class. I will remember this forever because I had a grandfather who fought in this war and my teacher took their time on this unit to thoroughly discuss what people went through. We learned specifically about Adolf Hitler and what he stood for and we also learned about the pain and agony that the Jews went through. I distinctly remember hearing the amount of

people that died in that war, which was about 75 million people. That number just struck me and I simply could not believe it. As we continued learning about this war I brought in a few pictures that my grandma had sent me. The pictures contained shots of my grandfather in the war and pictures of the flags in Germany. I will always remember how excited I was to share those photos with my class.

QUAD CITIES CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Academics

Carolyn Abigail Peterson, child of Steve and Elizabeth Peterson

Top 3 achievements: Valedictorian, Captain of the Girls Basketball and Volleyball teams, and 2019 NICC 3 point Basketball Champion

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In my eleventh grade Speech class, Mr. Nesseler gave us an assignment to describe ourselves in five words and be able to explain why we chose those five words. The five words don't really matter, but the exercise of choosing only five words made me focus in on what is important in my life. This assignment reinforced the notion



Peterson

of living intentionally and taking the time to work on yourself so you may become the person you want to be.

The Arts

Jia Debrey, child of Drew and Cindy Debre, plans to attend Kuyper (Christian) College and go into elementary education and maybe missionary work.

Top 3 achievements: President of student council, homecoming princess, and getting my high school diploma

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I can't really say that I have a favorite classroom memory that I will remember forever, all my experience in a classroom was



Debre

a great memory for me. I do remember that in my fourth grade, my class went on a field trip to the Medieval Times in Chicago and that was a great experience! My senior class this year is a very small class with only five students, which isn't bad actually, I enjoy having a small class this year. One of my favorite classes that I will remember is my English class. I enjoy writing and reading the different books that my teacher had us read or write. One of the books that I remember reading is 'To Kill a Mockingbird' by Harper Lee, my teacher had us read and write about the book. That was fun to do. I'm going to miss my high school experience but I'm glad that I'm ending a chapter in my life but starting a new one.

Humanities

Carly Van Acker, no profile submitted

Leadership

Autumn Wolf, no profile submitted

Math/Sciences

Jacob Lehto, child of Ronald and Barbira Lehto, plans to pursue Mechanical Engineering

Top 3 achievements: Dean's List/Honor Roll every semester in high school, Salutatorian, and 4.0 GPA

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I don't have any specific memories about classes. I have had an overall positive experience with school. I personally feel that is better than having one or two moments that stand out. I have heard so many people who have hated school complain online with sto-



Lehto

Class of 2021

Jia Debre, Jacob Lehto, Carolyn Peterson, Carly Van Acker, and Autumn Wolf

ries of terrible teachers who didn't know what they were doing. I have had none of that. My teachers have always been smart, excellent at teaching, and great at helping students actually understand the content. If I want to get specific, one of my teachers, Mr. Nesseler, lets us use our in class notes during any test or quiz. Since it is a math class, understanding the application of a formula is more important than memorizing them. You still need to understand the content but this makes it so you don't have to spend time on pointless memorization. That is what I mean by helping the students understand the content over padding a grade book.

RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Academics

Chase Lockaby, child of Scott and Tammy Lockaby, plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Top 3 achievements: Qualifying for the FTC Robotics State Championship all 4 years of high school, Qualifying for the 2020 soccer regional, and 2021-2022 Illinois State Scholar

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One of my most memorable classroom experiences happened in eighth grade science. We were doing a chemical reaction lab with elephant toothpaste, which is basically a much more dramatic vinegar and baking soda volcano. My group had a fantastic idea to turn a funnel upside down on top of our container. This proceeded to launch the neon pink foam straight into the air leaving a large stain on the classroom ceiling! I then thought of an even better idea and decided to screw a lid on to another container; little did we know that the pressure would cause it to explode covering our group and several others in another color of foam! Who knew science could be so colorful and fun! This experience taught me that sometimes you should follow the instructions rather than trying to ad lib yourself!

Humanities

Ashlyn Hemm, child of Michele Hemm and Scott Hemm, plans to attend Loras College

Top 3 achievements: Single Season and Career Strikeout Record Holder, Illinois State Scholar, and Best Female Lead Vocalist as Belle in Beauty and the Beast

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Whether it was tapping into my dramatic side in Mrs. Schipper's English class during Romeo and Juliet or creating various presentations and projects



Hemm

in Spanish for Señora Guenther, I remember the times where my creativity was encouraged. These experiences have taught me that I need to pursue a career where my imagination and passions can come together. I also have to give a shout out to my history teacher, Mr. Hemm—my dad, for making one of my favorite subjects even more entertaining. Thanks for taking us to historical places, then using the embarrassing family vacation photos in class.

Leadership

Boston Leighty, child of Robert Leighty and Jeni Leighty, plans to attend the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Top 3 achievements: Gies College of Business National Honor Society President, Larry Molitor Award, Rams News Lead Director

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? It is bittersweet to be closing this chapter of my life, especially while still in the heat of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although I will always have many memories from my school career, I will always remember our pi day celebrations with now-retired Riverdale math teacher, Diane Fite! It was always the highlight of the school year to get to share food, desserts, and drinks with the fellow students, along with watching student made videos and songs celebrating the numerical constant. Watching the "pi" eating contest, and listening to students attempting to recite as many numbers as possible was a fun break from normal classwork, that I will always remember!

