

SALUTE TO ACADEMICS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Every graduating class of high school class is truly a special bunch. Each student that walks across that stage promises endless possibilities. A new chapter of life is beginning, and it's time to celebrate.

The Class of 2022 was thrown into the midst of a pandemic during their sophomore year. This group of kids has banded together to make the most of their high school careers, studying hard and excelling at everything they do. They stayed connected through technology and adapted as they went along, and now, we celebrate all of the ups and downs.

This special commemorative edition honors the Class of 2022. Salute to Academics and Achievements began 29 years ago to recognize outstanding students in seven areas: Academics, Arts, Humanities, Leadership, Math and Science, Vocational Education, and Journalism. Students recognized in this section were selected by their high schools and invited to submit information about themselves and their plans for their future. They were also asked to write a short essay describing something they learned in school that they'll never forget. This year's program features nearly 300 students from high schools across the region.

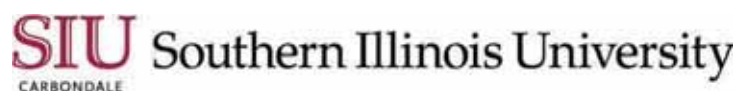
Students, these pages have your reflections on the past four years. So many of you shared lessons you've learned that you will carry with you.

You'll find the on-line version of this section on our website under the special sections page. We hope it will serve as a reminder of all of the wonderful memories you've made over the years.

Through and through, students have shared a message of hope in the future—whether pursuing legal studies or chemistry, health sciences or the trades, 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. Some of you will travel far away; others will stay close to home. Wherever your journey takes you, know that your community and your hometown paper are proud of you and cheering you on. Congratulations, Class of 2022. We are so proud of you and wish you all the best.

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DAVENPORT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Academics

Brendan Bloomer, child of Kelly Bloomer and Kevin Bloomer, plans to attend University of Iowa. **Top 3 achievements:** Academic All-Conference for three sports, AP Scholar Award, National Honor Society member.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will forever remember my experience in my economics and business classes, as these classes were led in a very interactive manner. We were able to learn through both activities and lessons, which allowed me to learn while enjoying these classes.

Rin McDonald, child of Kei McDonald and Elliott McDonald, plans to attend University of Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: Full Merit Scholarship from University of Iowa, AP Scholar, Highest GPA award from school for all years of high school.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember the time I was accepted into our school's concert chorale, and the first day I entered the class. I had just come from a private school with little funding for the arts, so that first day was the first time I had met so many others that were extremely talented with the same interests as me. Spending more time in that classroom, I developed my singing skills while finding my closest friends. Through the experience I had in concert chorale, I learned that there is far more to Central High School than just the classes offered. I learned that there are people that will be by your side no matter what, and that there is a place you belong at Central.

The Arts

Nathan Kern, child of Sarah Kern and Danford Kern, plans to attend University of Iowa. **Top 3 achievements:** Acceptance into the 2021 Iowa All State Chorus, "Most Improved Tenor/Bass" award for show choir, Marching Blue Devil award for marching band.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During the beginning weeks of our marching band camp last year, a guest speaker was brought in for a leadership workshop. His name was Dr. Arau, and he specialized in helping leaders in a band setting. Being a part of the leadership team that year, we were given a special class on how to be a lead effectively. It was during this class that my perspective on what being a leader meant really changed. We in the leadership program learned not only how to lead the members of our section, but also how to work together as a team. Dr. Arau's leadership gave us the opportunity to grow as leaders and raise the band to new heights. Even several months after our marching season has ended, I still fondly remember Dr. Arau's lessons and continue to apply them in my daily life.

Eleanor Rubalcava-Hernandez, child of Manolo Hernandez and Edith Rubalcava, plans to attend University of Illinois in Chicago. **Top 3 achievements:** Brand Boecharr 2022 recipient, Won an award in Quad City Arts 2022.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I am lucky to have had many excellent teachers throughout my life, especially art teachers. I will never forget any of my art classes, but especially my class this year in A.P. 2-D art. I have grown so much; I've pushed myself, tried things I never thought I would

CLASS OF 2022

Akurgi Aboyure, Kezia Addy, Shamari Akins, Heriberto Alfaro, Rilee Allen, Kate Almquist, Alexander Anderson-Baugh, Emma Arguello, Ablavi Attisso, Solon Augspurger, Cael Austin, Clarissa Balk, Kyle Balk, Morgan Barker, Martha Barnds, Colton Bartels, Rashawn Bass, Kaylyn Beazley, Benjamin Beecher, Rayvon Bell, Charlie Benge, Dolan Berrie, Lois Blackman, Frank Bloch, Iyanna Bloch, Jackson Bloodsworth, Brendan Bloomer, Jason Bordine, Ronald Boston, Kayla Braun, Benjamin Breidenbach, Cortez Brown, Vincent Burke, Deshawn Burrage-Lewis, Connor Califf, Alexandria Campbell, Lilly Campbell, D'Anthony Carr, Kaitlin Carr, Samantha Carter, Maria Castillo-Narvaez, Esmerelda Chavez, Vanessa Chavez Tellez, Charles Chenus, Ella Chitwood, Bria Clark, Robyianna Clark-Williams, Elijah Claussen, Charlton Clay, Renee Clemensen, Theodore Clinton, Derrianna Collins, Deshon Collins, Keirsten Conger, Jamie Connor, Savannah Connor, Natalie Cook, Trevion Cooke, Zaie Cooke-Miller, Jakyiah Cooper, Mehkeil Copeland, Megan Crews, Isabelle Critten, Jamae Cross, Jade Culberson, Grace Cunningham, SaDaja Dalrymple, Dalton Davis, Navah Davis, Devin DeAnda, Olivia Deardoff, Carlos DeLeon, Davion Demps, Eleazar Diaz, Emily Diekmann, Emma Dirksen, Andrew Dohrn, Madeline Dorrance, Paige Drumm, Alonzo Duarte, Arlene Duarte, Brock Dubin, Alexandria Dynes, Joshua Eggert, Jamel Eichelberger, Jozlynn Ellis, Iradukunda Emerance, Madeline Enright, Zoe Evans, Hunter Fascher, Zackary Faulkner, Lillian Ferch, Gabriel Florence, Samir Fonville, Danielle Frahm, Lauren Frahm, Claire Franke, Sarelle Fredenburg, Zoie Frees, Nathan Frost, Jaycob Fulkerson, Christopher Garcia, Eamon Garton, Aniyah Gatewood, Joshua Gentle, Lucas George, Isabella Giacalone, Kaitlynn Gobb, Andrew Goll-

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smell of very expired milk towards their nose and give a description. This person ended up being me, and I smelled close to 15 different samples of rotten milk. It was not a fun process, but being with all my classmates who were equally interested and passionate about biology turned it into a great memory that I will forever cherish.