Math/Sciences

Brooklyn Smyser, child of Chris and Danielle Smyser, plans to attend Truman State University, major in exercise science

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, Softball Team Captain, Aca-



Leighty

demic All State Team (softball)

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Before transferring to Riverdale High School, I attended Schuyler R-1 Schools in Queen City, Missouri. I will forever remember being apart of the gifted and talented program at Schuyler. In this program we did everything from a bazaar foods unit to an invention unit. My favorite unit by far was the infectious disease unit. My classmates and I were challenged to figure out what the disease was, where the spread started and how to stop it, and who was infected. This unit was a great experience that ties into my future plans of a career in the medical field. It was definitely an experience I will never forget.

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, Academic Excellence Award in Advanced Art, and IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award

The Arts

Eli Mueller, child of Liza Mueller and Matthew Mueller, plans to attend Knox College

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, Academic Excellence Award in Advanced Art, and IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Ever since I was a kid, I have been interested in both the visual and musical arts. I remember one time, during my sophomore year, I was one of three sophomores in my art class. Towards the end of the year, our teacher asked the three of us if we wanted to help paint a mural in Port Byron over the summer. Of course we all agreed to help, so we spent a week painting and having fun. While this was technically outside the classroom, I still learned how to work with others and meet deadlines. I continued to develop my collaboration skills, as well as my creativity and work ethic. I'd like to thank my art teacher, Ms. Kiscena Minter, my band director, Mr. Matthew Reece, and my drum teacher, Josh Duffee, for helping me pursue my artistic goals over the last few years.



Mueller

Class of 2021

Garrett Almanza, David Arney, Chase Ballard, Addison Brock, Tanner Burklund, Lucas Butterfield, Dalton Cathcart, Bryan Caves, Zoey Cozad, Kaleb Crouch, Landon Dalaska, Remington Davis, Easton Day, Carter DeCap, Caroline DeRoo, Bryce Ditto, Noah Engebretson, Chasity Fentress, Ella Fornero-Green, Brennan Franklin, Jade Fritch, Jordan Gorgas, Jacob Griffin, Sydney Haas, Sailor Hager, Shae Hanrahan, Corey Hartson, Jaxson Hawkes, Ashlyn Hemm, Emma Hogren, Garrett Houzenga, Landon Hughes, Joshua Ibarra, Tristin Jacobs, Jack Kelley, Bryce Ketelsen, Reece Klundt, Brock

Vocational Education

Nathalie Zabramba, child of Bridgett Zabramba, plans to attend, Western Illinois University

Top 3 achievements: I have my Greenhand and Chapter Degrees in FFA. I have been to state in Dairy Judging and my SAE Record book for FFA. I have also been to state for Riverdale's Girls basketball team.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During my sophomore year in high school, I took an Animal Science class. For one of the chapters, we were learning about vaccines and one of our veterinarians came into class to speak with us. That day was very memorable to me because they brought a practice dummy in to teach us how to draw blood. I wasn't very good at first but one of them guided me through it. Not only did that day change better me as a student but it also helped me get the job I have today. I work at the Veterinary Clinic in Port Byron with those same vets and now what I couldn't do back then I can do it every day. I honestly believe if I didn't take this class I would be lost because it also made my connection in FFA stronger.



Zabramba

Young Journalist

Katelyn Oleson, child of Eirik and Tara Oleson, plans to attend University of Kansas

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award, and Most Valuable Staff Member—Journalism

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? High school has taught me many life lessons and numerous teachers have

influenced my life, but there is not just one experience I'll remember forever; there are many. Mr. Campbell's Chemistry classes entailed difficult problems and punny jokes.

Journalism class with Mrs. Schipper required hours of work for the yearbook and limitless laughs. There were songs to help us remember what it was that we were attempting to learn in Mrs. Fite's Math class. Mr. Hemm's History classes allowed me to further my knowledge and learn how to debate sensitive topics. However, it was in Miss Bugos' Anatomy class where I found my love for learning about the human body and its functions. All of these memorable experiences, in each classroom, helped me grow as a person; they helped lead me down my future career path to eventually study medicine.



Oleson

“... I remember the times where my creativity was encouraged. These experiences have taught me that I need to pursue a career where my imagination and passions can come together. I also have to give a shout out to my history teacher, Mr. Hemm—my dad, for making one of my favorite subjects even more entertaining.”

Ashlyn Hemm

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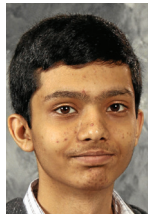
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RIVERMONT COLLEGIATE CLASS OF 2021

Academics

Vinayak Trigunayat, child of Ritu Raj and Gauri Tiwari, plans to major in computer science in college.

Top 3 achievements: Vice President Badminton Club, AP Scholar, and Headmaster's List 4 years



Trigunayat

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A learning experience that I will remember forever is how, in middle school, my computer teacher encouraged me to work independently. She let me work on programs and projects outside of the lab hours, during the mornings and lunch periods. Her encouragement to challenge me to go beyond the scope of the curriculum helped me develop an interest in the material.

The Arts

Jing "Tiffany" Yang, child of Shunhai Yang and Qin Tang, plans to attend McGill University, Canada.

Top 3 accomplishments: AMC 12 2nd place at Rivermont (2020), Volunteering at a nursing home, and a 3.8 GPA.



Yang

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Before coming to the United States I attended school in the United Kingdom and met Mrs. Judd, my eighth-grade choir and mathematics teacher, I never knew that I had the talent to patiently teach others. She was accepting and calm; I liked to work

with her whenever I faced challenges. One day there was a volunteer activity, which was coaching preschool students to produce creative music videos. I was worried about whether I would be able to do my job well. Mrs. Judd encouraged me to try. It was very fun and the children in that class said that I was their favorite. After this event, my confidence increased as my talents as a teacher emerged: passion, patience, and calmness when faced with emergencies and challenges.

Humanities

Krystal-Milly Vibila, child of Richard Vibila, plans to attend Northern Virginia College.



vibila

Top 3 achievements: I am taking a sewing class and it is fun. I tutor younger kids with math, and I am grateful to be able to do that. I played basketball last year, and it was amazing playing with the girls.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Last semester in English we read poems by living authors. For my semester project, I chose to interpret a poem as abstract art. I am not the most talented artist, but I love art: painting, fiber arts, 3D art, print-making, singing, dancing, etc. Creating a piece of abstract art was an area I had not explored before. I was excited to start and see what I would come up with. Another aspect of the project I loved was the relationship between poetry and art. Some people will say that poetry is a form of art, but before this assignment, but I had never related them together. And finally, what I loved was the process. It was fun to see how I could

interpret different words or different ideas from the author. The project was fun to work on, and I hope we have more assignments like that.

Leadership

Maria Akenkou, child of Saloua Cheikhi and Hassan Akenkou, plans to attend Soka University of America.



Akenkou

engineering, biological chemistry, or computer science.

Top 3 achievements: Working with a research team in one of the nation's top health systems; Developing the world's first sole-source dataset AI perpetual painter; and participating in computer science competitions and publishing my first two research papers in the machine learning field

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I have had many classroom experiences that encouraged my love for learning. With the advent of stem cell technology, we are on the brink of transforming our lives. My future goal is to further advance my knowledge of Artificial Intelligence and bio-engineering so that I can create a sustainable model in the fields of regenerative medicine to enhance human longevity. Outside of the classroom and work, I am an eager explorer and history buff. That is why I dream about experiencing the different eras and witness the conflicts and development of humanity, whilst slowly developing a repertoire of knowledge and skills gleaned across the centuries. More importantly, I want to keep families intact. Moving forward, while contributing to the study of longevity, I also want to utilize my knowledge of data science and biomedical engineering to eliminate disparities and achieve greater health equity.

Young Journalist

Allison Swiger, child of Martha Edwards, Jason Swiger, and Jeremy Edwards (step-dad), plans to attend Washington University, St. Louis, MO.

Class of 2021

Matthew Bayne, Evan Begyn, Halle Bock, Jacob Brackett, Allyson Bradshaw, Levi Buckrop, McKensie Chard, Major Chisholm, Maverick Chisholm, Ronnie Christian, Kaitlyn Curry, Eden DeTombe, Olivia Drish, Samantha Duggar, Peyton Dye, James Edgington, Dane Edwards, Austen Frank, Elijah Frere, Kiersten Fuhr, Mason Gerischer, Tristin Gustafson, Brayton Hager, Landon Hamilton, Brady Hill, Levi Kaller, Miranda Kean, Lea Kendall, Brandon Koberstein, Colby Lape, Hunter Locke, Foxx Lohf, Mattie Lower, Robert Mason, Landon Massey, Rylan McAlister, Braeden McDonald, Sydney

Class of 2021

Maria Akenkou, William Austin, Hikmatullah Bahramee, Sofia Cepeda Besoain, Sarah Dobbs, Adam Ederar, Joshua Gonzales, Tony Hua, Daniel Huang, Jordon Hylton, Angela Jones, Angel Liu, Mohamed Monkari, Leo Muderhwa, Han Nguyen, Van Nguyen, Matthew Simmons, John Song, Elrisha Steward, Allison Swiger, Vinayak Trigunayat, Nathaniel Vegh, Krystal-Milly Vibila, Darist Vo, Cody Wang, Celine Wu, David Xu, Tiffany Yang, and Lauren Zhou



Swiger

Top 3 achievements: Corellia League Tournament Winning Alliance FIRST Tech Challenge 2019-2020; 2020 Headmaster's Award; and 2021 Jane & Clem Werner Scholarship recipient

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Yearbook has been my favorite high school experience by far. After long days of studying and learning, it has been nice to stop by the library to relax and work on designing the pages that our alumni will look back at decades from now. Although I love creating templates and editing pictures, the most valuable aspect of the yearbook has been receiving guidance from my teacher, Mrs. Shalar Knupp. Not only did she teach me about the world of photography and design, but she also taught me important life lessons about responsibility, hard work, and kindness that I will cherish forever. Having a creative outlet that also helps me grow as a person has been a blessing.

ROCKRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Academics

Levi Buckrop, child of Marc and Wendy Buckrop, plans to attend Western Illinois University.



Buckrop

Top 3 achievements: Serving as President of the Rockridge National Honor Society and Student Council, Daughter's of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award Winner, and Academic High Honors all four years.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In Ms. Gorham's advanced chemistry course the material we learned was oftentimes very challenging. In her class we would "white board" which is where students solve problems on white boards and explain their answers to the class. White board days were always entertaining and learning the material from a different perspective helped immensely. This is a learning experience that I will never forget because it further taught me the importance of assisting in overcoming their own struggles in the classroom.

The Arts

Vaughn Vavrosky, the child of Robert and Destiny Vavrosky, plans to attend Wartburg College



Vavrosky

Top 3 achievements: FMES All-State (2018-19), ILMEA All-State Chorus (2019-20), ILMEA All-State Honor Chorus (2020-21).

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In all honesty, my favorite classroom experience came from this year from the choir. We had just finished Music Sweepstakes Contest the previous Friday and were all exhausted coming in that Monday, but nothing was a better feeling than hearing that we had won contests in our senior year.

Humanities

Kira Nelson, the child of Scott Nelson and Lisa Schafman-Nelson, plans to attend Augustana College.