Lily Tackett, child of Jeni Tackett and Nathan Tackett, plans to attend University of Kansas to study biochemistry.

Top 3 achievements: Academic Excellence, US Figure Skating Gold Medalist and Graduating Seniors Gold Level Award, National Honors Society for 2 years.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? The very first time I stepped into chemistry class, I had no idea what to expect. I had overheard a variety of rumors from other students, many leaving me pretty concerned for the road ahead of me. Fortunately, Mrs. Killian proved them wrong right away. She helped me discover my passion for chemistry by taking a course that terrifies many people and making it one that students look forward to coming to each day. I was able to learn in an environment where I knew I didn't need to be afraid of doing something wrong or not understanding right away. This made it feel so much easier to find success in chemistry classes. After just one term, I already knew I wanted to do something in the chemistry field in my future.

Vocational Education

Isabelle Critten, child of Jeramie Critten and Tammy Dipple Critten, plans to attend Scott Community College to study culinary arts.

Top 3 achievements: 1st place in 2021 Prostart student Cook-off, 2nd place in 2022 Iowa Prostart Invitational (management team), 4th place in 2022 Iowa Prostart Invitational (culinary team).

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? An experience I'll never forget is making hollandaise to put over Eggs Benedict. I was so stressed as this was my first time ever making it while knowing the amount of technique and skill it takes to complete a perfect hollandaise. To my surprise it was perfect first try, it didn't break and was the perfect texture. At that moment I knew I would be a chef because I knew the techniques and I had the skill and now I had a passion. I've always love food but this was different, the joy I received from doing something I thought impossible was better than anything else in the world.

Corbin Simatovich, child of Scott and Melissa Simatovich, plans to attend University of Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: Jim Fox Award in Football, National Honor Society, Academic All-State Football Team.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I will remember forever is walking into my first class on my first day of freshman year, and sitting down in Mrs. Lafrenz's college computers class. This was my first of many classes with her, but it was also an important introduction to Central. She was so welcoming to all of the students, including the freshman, and she wasn't afraid to make jokes with her students and engage with them. The way she taught made me excited to go to her classes, and because of this, I took all of the accounting classes she taught. Taking these classes helped me to find what I want to do in college which is accounting, and it also helped me on my way to graduating high school with 29 college credits.

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Academics

Leighla Hebeler, child of Bradley Hebeler and Christina Hebeler, plans to attend University of Iowa.



Hebeler

Top 3 achievements: Maintaining a 4.0 GPA, being in the Dual Enrollment program, and doing lots of community service in JOI Club throughout high school.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember my time in AP Calculus. It was a very taxing class, and my classmates and I grew close over the struggles we faced. During the 3rd term, my teacher gave us very difficult tests, many of which we struggled to complete. Everyone was upset with the grades we were receiving and felt disheartened. However, the situation taught me a valuable lesson. I had to learn to persevere in order to achieve my goals for the class. I had to ignore my previous grades in the class and focus on the tests ahead of me. It is an experience I will always remember and be grateful for as it has given me skills to use in my future.

Jordan Snarr, child of Tod and Jamie Snarr, plans to attend Utah State University to study Elementary Education.



Snarr

Top 3 achievements: 4.0 GPA, Completion of 130 plus service hours at a local elementary school, 4 year varsity cross country team member.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My two favorite classes that I took in high school were Honors Algebra 2 and AP statistics. I was a sophomore in Honors Algebra 2 and had it with Mr. Hunter. He was one of the first teachers who believed in me and saw me for me. He put a lot of confidence in me and taught me how to believe in myself. His class had a really friendly atmosphere and was very inviting. Mr. Hunter taught me a lot about math and more about believing in myself. This year, I took AP Stats. Mrs. Schmid was my teacher and I loved working with her. I loved the way her class was structured. During this crazy time of my life, Mrs. Schmid has always been there to talk and be a listening ear. I am so grateful for my high school education from Davenport North.

The Arts

DeVonte Westley, child of Belinda Akinboni and Geneese Westley, plans to attend Scott Community College.



Westley

Top 3 achievements: Iowa All-State Chorus Music Festival 4 Year Selected Candidate, Outstanding Achievement in a Principal Role for Iowa High School Music Theater Award (IHSMTA), and 9 Show Choir Solo Awards.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In my sophomore year, I was in class with Mr. Riewerts, who was my choir director at the time. We were going over concert music in choir and fortunately my class had already performed the particular song we were rehearsing. I felt pretty comfortable with the music and after a few sectionals, Mr. Riewerts asked me to help out and lead the tenor section. I was a little nervous to take on the position but after a few runs, it just felt natural for me. At that moment, I knew that I always wanted to help others excel in their musical talents and passions.

Rebekah Riewerts, child of Ryan and Mary Beth Riewerts, plans to attend St. Ambrose University to study business with a music minor.



Riewerts

Top 3 achievements:

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ments: Made the IHSMA Iowa All-State Chorus (2020 & 2021), Alternate in 2019, IHSMTA—(Theatre) Special Recognition for Performance in a Lead Role, (2020) & Special Recognition for Performance in a Principal Role (2019), Made the All American Dance Team, UDA (2022).

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I will never forget was being involved in the after school Chamber Choir class. I was one of the few freshman that were in the choir, and during that year I felt I really grew as a singer and as a leader. Many days I found myself waiting for the bell to ring to go to Chamber Choir. One reason this class meant so much to me is because my Dad was my High School Choir director and it was so fun to sing with him, along side the upperclassman, as I was eager to be just like them. We sang challenging music and had fun learning it. I will never forget the unforgettable people I met my freshman year in that class.

Humanities

Lindsay Knight, child of Gabe and Jen Knight, plans to attend University of Iowa to study social work.