Top 3 achievements: State Champion in the Music Department (2018-2019), 4th at state in the 4x400 meter relay (2019), and Honor Roll for the past four years of high school



Nelson

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember the way that our Spanish teacher taught us that language. My Spanish teacher always found a way to make the language fun. Whether that was through listening to Spanish music; watching soap operas; or telling stories that the students helped come up with, it was always fun to see what we would be doing in Spanish that day because it was a fun way to learn the language. Some of the stories were so funny, that I remember laughing up until I entered my next class. Because my Spanish teacher made learning this language so fun, I also plan to continue learning Spanish in college.

Leadership

Nicole Sedam, the child of Mike and Lori Sedam, plans to attend University of Wisconsin-Platteville



Sedam

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, National Honor Society Treasurer, and Milan Area Rotary Club Student of the Month.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Every day in sociology class I make new classroom memories. Our teacher, Mrs. Neece, always picks the most interesting topics to discuss in class. Each day we laugh almost as much as we learn, and I think that kind of

classroom environment makes learning so much more exciting. We often discuss topics as a class, and talking about sociology with my classmates always challenges me to think more intellectually. I love that the material we cover in class is about "real life" topics. The way we are able to connect the material to our own lives makes the class very interesting. This past semester in Sociology has definitely been a learning experience I'll never forget.

Math/Sciences

Lea Kendall, the child of Julie Larson and Marty Kendall, plans to attend an Air Force Prep School and then the following year attend the US Air Force Academy.



Kendall

ment, Three Rivers FCA Scholar Athlete Award, and All Conference Defensive Tackle Honors.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In my Greenhouse Management and Crops Science course, I was able to be an integral part of planting corn for my school's FFA test plot.



Parchert

I learned about the various brands of seed corn as well as the characteristics and expectations of each type of seed. I then had the opportunity to sort the seeds, put them in the planter hoppers, and watch them be planted in the ground. In the fall after harvest, I was able to compare the different types of seed corn and the yield outcomes. This experience was valuable in helping me learn the extensive work that goes into planning and planting a successful field of corn. It also taught me how important it is for local businesses to develop relationships with others in their community and to promote agriculture to young adults. These connections are vital to the success of agriculture in my local area.

Vocational Education

Ryan Parchert, the child of Tom and Carol Parchert, plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and majoring in Agriculture Business.

Top 3 achievements: State finalist for Supervised Ag Experience in Swine Production Place-

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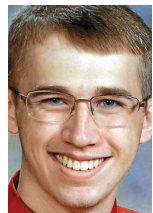
ORION HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Academics

Noah Seys, child of Damon and Joy Seys, plans to attend Western Illinois University (QC Campus).

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, Second Team All-Conference for Scholastic Bowl, 4.0 GPA throughout high school.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember the first few weeks of Spanish class during my freshman year. Walking into high school, I was afraid that learning a foreign language would be a boring and hard process, but my Spanish teacher made Spanish class something I looked forward to each and every day. Speaking and understanding a language became easy because the class was full of activities that were so fun and engaging that I didn't realize just how much I was learning.



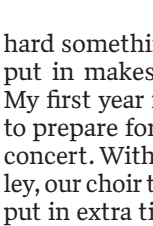
Seys

The Arts

Shaw Ringier, child of David and Nicole Ringier, plans to enlist in the Navy.

Top 3 achievements: Advanced individual to the IHSA Bowling Sectional, Won FFA Quiz Bowl, FFA Chapter Degree.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? No matter how hard something is, the work you put in makes it all worthwhile. My first year in choir I struggled to prepare for songs for our first concert. With the help of Mr. Haley, our choir teacher, I was able to put in extra time to fully prepare



Ringier

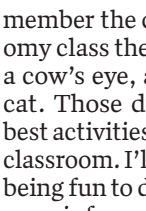
and I was very happy with how I performed and how we sounded as a group.

Humanities

Emily Canterbury, child of John and Toni Canterbury, plans to attend Monmouth College.

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, Admiral's Scholar, Drama Club.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will remember the dissections in Anatomy class the most. We dissected a cow's eye, a sheep's brain, and cat. Those dissections were the best activities I have ever done in a classroom. I'll remember them for being fun to do, but also for being very informative. I would have never considered Neuroscience had it not been for my Anatomy class.



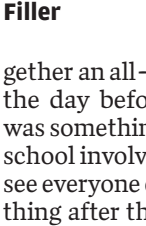
Canterbury

Leadership

Riley Filler, Chip and Jill Filler, plans to attend Grand Canyon University—Major in Biology/Pre-Med.

Top 3 achievements: Top 10%, Student Council President, DAR Scholarship.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience I will remember forever is when our Student Council put together an all-day Easter Egg hunt the day before Spring Break. It was something that got the whole school involved and it was nice to see everyone excited about something after the hard year we have



Filler

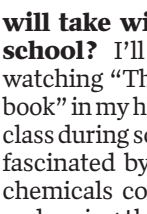
had. School hasn't been the most enjoyable with all of the rules and regulations we've had to follow, so by doing this, students' morale was boosted for the day. We all got prizes, which was also a plus.

Math/Sciences

Abigail Grems, child of Becky and Mike Grems, plans to attend Augustana College or Butler University.

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, National Honor Society, and Coaches Award for cheer-leading.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I'll always remember watching "The Poisoner's Handbook" in my high school chemistry class during sophomore year. I was fascinated by the different ways chemicals could affect the body and seeing the difference it could make. This helped me realize how much I'm interested in toxicology and want to continue it in my future career. I'm grateful that both of my science teachers cared for my passion in toxicology and genetics and had units that focused on them. Also, they were ready to answer any question I had on the subject, even if the class had moved on to a different topic already. However, I will always remember watching that movie in class because it made me realize one of my greatest passions and goals for the future.



Grems

Vocational Education

Sydney Perkins, child of Liz Donnelly and Tom Perkins, plans to attend Black Hawk East, then transfer to University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Top 3 achievements: FFA State Degree, FFA Chapter President, High Honor Roll.

Class of 2021

Abram Anderson, Joshua Anderson, Ashley Awbrey, Lilly Bergstrom, Maryn Bollinger, Luciano Bradley, Kiliagh Burge, Adam Burgert, Emily Canterbury, Noelle Carlson, Sarah DeLille, Jenna Drish, William Dunlap, Nathaniel Engeman, Joshua Fair, Madison Farr-Schroeder, Weston Ferry, Riley Filler, Jacob Frederickson, Abigail Grems, Suveah Gritton, Gavin Hamerlinck, Madison Hanson, Kaden Hass-Meguffy, Brandon Houdyshell, Jamelyn Hoxsey, Tyler Hunt, Makayla Jackson, Hailey James, Jayson Johnson, Elijah Kayser, Nicole Kettler, Austin Kilker, Logan Kohn, Katira Kratzberg, Chad Kruse, Carter LaBelle, Cullen Langley, Will Lawson,

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What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Being a part of the ag program all through high school has taught me many lifelong skills. From public speaking to livestock judging, I have spent a lot of time practicing and competing at various competitions. Even the long car rides to different events have made such a huge impact on my life. This program has pushed me out of my comfort zone too many times to count. I used to be super hard on myself as I felt like I had to be the best 24/7. The ag program has taught me that that's not at all the case. Instead, the ag program made me realize that it's okay to not be the greatest at everything and that every person brings their own strengths to the table. The ag program has given me some of



Perkins

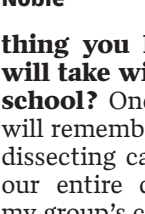
my most embarrassing moments; however, it has also given me countless opportunities to make some great memories.

Young Journalist

Avery Noble, child of Lance and Christine Noble, plans to attend Iowa State University.

Top 3 achievements: Varsity Cheerleader, All-time Bench Max holder, State Qualifier for Power Tumbling.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One experience that I will remember is when we were dissecting cats in anatomy and our entire class thought that my group's cat was pregnant, so our teacher Mrs. Stannke, had to cut our cat open to check if it was pregnant. It was not and our group was happy about that.



Noble

WEST BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

Humanities

Ellie Holstad, child of Dan Holstad and Jen Holstad, plans to attend the University of Iowa, and major in journalism and a minor in political science, then pursue a legal career.

Top 3 achievements: Bear Way Student of the Month-Academic, Honor Roll-Academic, Star Performer Award-Extra-curricular.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I thoroughly enjoyed my time throughout my American Government class. The subject matter was something I was already interested and familiar with, and I was ecstatic to broaden my knowledge about it. We got a chance to discuss and learn more about how to increase the young voter turnout, as it's a large issue we face within our democracy. Not only did we come up with reasons why young voters may not be showing up to the polls, but we also discussed possible solutions to these issues. That class really solidified my belief that I wanted to work within the realm of government, politics, and law.

Leadership

Ryan Heick, child of Mark Heick and Shari Heick, plans to attend University of Northern Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: Eagle Scout, National Honor Society, and Honor Roll.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom learning experi-

ence that I'll remember forever was performing my poem in front of my English class for our Poetry Out Loud unit. We had been memorizing a poem of our choice for nearly a month, and for the day we had to read them to the class, we were required to implement our own hand movements



Heick

to emphasize certain words or sentences using a motion. I enjoyed coming up with hand motions for my poem, as I thought the motions worked well with the words and phrases they were performed with. Once it was my turn, I read my poem aloud, all eyes on me, and received perfect scores from my classmates, especially for confidence and emotion. If you had told me to do this in the past, I would've declined, as I was very shy. However, I've grown throughout high school to have confidence in myself.

Math/Sciences

Olivia Poppen, child of Dave and Kami Poppen, plans to attend Iowa State University.

Top 3 achievements: 13 years of Gymnastics ending as Regional and State All-Around and Beam Champion, Student Government Treasurer & Class President, National Honor Society, 4.0 student.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My favorite learning experience is not just one day, but instead an en-

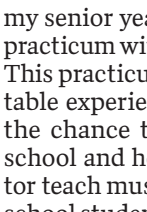
tire semester. As a senior I wanted to challenge myself and take AP Calculus. By the second semester, this class consisted of only 5 students. I will remember this semester forever because even though this was a challenging class, I thoroughly enjoyed tackling hard problems and leaving the class feeling accomplished. I got very excited about learning how to solve different types of problems and it was fun to share the excitement of learning with my classmates and teacher. I will always remember the class periods when we start out with a problem that looks very challenging but then the whole class is amazed and excited to learn how to solve that problem. Being in a small class, each student is more willing to ask questions so we are all able to understand the content a little deeper.

The Arts

Savannah Sexton, child of Julie Sexton and Rick Sexton, plans to attend Central College.

Top 3 achievements: Girls' Basketball Academic All-State. Member of the Inaugural All Iowa Show Choir. Student Government President.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During my senior year I participated in a practicum with the choir director. This practicum was an unforgettable experience. Everyday, I got the chance to go to the middle school and help our choir director teach music classes to middle school students. Throughout this experience, I not only learned



Sexton

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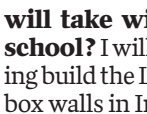
a lot about teaching, but also met many new people. I really enjoyed helping students learn music, but I also enjoyed having everyday conversations with all of them. They are all wonderful people and were so much fun to be around. I am so grateful for this opportunity and I will remember it forever.

Vocational Education

Trey Schutte, child of Chad and Tracy Schutte, plans to attend Trade and Firefighting.

Top 3 achievements: All State Honorable Mention—Football, ACE Mentor Carhart Jacket, Soccer Captain A classroom leading experience.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will never forget is helping build the Little Rose Bowl press box walls in Industrial Tech class.