Knight

Top 3 achievements: 2 year member of the all state honor choir, participating in the dual enrollment program and earning an associates degree in high school, and getting special recognition in a principle role in the musical last year.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember our discussions in my Introduction to Literature class. We read the book The Hate You Give” and had discussions about it. These discussions allowed everyone to share their perspective on important issues. Therefore, everyone in the class was able to critically think about opinions they have and become empathetic towards other perspectives.

Holly Dalman, child of Billie Dalman and Timothy Dalman, plans to attend Grace College.

Top 3 achievements: 3. A specialized background in languages: Having attended the pri-

Jordan Hawkins, Samantha Heald, Leighla Hebeler, Brett Herman, Korena Herrera, Dejah Hill, Drake Hoaglin, Mark Holloway, Noah Holton, Samantha Holtorf, Kadren Howard, Javon Hutchins, Kaitlynn Hylton, Durdonabonu Ibrokhi-mova, Ethan Jackson, Miah Jackson, Kyce Jacobs, Noah Jauron, Hannah Jett, Domanick Johnson, Madison Jones, Chase Jordan, Joseph Kain, Ethan Kellner, Alexis Kelly, Tyler Kelly, Tanner Kerr, Isaac Kimball, Jada King, Cashea Kipper, Xavier Kirk, Lindsay Knight, Jace Kobel, Taryn Kopf, Alina Kots, GioVanni Lam De Leon, Jenny Le, Aziah Lee, Owen Levin, James Lewis, Emma Lingle, Kyra Lingle, Omariann Litt, Lauren Long, Analicia Lopez, Michael Lowery, Ashley Luedtke, Sofia Magalhaes, Janea Manning, Sagemond Markuson, Blanca Martin Rubio, Eva Martinez, Adonis Mason, Dakota Mathiason, Abdullah McCaleb, Ericka McCoy Childs, Blake McFate, Matthew McLaughlin Phillips, Brayden McMahon, Kyren McNulty, Cory Meader, Donovan Meador, Trevor Milne, Alejandro Mirafuentes, Carter Mohr, Diego Montiel, Onecea Moore, Yovani Morales, Jhaida Morgan, Luka Morris, Dalton Morrow, Nathaniel Mosier, Logan Moss, Dalton Motley, Layla Muhammad, Emily Murphy, Molly Murphy, Tyreon Murphy, Analicia Navarro, Daniel Nedric, Johnny Nguyen, Johnny Nguyen, Izabella Nicholson, Lily Norgard, Quinn Novak, Kayla Overton, Serenidy Overton, Laney Paavo, Trevor Page, Chrystian Pagels, Abigaile Paper, Jamison Parks, Azariya Pearson, John Pena, Michael Perez, Summer Perkins, Peter Phan, Alexander Phommivong, Fatima Pitiko, Chris-



Dalman

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vate school Morning Star Academy during my elementary years, I was introduced to the concept of learning foreign languages at a young age. From the age of eight up until I was twelve years old, I was required to learn Latin, a subject in which I maintained an A+ score throughout all four years. Additionally, as of 2018, I was the first student at Sudlow Intermediate to take and pass both French I and II and Spanish I and II concurrently.

2. Poetry awards: I not only received a Silver Key for my poetry collection “Of Mind and Matter”, but also won first place in the Moline Public Library’s Teen Poetry Contest 2021 with the piece “True Colors” (also submitted in the above collection).

1. Augustana College Quad Cities Area High School Advanced Study Program: Having passed all four basic levels of French in high school, achieved the Seal of Bilingualism, and above all, having conducted a great amount of independent study of the language when I was fourteen, I decided to pursue admittance into this prestigious program. I tested into a course usually intended for third-year students!

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? It's hard to choose from so many wonderful experiences and fabulous instructors over the years, but perhaps the one dearest to my heart is the time spent with my French teacher, Madame Klag. She simply had a way of making classes fun for all students with her compassion and spunky spirit, always arranging fun enrichment activities to more deeply immerse us in the language and culture. What struck me most was her sheer passion for teaching. When I took an especial interest in the French language, she continuously went above-and-beyond what was required of her, even going so far as to meet me for an hour everyday outside of school to cover material not even addressed in the most advanced high school-level course! She was more than just a teacher to me—she was my mentor and my friend, and the memories I have with her will last a lifetime!

Leadership

Marissa Stolfa, child of Iris



Stolfa

Stolfa, plans to attend University of Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: 1. Academic excellence (earning several President's and Dean's list awards at Scott Community College) 2. Earning a 4.0 all throughout High School and speaking at graduation 3. Raising over \$2,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to help children and families battling blood cancers.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom learning experience I'll remember forever took place in Mrs. McCreery's Environmental Science classroom. We were learning about different species of plants, environmental sustainability, and how different ecosystems interacted with/affected one another. In order to promote more in-depth learning, Mrs. McCreery took us outside to the rain gardens outside of North High School where we could discover for ourselves the different kinds of plant species and even different animals living in the rain gardens. We even got to see how all of the different species harmed or helped each other. We then got to clean up some of the trash out of the rain gardens, cut out the harmful invasive species, and see how the rain garden was a natural drain for the Earth. This was a very beneficial learning experience, as we got to see what we were learning in action as well as help promote environmental sustainability.

Gabriella Swailes, child of Kristy Swailes and Randy Swailes, plans to attend University of Connecticut.



Swailes

Top 3 achievements: 1. Retained position of Student School Board Member for 2021-2022 School Year. 2. Held position of Student Council President, Drama Club President, and National Honors Society Vice President in the 2021-2022 School Year. 3. Was awarded the DAR Good Citizen Award for North High School and is a National Hispanic Recognition Scholar.

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

that a classroom learning experience I will remember forever is going to be the time that I was working on mirror and lens equations in my honors physics class and everything suddenly clicked. It was my lightbulb moment and I went from hardly understanding a word my teacher was saying to being one of the top students in the class. The crazy thing is, this happened because my biology teacher was showing a video where Hank Green explained the anatomy of the eyeball. He said something about the lenses in our eye and everything I had been learning in my actual physics class started to make sense. I think it just goes to show that help for one thing can come when you least expect it; maybe even when you are in an entirely different subject!