Schutte

Young Journalist

Nicole Henson, child of Beth and Mike Henson, plans to Lindenwood University to major in exercise science and to play softball.

Top 3 achievements: Earning a softball scholarship, 1st team all-state softball as a junior and The Bear newspaper editor for two years.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My freshman year Ms. Krall taught me how to use InDesign, Photoshop, and how to take great sports pictures. This has helped me tremendously in newspaper.

Academics

Jaclyn Bloem, no profile received

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Academics

Joshua Hunter, child of Jason and Jennifer Hunter, plans to attend the University of Iowa

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society President, Speech Contest Division 1 Rating, Seal of Bi-literacy in Spanish



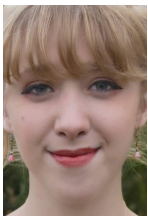
Hunter

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? The most memorable learning experience from high school

was the election unit in Government class during my senior year. The class formed three different parties and took part in many events along the campaign trail. I was the presidential candidate of my group and had to give speeches and debate with the other parties. Part of the process was gaining more followers on social media, which funded the campaign. There were many people on our team, and everyone had their own job like running the Twitter account, sending out polls, speaking for the party, or directing and editing the commercials that we had to make. From this unit, I learned a lot about how to better work as a team and speak in front of a large group of students.

The Arts

Malea Parrott, the child of Matthew Parrott and Cassandra Parrott, plans to attend the University of Iowa.



Parrott

Top 3 achievements: My top three academic/extracurricular achievements are being successful with taking two different foreign language courses at the same time,

helping create backdrops and using props for school plays, and helping start the school's Japanese

Culture Club.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During freshman year in my dystopian literature class, my teacher wanted to prepare us for reading the book "1984" by immersing us in a classroom simulation. The purpose of it was to make us experience total authority with no ability to defend ourselves. The simulation's premise was this: The counselor found a note in the hallway with nasty things inside about the school and the staff, and he was on a mission to find out which student in the classroom wrote it. Only one student was in on the act, leaving the rest of us blind to the fact it was a ruse. Once the simulation began, most of the students were nervous and worried despite being good kids who couldn't hurt a fly. My poor teacher underestimated the counselor's acting skills, leaving half the class crying in shock of the situation at the end. The teacher was so remorseful about the incident that she bought us a cake.

Humanities

Elizabeth Hugunin, the child of Jill and Travis Hugunin, plans to attend Iowa State University.



Hugunin

Top 3 achievements: Being an NHS member, student council president, and a 4-h county council member.

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

Having giant class discussions in my contemporary literature class was one of my favorite classroom experiences ever. We would spend almost the whole class just sharing our thoughts and ideas about different topics. It was always an open and honest conversation that felt very special to have with my classmates. Our teacher never

really got involved with the discussions either, so it would only be my classmates and I, which felt pretty cool to do.

Leadership

Chloe Wells, the child of Dana and Stephanie Wells, plans to attend Buena Vista University.

Top 3 achievements: 2020 First Team All-State Class 2A (softball). 2018 First Team All-



Wells

State Class 2A (softball). 2021 Muscatine Community College Academic Dean's List

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience that I'll remember forever is getting to work with special education students during my mentoring class. My mother was a para-educator in a classroom with a student that has autism. Soon after meeting him, I wanted to constantly be around him to learn. Throughout my four years in high school this kid has become my best friend, we even have a special handshake. This kid has had such an impact on my life and he will never realize it. Ever since meeting him, I knew that I wanted to become a special education teacher. It is crazy how one human can have such a big impact on another, I'll forever remember my best buddy. As I am leaving soon, I have decided that for my final prom the best date would be my buddy. I'm super excited to take him and let him experience prom.

Math/The Sciences

Josie Said, the child of Chad and Traci Said, plans to attend Southeastern Community College for Nursing

Top 3 achievements: Class Treasurer, National Honor Society Treasurer, Seal of Biliteracy

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Johnson, Gavin Knerr, Gracie Koele, Kyra Lange, Treyton Lenker, Johnathan Lilly, Cody McDonald, Dylan Miller, Noah Murguia, Mason Nolte, Marshall Ochiltree, Malea Parrott, Amelia Rice, Mitchell Rogers, Gage Rosenkild, Taylor Rudolph, Hunter Rummells, Alexander Sage, Josie Said, Caleb Sawvell, Colby Sawvell, Kyle Stark, Ryleigh Stevens, Keagan Stoelk, Tucker Treimer, Tyler Trinh, Reece Vela, Jordan Vick, Bess Vrchoticky, Abbigale Wadden, Alexis Walker, Chloe Wells, Danielle Zoller



Said

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In anatomy and physiology, we dissected a sheep's brain.

It was really fascinating seeing first hand what a brain looks like. My friends' sheep brain had a dark spot on it and my friends were convinced that the dark spot was a tumor. Our teacher put the idea to rest by explaining that it was actually just blood or possible trauma. Anatomy and physiology has been a very enjoyable class for me!

Vocational Education

Marshall Ochiltree, the child of Rod Ochiltree Kirstie Ochiltree, plans to attend Muscatine Community College, Engineering Tech Program.



Ochiltree

Top achievement: Honor Roll

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom experience I will never forget is in Anatomy I took my senior year.

We did dissections on a rat, goat brain, and cow eye. I was not excited to do any of them but when I did them they were kind of fun. The smell of all three of them I will never forget.

Young Journalist

Meggan Hook, the child of Mike and Kristy Hook, plans to attend Bradley University to major in Nursing and minor in Spanish.