Math/The Sciences

Madison Jones, child of Renee Jones, plans to attend Iowa State University.



Jones

Top 3 achievements: Honors program at ISU, dual grad, joi club volunteering activities

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In AP bio, we did many hands on activities. The one that stands out to me the most however, is when we were transferring DNA/RNA from one bacteria to the other. It seemed complicated and like I'd never understand it, but lo and behold, ten minutes later we had added new genetic material to bacteria that made it antibiotic resistant. I thought it was really cool that we went through that process as a class and got the results that our notes said we would get.

Jamison Parks, child of Helen Parks and James Parks, plans to attend Bradley University to study game design.



Parks

Top 3 achievements: I was accelerated to Geometry in 8th Grade, I got a 31 on my ACT first try, and I improved heavily in Golf.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I had Algebra II in Freshmen Year; Mrs. Schmid had to leave for a couple months due to her pregnancy. During that time, the sub had trouble teaching the lessons, and by the time Schmid returned, the entire class was not doing so well. After Schmid came back, she was able to catch us up to speed, but it was a summarized version of the whole class. That event really got me to appreciate how much training it takes teachers to lecture correctly on their subject; other teachers can not replicate the real deal, even with exact notes to follow, since they do not understand what they are teaching as well as those who teach the class.

Vocational Education

Ethan Flynn, child of Jennifer Flynn and Aaron Flynn, plans to attend a trade school.



Flynn

Top 3 achievements: Varsity Letter -Golf, Qualified for Districts-Golf, JV Letter Wrestling.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Found my passion for welding.

John Pena, child of Heather & John Pena, plans to pursue welding as a career and work at John Deere.



Pena

Top 3 achievements: Excelling in Wood Technology, Greatly Enjoying Welding Courses Which Inspired Me Going To Become A Welder, Being Intrigued By Psychology, A Class I Never Thought I'd Like So Much.

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Academics

Abigail Talken, child of Kim Talken and Bill Talken, plans to attend University of Iowa.



Talken

Top 3 achievements: Stage Manager of West High School's production of the Lion King Jr., Iowa Governor's Scholar Award, and skipping a grade between 4th and 5th grade.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember my TAG learning experiences from elementary school. Our TAG teacher, Mrs. Knapper, knew the best ways to make learning challenging and fun at the same time. We did so many things, including logic puzzles, problem solving activities, and analyzing more complex stories than some of our other peers. She made me love learning and showed me what a phenomenal teacher looks like. She has helped me in ways she will never know and I am forever grateful for everything she has done for me.

Elise Nelson, child of Tori Nelson and Bryan Nelson, plans to attend University of Iowa.



Nelson

Top 3 achievements: Governors Scholar Award, National Honors Society Secretary, Junior and Senior dance team Captain.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I will always remember is the overall joy and experience I got to receive in the health science classes. I found my love for medicine early on and it was through the experiments and labs we got to perform and learn about how those things help people everyday. I'll remember one specific lab we performed were the different tests medical professionals use to test for Covid and other ailments. I realized that the early experience I was gaining and loving was a direct reflection of what I could be doing later on in life and I knew I wanted to go into healthcare.

The Arts

Peyton Flynn, child of Jon and Anne Flynn, plans to attend University of Iowa.



Flynn

Top 3 achievements: A perfect score for the Davenport West Percussion Quartet at Large Group Contest, Academic Excellence, and being the West Drumline Captain for two consecutive years.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? This year our band was chosen to perform at the 100th year anniversary of the Lincoln Memorial. Our directors took our band to Washington D.C. for four days of exploring, learning, and performing. We made memories on this trip that will last forever. We had the opportunity to play with bands from all over the country and become acquainted with musicians with different backgrounds than our own. It is an experience my peers and I greatly enjoyed and will always remember!

Aaron Randolph IV, child of Lisa Randolph and Aaron Randolph III, plans to attend Augustana College.



Randolph

Top 3 achievements: First Chair String Bass, Received the Iowa High School Musical Theater Award, and Division one Jazz Band Player.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Ms. Easley has always supported me playing the bass. Even as a freshman when I lacked in talent and could hardly hold my bow, Ms. Easley was there encourag-

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ying me. Even now, in my last year at the West Orchestra, Easley has been helping me pick music for scholarship auditions and giving me opportunities to challenge myself to become a better musician. She has done so much to help me set out for college next year and I am very grateful.

Humanities

Thi Nguyen, child of Trang Nguyen and Don Nguyen, plans to attend University of Iowa as a pre-law student.



Nguyen

Top 3 achievements: 1. Together with the West High School's Student Senate, I was able to raise approximately 19,000 meals for the family in need through the Student Hunger Drive Competition. 2. Currently, I am working and volunteering for the Davenport Public Library in a volunteered-powered program dedicated to creating a community-wide culture of learning in which the library resources are available to everyone—regardless of what language they speak. My job is to translate documents, facts, and letters from English to Vietnamese and brainstorm ideas to help encourage the public to utilize available resources at the library. So far, I have been volunteering for over 20 hours in the developmental stages of this program. 3. The most significant achievements that I have made after three and a half years of living in the United States are passing the ESL (English as Second Language) program within two years with the highest scores, maintaining a 4.0 GPA, and being a part of our incredible AP English class at West.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My high school years have been a precious journey of learning and growing thanks to my supportive teachers, friends, and learning experiences. Although time might make memories fade, I know that the happiness, surprises, and gratitude in Mrs. Staber's AP English class on May 3rd will always live vividly in my heart. That day, she surprised us with gift bags of drinks, stickers, and beautiful pictures capturing