Hook

Top 3 achievements: Silver Chord, Senior Class President, Seal of Bi-literacy.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I've always struggled to find a course of science that I found interesting. My sophomore year during biology, we went over the topic of genetics and genealogy. I loved to learn about it. I enjoyed learning about how your parent's genes play a part in how you look and also the difference between your dominant and recessive genes. I also liked learning about genealogy. It was cool to see where my ancestors came from and the connections I can make with my classmates who are also from around this area.

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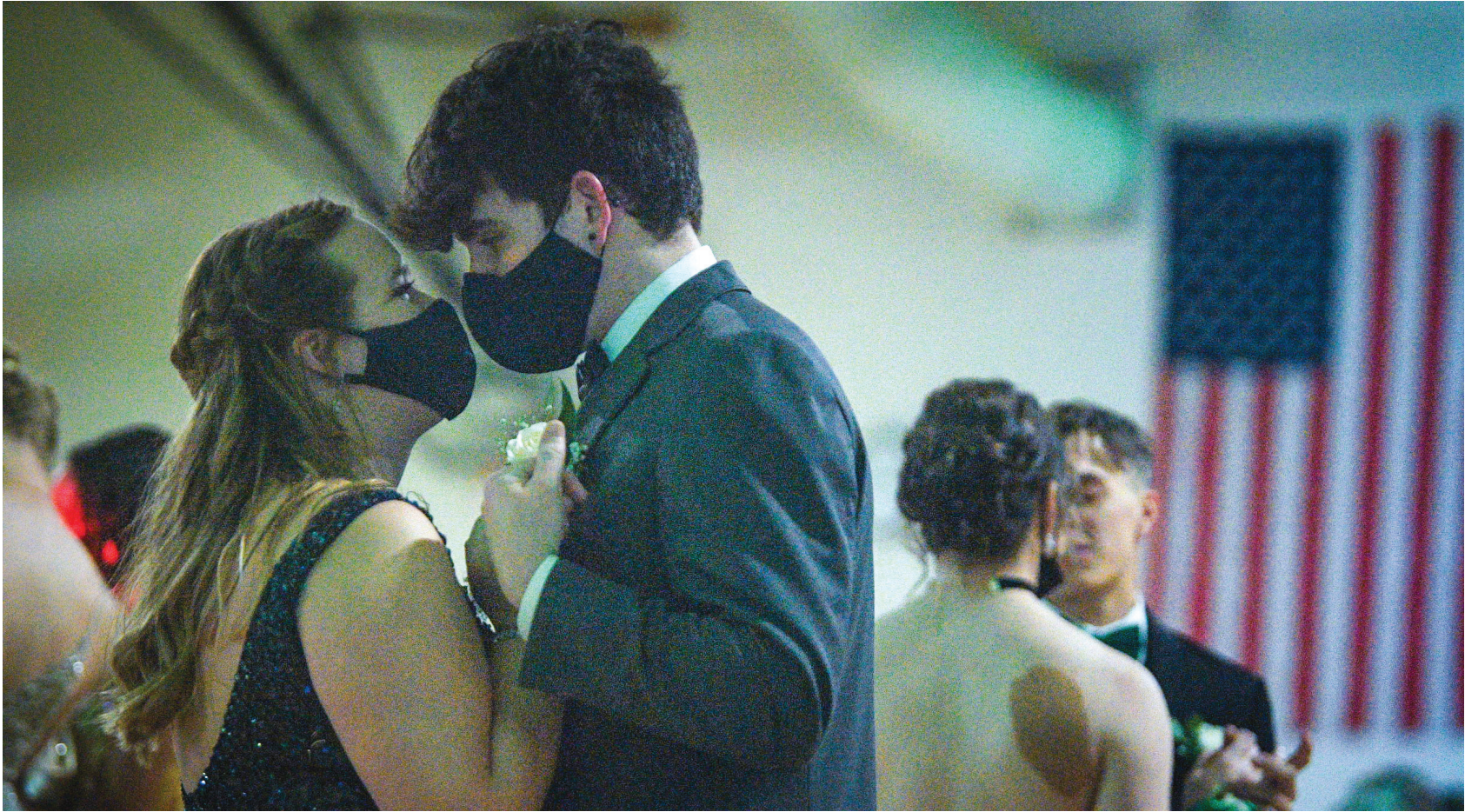
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Pleasant Valley seniors Analis Anderson and Cameron Whipple sport masks while slow dancing during prom at the high school Saturday, May 8, 2021, in Bettendorf.

A year of living and learning amid COVID-19

This photo essay by Meg McLaughlin documents the shared experience of students, teachers, and parents, from around the Quad-Cities region, as they navigated the pandemic during the 2020-21 school year.



Washington Junior High student Isaiss Duarte, 14, has his temperature taken on the first day of in person classes Monday, Oct. 19, 2020, in Rock Island. Duarte chose to take part in Blended Learning Plan, a combination of in-person instruction and Remote Learning.



Bettendorf High School students Trey Miller, 15, Sydney Hanson, 17, and Ryan Harris, 18, watch the movie "Greatest Showman" Saturday, Sept. 19, 2020, at the school. The drive-in movie was organized as part of the school's social distanced homecoming festivities.



Geneseo High School students all wear masks during Spanish class at the high school Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020, in Geneseo.

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Custodian Anthony Zkidema disinfects a classroom at Orion High School Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021, in Orion.



School nurse Linda Schlapkohl injects Hayes Elementary teacher Mandi Tidwell the Moderna vaccine during a vaccination clinic for staff of the Davenport Community School District Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021, in Davenport. Approximately 300 teachers per day recieved the vaccine.



Rock Island senior Devin Swift attends school via remote learning at his home Wednesday, April 28, 2021, in Rock Island. Since the beginning of the pandemic over a year ago, Devin has seen his teachers on the screen more than he has seen them in-person in the classroom.