Gomez, Trevor Gomez, Esmeraldo, Gonzalez, Richard Gordon, Alexander Goyette, Breonna Goyette, Abbie Green, Sabrina Griffin, Abigail Hambleton, Mackenzie Harland, Kylee Harper, Sahia Harper, Jake Hart, Chloe Hawkins, Jacob Hazen, Ella Heath, Olivia Heisner, Caleb Heskett, Aireona Hesselstine, Peyton Hobart, Reagan Hoffman, Cory Howard, Cainan Huber, David Huntley, Clifford Ingalls, Sophia Iniguez, Trajon Jackson Collier, Hailey Jacobsen, Jack James, Zackery Jamison, Trent Jennette-Dyer, Abbigail Johnson, Daja Johnson, Gabriella Johnson, Taylor Johnson, Hunter Jones, Savannah Jones, Arienna Keegan, Elijah Keku, Corynn Keller, Caitlyn Kengott, Caleb Killing-Matthews, Cruz Kimble, Nasaih Kolwey, Nasir Kolwey, Grace Krogman, Calvin Laake, Arriona Lard, Irene Lasagna, Sebastian Leanhart, Kaitlyn Leuenhagen, Jerzi Lippencott, Makenna Long, Vanessa Long, Brandy Loose, Joshua Luten, Charles Macaluso, Donavan Martin, Danielle Massimino, Almonie Mayweathers, Clayton McCall, Grant McCollom, Darius McCray, Reggie McCray, Jacob McCrery, Brisen McDonald, Martell McGinnis Jr., Kaylynn McIntosh, Sha Heem McKnight, Elias Meister, Elliana Mejia, Aubrey Mildren, Kaylee Milem, Christian Miller, Devyin Miller, Samuel Miller, Lillian Millwood, Eynce Mitchell, Tarryn Molloy, Santana Montano, Aaron Morgan, Nolan Mueller, Elise Nelson, Madalynn Nelson, Mason Nettleton, Naseem Newman, Colin Nguyen, Jaden Nguyen, Lisa Nguyen, Nathean Nguyen, Scott Nguyen, Thi Nguyen, Vu Nguyen, Ayden Nicklaus, Shamus Nielsen, Daniel Noriega, Altinet Norris, Keagan Olson, Izaliyah Ousley, Ayden Palmer, Abigaile Paper, Zachary, Paustian, Jerry Peyton III, Avion Pearson, Brady Peek,

the joy we've created together. Then, she had us analyze a poem from a father's perspective as he watches his son grow up and is about to leave home. After that, the 'magic' and surprise began as she delivered sweet letters from our parents that reminded us—unique, incredible young people—of how we're loved deeply by our families. Because of her and that memorable letter, I've learned to trust in my past and present to know that the future WILL be REWARDING.

Cristian Aguilera, child of Eleazar Aguilera and Irene Marcelaño, plans to attend Scott Co.



Aguilera

Top 3 achievements: Academic Honors Award in 2019, Student of the Month Award in Fall 2021, and the 2022 Davenport Noon Optimists Promise Awards Scholarship in April 2022.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One class that I will never forget is U.S. Government with Mrs. Perez and Mr. Reyes. I really enjoyed that class for a few reasons, with one of them being how much I learned from it. I knew little to nothing about the U.S. government and the basics of politics, and I wanted to know what it was about just to not be out of the loop. That class has taught me so much, from the different political parties, to the branches of the government, to the 10 amendments. I also liked the environment there since it was between "a bit loud" to "very chill". I will never forget how much that class has taught me that will help me in my future. Some honorable mentions are my AP Spanish class with Mrs. Hansen and Economics class with Mrs. Coyne-Logan, but almost every class I had will be very memorable and will make an impact on my life.

Leadership

Brianna Aleksiejczyk, child of Michael and Amy Aleksiejczyk, plans to attend University of Iowa to study Spanish and criminal justice.

Top 3 achievements: Chosen as a Student School Board Member, Student Senate President,

Justice Peiffer-Nickeson, Katelyn Pekios, Cheyenne Peters, Emma Peters, Nhu Phan, James Phong, Julian Pizano, Camryn Platt, Jaymon Pollard, Isaac Potter, Jonathan Powell, Kaitlyn Powell, Nevaeh Presson, Dean Prine, Mitchell Prine, Aiden Puckett, Hayden Putnam, James Quinn, Abbigail Raes, Joseph Ramirez, Luciana Ramirez, Chriatian Ramsey, Aaron Randolph IV, Joselyn Reboloso, Conner Reese, Donald Reinier, Audie Reisenbiger, Nadia Renkosik, Omar Reyes, Emma Reynolds, Daniel Rhodes, Fabian Richardson, Logan Ricklefs, Teagan Riepe, Sebastian Riley, Charles Roseborough, Malakai Roseman, Anton Rutherford, Stephen Salas, Kobe Sampson, Timeka Sanders, Levi Scanlan, Andrew Schaaf, Bradey Scheckenbach, Aladline Schneider, Grace Schneiderman, Kershon Segura, Abrial Selby, Alec Shipley, Caiden Shipley, William Simmons, JaLiyah Sims, Justin six, Kendall Smeaton, Louis Smigo, Abbey Smith, Ashley Smith, Tanner Smith, Tyler Smith, Aubrie Snyder, Taylor Spano, Kyler Sparks, Grace Stansfield, Bryson Stark, Dominique Steverson, Macie Stineman, Christopher Strickland, Alyjah Struckman, Kaiden Tague, Madison Talbot, Abigail Talken, Hannah Taylor, Bentley Teel, Brock Teel, Emma Thalacker, Ashley Thiessen, Deondra Thomas, Andy Tran, Hung Tran, Huy Tran, Huy Tran, Tylaw Tran, Will Travis, Michael Utley, Hunter Varchola, Kamrin, Varela, Jaimarion Vaughn, Jenny Vo, Gage Waack, Evan Walker, Claire Westerof, Jamar White, Jordan White, Myles White, Orry Whitlock, Margarette Wiese, Rachel Wildemuth, Melina Williams, Alita Winter-Calhoun, Morgan Wright, Cordel Yancy, Kasey Yancy

Earned The Seal Of Bilitery for Spanish and English.



Aleksiejczyk

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? An assignment in my AP Spanish class changed my perception on "The System" forever. We were asked to write about our feelings on illegal immigration. Two sources were required. One was a movie we watched in class and the other we had to find on our own. While the movie was sad and tough to watch, I thought most of this had to be fiction and just made up for the purpose of the movie; but I was wrong. My second source an illegal immigrant; told me that she wanted to "do things the right way" when immigrating to the US. She did everything by the book. But the system failed her. I had faith in the system; but now I realize how many modifications it desperately needs and that its not always the "right way" for everyone.

Evan Walker, child of Jamey & Jody Walker, plans to join the military.