Pleasant Valley High School prom court members Jacob Townsend and Anna Thorne walk through the tunnel of students as they are announced during prom at the high school Friday, May 8, 2021, in Bettendorf.



Geneseo High School students and teachers wear face coverings while walking in the hallway between classes on Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020, in Geneseo.



Matt Deets, a physics teacher at Geneseo High School, teaches to a class consisting of only two in person students Thursday, Oct. 22, 2020, in Geneseo.

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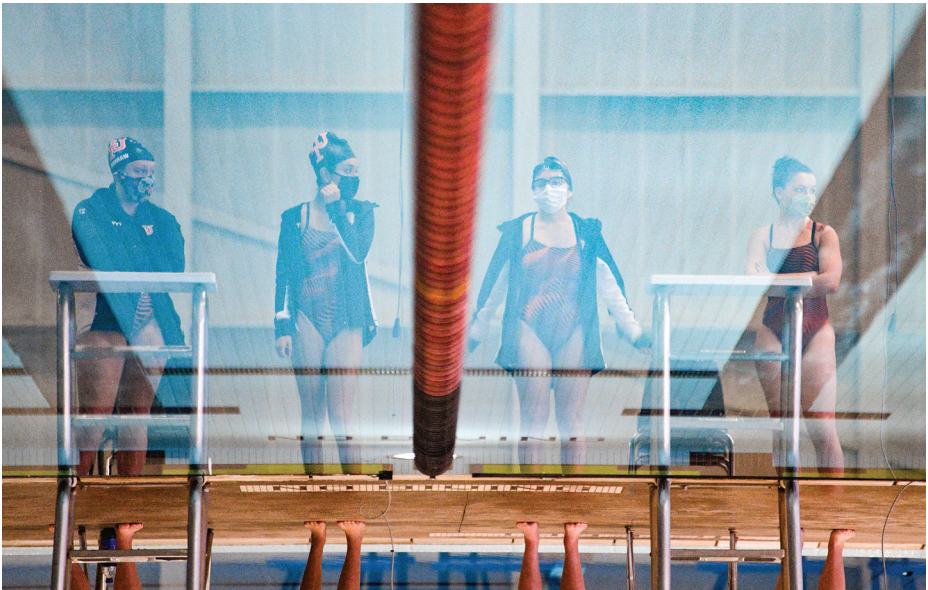


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Calamus-Wheatland's Brady Buchmeyer (1) sports a mask during a game against Easton Valley at Calamus-Wheatland High School Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, in Wheatland. Illinois health officials required players to wear masks while on the court during the abbreviated 2021 season.



Mask wearing United Township High School swimmers are reflected in the pool before their meet against Rock Island at United Township High School Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020, in East Moline.



Davenport North's Jordyn Stewart (9) and Moline's Maddie Lodico (4) go up for a header during their match at the high school Athletic Complex Wednesday, April 28, 2021, in Davenport. Moline players all wore face masks while only a few from Davenport North donned a face covering.



United Township High School student Roger Lyall, 16, uses a folding chair to clear snow off the Panther' practice field at Soule Bowl Tuesday, March 16, 2021, in East Moline. Due to the pandemic Illinois high school schools moved their football season from the fall to the spring. Iowa schools played their normal fall schedule.



Rock Island junior Amarion Nimmers dunks at the Rock Island Fitness Center during a workout with a trainer Monday, Oct. 26, 2020, in Rock Island. Illinois high school basketball teams played a shortened season in 2021 due to the pandemic.



An official wipes down the basketball during the Class 3A quarterfinal game at Wells Fargo Arena Tuesday, March 9, 2021, in Des Moines.



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Lourdes Catholic School teacher Gloria Mesick helps Elena Robinson at the student's desk surrounded by plexiglass Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, in Davenport.



Students wearing winter coats and masks mingle while they prepare for recess at Hopewell Elementary School Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, in LeClaire.



Craig Bloomingdale, 8, with the help of his grandmother Lynda Miller, works on a “remote” lesson in Miller’s sewing room Friday, Jan. 29, 2021, in Eldridge. At the time of the photo the second-grader at Bettendorf’s Mark Twain Elementary School, had been learning under a hybrid model – half in person, half remote – since August.



ABOVE: Students at Hopewell Elementary School social distance during lunch Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, in LeClaire. **RIGHT TOP:** A Washington junior high student keeps warm with their hoodie and safe with a mask during outdoor class Friday, Feb. 18, 2021, in Rock Island. **RIGHT BOTTOM:** Layla Griffith, 12, leaves Williams Intermediate after the first day of school Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020, in Davenport.

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Washington Junior High science teacher Andrew Vogel conducts parent-teacher conferences virtually from his classroom Friday, Feb. 18, 2021, in Rock Island.



Librarian Jackie Rouse reads to students from Lourdes Catholic School Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2020, in Davenport.



Trey Taylor, an 8th grader at Wilson Middle School, sports a mask while boarding his bus before school on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, in Moline.



Due to the pandemic the drinking fountains are blocked with tape and plastic at Washington Junior High Friday, Feb. 18, 2021, in Rock Island.



Students, wearing masks, jump rope during recess at Hopewell Elementary School Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, in LeClaire.



Washington Junior High science teacher Andrew Vogel conducts virtual parent-teacher conferences from his empty classroom Friday, Feb. 18, 2021, in Rock Island.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This project is still ongoing and will be published in its entirety at QCTimes.com and QOnline.com following the completion of the school year.



Volunteer Heather Mann kisses her daughter Emma, 7, a first grader, before she goes to recess after lunch at Hopewell Elementary School Friday, Jan. 22, 2021, in LeClaire.



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