Walker

Top 3 achievements: 4.0 GPA, National Honors Society, and getting to a 3rd degree blackbelt in Taekwondo.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? The lesson of "whatever you put your mind to you can achieve". Oftenly this just goes over the heads of students. However, I for one take this to heart by going throughout my highschool career putting my mind to the above and beyond and wanting to achieve great things such as achieving a 4.0 GPA.

Math/The Sciences

Kaitlyn Powell, child of Rob and Julia Powell, plans to attend University of Dubuque.



Powell

Top 3 achievements: Maintaining a 4.0 all 4 years, elected Na-

tional Honor's Society Treasurer, and being awarded 2nd team All State in Softball.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember the hands on projects we did in physics. It was fun being able to build your own mousetrap car, rocket, or egg drop contraption. You got to be creative with the build and had little restrictions. You received instant feedback from your project and were able to make changes while competing against your classmates.

Zachary Paustian, child of Mike and Amy Paustian, plans to attend Iowa State University.



Paustian

Top 3 achievements: 4 years Honor Roll, Soccer Captain, and Basketball starter.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I will remember forever is definitely welding class. My experience in welding was amazing and I enjoyed the hands on learning environment. I loved how different the class was from other sit down classes I took. My teacher Mr. Zinn made the class fun and the highlight of my high school career.

Vocational Education

Jacob Geigle, child of Jody Geigle and Mary Geigle, plans to pursue a career in electrical engineering, then additional schooling.



Geigle

Top 3 achievements: being accepted into the apprenticeship program offered by the school, achieving and maintaining 3.5 GPA or higher in dual credit classes, I have achieved a proficiency level of advanced on the IA assessments.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember a presentation I had in the welding shop. An Official from Russell construction was talking to us about unions. He said "if you are a lazy person the union will recognize that by pushing you to the bottom of a list to receive jobs, and it's difficult to move up from there. so don't be lazy" this stuck with me because it showed me that being a lazy person will not only tarnish my reputation, but also amount to me needed to do more work anyway so why would you just get it done.

Ashley Thiessen, child of Jeff and Lorie Thiessen, plans to attend Scott Community College then transfer to a business school.


Top 3 achievements: State bowling, National Honors Society, CTE Business Ambassador.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? If I had to pick a certain classroom experience that I will always remember, it would have to be the time I was taught how many feet are in a mile. At my elementary school we had this day every year where the grandparents were able to come to our school for half the day and do fun activities with the kids. In my math class we played trivia and one of the questions was, "How many feet are in a mile?". After my teacher told us the answer he also taught us an easy way to remember, one of the zip codes for Davenport is 52804 and he told us that if you just take off the last number of the zip code you will have how many feet are in a mile, 5,280 and that is a classroom experience I will never forget.

Young Journalist

Sarah Bernick, child of Scott and Jeanne Bernick, plans to attend Iowa State University.

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Academics

Katherine Gass, child of David and Kim Gass, plans to attend University of Missouri.

Top 3 achievements: Valedictorian, Illinois State Scholar, All Departmental Honors.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? When the COVID-19 pandemic first struck and online learning was quickly implemented, I came to the realization that I needed to improve both my self-motivation and study habits. Being someone who was never used to failing academically, I had to quickly pivot to adjust my time management and organizational skills. I found communication with my teachers to be the most useful tool possible, as well as staying ahead of my work to ensure I would not fall behind. Although there was much difficulty in adapting to a new style of learning, I found it best to keep a positive mindset and learn valuable lessons from it.

James Steele, child of Karla Steele and Mark Steele, plans to attend Yale University.

Top 3 achievements: Achieving an A at a Stanford CS class, Founder of MoPro, Top ten scholastic award for all four years.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I remember one particular instance in my Digital Electronics class quite fondly. We were just assigned a 2-month long project with the goal of designing a circuit to display our birth date at the push of a button. No one in the class seemed to have any idea as to where to begin. Our instructor, Mr. Carlough, had provided us with ample learning materials and resources to use. It was all on us to make use of the information he bestowed. In a phenomenal learning flurry, the class pored over the resources together; all in the room feverently sharing ideas. In just the short timeframe of a couple of days, we were all thoroughly versed in the multitude of logic gates and principles of electricity needed to begin construction. It's quite amazing what an amazing teacher and a room full of attentive students can accomplish.

The Arts

Drake Lynn, child of Brooke Lynn and Kyle Frazelle, plans to attend Black Hawk College or Western Illinois University.

Top 3 achievements: 1.) Going to state twice while being a part of the MHS competitive speech team. 2.) Becoming the trumpet section leader for the Moline High School Marching Maroons. 3.) Being a part of 8 different MHS theatre productions.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will never overlook the time I was in speech class and my teacher urged me to deliver an impromptu speech. Everything about the speech had to be made up and I only had five minutes to come up with it. Once I came up with a format, rehearsed what I was going to present, planted myself in front of my peers and delivered the speech, I was exhilarated. The speech I gave that day taught me the importance of being confident and getting out of your comfort zone once in a while. There is no way I would have known how much I loved improvising without that moment and I'm extremely grateful for my speech teacher.

Lena Slininger, child of Katy Bohan and Tom Slininger, plans to attend Black Hawk College.

Top 3 achievements: I went to the State for Speech in 2019, I went to the state for Speech in 2020, I am President of the Drama Club.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My most memorable project was in my Freshman Honors English Class. Our class read "Animal Farm". Our teacher had us form groups as animals and we ran our own political farm. I'll never forget how we experienced dictatorship first hand and how we planned to overtake our classmates. I will always remember the discussions and debates I had both during this project and other activities in this class.

Humanities

Stephanie Gutierrez-Reyes, child of Esther Reyes and Enrique Gutierrez, plans to attend University of Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: Being a recipient of the William H. Klein-schmidt Scholarship and the Srikanth Yerra Memorial Scholarship, a competitive group dance number I was part of being invited to move up from Illinois Theater-Festival to International competition, and getting the lead role in my all-time favorite show!

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I've felt the impact of very many outstanding educators, but Mr. Wyckoff, my freshman English teacher, stands out developmentally. I remember him handing out the course material and trusting students to work at their own pace for the first time. Not only did this strengthen my work ethic, but it also led to in-class free time once I finished everything. In this time, not only did I become friends with Mr Wyckoff, but he also took the initiative to make sure I got everything out of that class I possibly could. He started to teach me more advanced writing skills, and took interest in the things I wanted to talk about too. It was a big impact to have a teacher really care to further my education and skills as a person like that. The entirety of this class is something I'll always remember, and will always be grateful for.

Martin Poor, child of Santana Poor and Robert Poor, plans to attend University of Illinois.

Top 3 achievements: Getting straight A's all four years of High School, Getting a 35 on the ACT, Being in the top 10 students all four years.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience that has affected my life for the better was in my Sophomore year Principles of Engineering class. That class taught me how to code relatively short programs to be executed by a simple Vex robot. This class gave me the unique experience of seeing the little machine carry out the directions I had written. I have not experienced this in any other class. It was the most satisfying and gratifying classroom activity I have ever participated in. So special, in fact, that it influenced me to pick Mechanical Engineering as my college major. That classroom experience has changed the rest of my life, and I look forward to refining my skills at the Grainger College of Engineering in the University of Illinois.

Leadership

Zachary Hemmen, child of John and Adria Hemmen, plans to attend a 4-year university to study International Relations.

Top 3 achievements: 2022 Illinois State Scholar, Senior Class President, and National Honors Society President.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? AP Calculus with Mrs. Lamphier is one of my hardest classes. At one point, I would walk into class

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and tell Mrs. Lamphier that "I had no idea what I was doing." Finally, Mrs. Lamphier told me that before I could say anything I needed to walk out of the classroom and walk back in, take a breath, and read the question slowly. Attacking a problem with a negative attitude is going to get you nowhere but behind, but taking your time and working slowly and walking through it allows for us to understand the solution better. This thought process not only works in AP Calculus but also in life, and through AP Calculus I have only further realized that this is one of the most important aspects of life.

Karol Sheese, child of Angela Sheese and James "Jim" Sheese, plans to attend Western Illinois University.

Top 3 achievements: Marching Maroon Drum Major; DAR Good Citizenship Award; National Honor Society Vice President.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Sophomore year, Honors English II. My classmates and I were all pretty good friends and shared quite a few classes, so we were rather cohesive learners and our teacher really encouraged

that. There had been an offer to watch a cinematic interpretation of a novel we'd recently read, so we all rallied and made our case to petition for the movie rather than work on a new assignment. I remember raising my hand to add to the argument, and my teacher mistook it for an attempt to answer a question that was actually on task. When I subverted her and joined the debate, the class erupted into arguments and I just remember my teacher really enjoying the effort we were putting forth in trying to convince her. It has always stuck with me how proud she was of us. I don't think we won, but it was a really great experience.

Math/The Sciences

Levi Neese, child of Randy Neese and Debra Randles, plans to attend Illinois State University.

Top 3 achievements: Department Honors in Math and Science, and an Illinois State Scholar.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? For my engineering class, which uses math and science, we went to Western Illinois and talked to a ton of teachers and engineers about what a career using math

and science everyday would look like, it was really cool to see how they were applied to the real world to make concepts for innovative ideas and ways to make them a reality.

Ella Ramsay, child of Brian Ramsay and Elizabeth Ramsay, plans to attend Loyola University Chicago.

Top 3 achievements: Top 10 all 4 years of high school, committed to Loyola University Chicago for volleyball, National Honors Society.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A learning experience I'll remember forever is being in my AP Spanish class during the first few months. About two-thirds of the class were fluent Spanish speakers, so it was very daunting to come in and be confident in my work. Within the first few weeks, I felt less and less confident, but I started to improve at my comprehension. Over time, I learned how to be comfortable with being uncomfortable. Although my Spanish speaking abilities are not perfect, I feel confident when presenting and speaking in front of the class!

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Academics

Alaina Muller, child of Andrea Muller and Michael Muller, plans to attend Iowa State University.

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, Charles O. Austin Junior Scholar, National Honor Society.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One learning experience that I will remember forever actually took place outside of the classroom. My eighth grade year, we took a field trip for science class to Nahant Marsh. This field trip has always stood out to me. There were so many activities that I learned so much from. We took a nature hike, we used nets in the marsh to catch various wildlife species and learn about them, we caught butterflies, and so much more. I have always loved the outdoors and wildlife and this field trip taught me so much and it helped me realize my love for science.

Olivia Sholl, child of Jennifer Sholl and Eric Sholl, plans to attend Southwest Minnesota State University.

Top 3 achievements: Charles O. Austin Scholar, No. 2 in class, 4 year varsity swimmer (4 year All-Conference, 3 year All-Metro).

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I will never forget is my AP Physics class my junior year. For me, it was a really challenging class that really pushed me as a student, especially with the online learning aspect. But despite being challenging, this class has always been one of my favorites. There was a perfect mix of everyone working together to learn a concept, super enjoyable labs, and Mr. Laroche being a fun teacher. I knew that if I was having a bad day, that the exciting environment of the class would improve my mood, and that is something that will always stick with me.

The Arts

Ian Empen, child of Daryl and Cynthia Empen, plans to attend Augustana College.

Top 3 achievements: Eagle Scout Rank, ILMEA All-State Jazz Band (Trumpet), RIHS Tennis Team Captain.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember my senior year AP Lit class. In the class, we read many different works written by English authors. We analyzed many poems, novels, and articles and always discussed them together as a class. I enjoyed these discussions because we really went in-depth into the themes of the works, and related them to their historical contexts, but also to modern themes and current events. This helped me to think critically when analyzing works of literature, and helped me better extrapolate the authors' meaning from their texts. I also appreciated when Mrs. Hayek would bring in bagels to share with the class once every quarter.

Angie Velasco, child of Virginia Velasco and Ranulfo Franco, plans to begin full time employment after high school.

Top 3 achievements: Getting usually A's or B's, 39/40 in solo and ensemble contest for violin solo, Participating in the musical.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I remember when I was in orchestra in my sophomore year and we went around doing gigs in chamber orchestra. At the time I

was a 2nd violin and Mrs. Benson wanted me to learn the 1st violin parts since some people weren't going to be there. Ever since that experience I've kinda been the person that learns both parts and I do enjoy playing both parts.

Humanities

Elian Blanco, child of Maria Rangel, plans to attend Black Hawk College.

Top 3 achievements: Charles O. Austin Jr. Scholar, National Honor Society, and 10% of 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 my sophomore Chemistry class. We had a lab dealing with methane gas. I had the opportunity to dip my hand into a bucket of methane-filled soap bubbles and then have my teacher set my soapy hand aflame using a lighter. I remember thinking that the activity would be uneventful, but I was quickly corrected. Seeing the flame go across my hands without feeling much heat was such a bizarre occurrence. It was such an exhilarating experience that began my liking towards chemistry and made me look forward to the other experiments we would do in the future.

Zaw Win, child of Thu Zaw and Khin Win, plans to attend University of Iowa to study biology on the pre-med track.

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, Top 10 of my graduating class, National Honors Society.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience that will forever be ingrained in my memory is my Creative Writing class with Mrs. Greenwood during my junior year. Forming my very own stories was something I thoroughly enjoyed doing. From horror stories to fairy tales, there wasn't a single assignment that I did not like. The very act of intertwining words to cultivate a piece of writing that stems from my heart is extremely special to me, and I was so grateful to have such an opportunity as well as a wonderful teacher who supported me throughout the school year. Mrs. Greenwood lessened my fear of showcasing my writings to other people. Whenever waves of insecurities hit me now, I remember her kind, encouraging words and they help me tackle whatever obstacles are up ahead.

Leadership

Eliza Aleman, child of Marisa Cantu & Cristian Aleman, plans to attend Goshen College.

Top 3 achievements: Organizing a community clean up, Receiving the Medal of Honor, Planning Dance Marathon with Student Council.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During my freshman year, I had Mr. Williams as my English teacher. On the second day of school, he made us write a letter to ourselves four years from now. I recently got it back about a month ago. When I read it, I cried. The freshman year Eliza was so kind to herself. She had momentum and drive. Even though I was pretty reluctant to write it that day four years ago, I am more than happy to have it now. I am blessed to have physical proof of growth during my four years at Rock Island High School. I am glad that I was given that opportunity to reflect on the person I've become and how much of that same momentum and drive I still have in me. It is a moment I will never forget.

Nyambanguka Benise, child of Paul Bizimana and Nangabire

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Benise

Yvonne plans to attend Harris Stowe State University.
Top 3 achievements: Medal of Honor Award, Vanessa Taylor's Teachers Choice Award, Charles O'Austin Scholar.
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom learning experience I'll forever remember is when I took AP Statistics first semester of my senior year. This class was extremely difficult for me. Everyday I'd ask about ten questions pertaining to the lesson and beg Mr. Corwin to accept boxes of Kleenex and hand sanitizer for extra credit. He would often times laugh and tell me to keep practicing the homework assignments posted online. In the end I took his advice and spent a lot of time looking through my notes, watching YouTube videos and attending his office hours. Sure enough all of my hard work paid off and by the end of the semester I passed with an A!

Math/The Sciences

Joseph Brune, child of Joseph Brune and Mary Brune, plans to attend Illinois State University.

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, All State Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Charles O, Austin Scholar.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I'll never forget dissecting the fetal pig my junior year in Mrs. Trimble's Anatomy and Physiology class.



Htoo

Eh Htoo, child of Hehnay Htoo and Hei Htoo, plans to attend University of Illinois Urbana Champaign.
Top 3 achievements: Charles O. Austin Scholar, Illinois State Scholar, Chamber Orchestra.
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A class I'll never forget is Chamber orchestra my sophomore year. It was the first time RIHS split their orchestra into two groups: concert and chamber. Chamber orchestra felt entirely different with less students. A class with less students meant paying better attention to each other. During strings sectionals, we not only improved on our concert music but socialized with our peers. I had fellow violinists that I could look up to and ask for help anytime. Everyone in chamber was eager and determined to create music. The classroom environment made it a place I knew I would love to learn everyday.

Vocational Education

Anthony Campbell, child of Andy and Gina Campbell, plans to become a welder at John Deere.

Top 3 achievements: Welding internship at John Deere, Rocky Pride Award, 2 year varsity letterman on the football team.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In my History class, my teacher laid

down on the floor to teach the lesson. It showed me how passionate our teachers are at Rock Island High School.

Edgar Grandberry, child of Roxanne Malone and Claudale Grandberry, plans to attend Black Hawk College.

Top 3 achievements: Bowling, welding, and Engineering.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A few things I would love to remember from my time at Rock Island High School is my time I spent in welding. The funny thing is I really didn't want to take welding but my mom pushed me to join it and because of that I have learned how to T weld, horizontal weld, flat T weld, and vertical weld to name a few. I also got to spend time with my cousin as well as made new friends. In the end I am now able to graduate with my welding certificate. This will allow me to further my career at Black Hawk College and hopefully work for John Deere and in my spare time I hope to be able to give back to my community as Rocky has done for me.

Young Journalist

Phoebe Fuller, child of Kara Fuller and Ian Fuller, plans to attend Augustana College to study creative writing and philosophy.
Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, Charles O. Austin

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Ariana Neziroski, child of Lirim Neziroski and Tumi Neziroska, plans to attend University of Iowa.



Neziroski

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My most memorable learning experience comes from Western Civilization, a combined History and English class. In a unit about the American government, we learned how a bill gets passed through Congress. We listened to the teacher's presentation, watched a video, and played a game of Uno. We played the first round of the game how we wished to play, but we played the second round according to the point system in the official rules. In this activity, we pretended to be members of Congress, and we had to propose a new set of rules for Uno. We debated, we argued, we compromised, and we finally voted on a new set of Uno rules. This activity helped me understand the system of government, and it encouraged me to learn while having fun with my classmates.

Derek Cruse, child of Chad Cruse and Melissa Cruse, plans to attend University of Iowa.



Cruse

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One of my most unforgettable classroom experiences was my first dissection. I had been looking forward to the frog dissection my entire 8th grade year, so when the time came, I couldn't wait to get started. I partnered with my best friend, who unlike myself, was not looking forward to it. When we finally got our materials together and our frog on our dissection tray, he decided that he would watch from afar. I grabbed my scalpel and carefully cut into the frog's skin, revealing all of its internal organs. I examined all of the different organ systems and how they were all connected. It is fascinating how so many necessary organs are packed into such a tight space, for when one organ was removed, another was directly underneath. This experience was critical in my decision to go into the medical field and I cannot wait to see how my future unfolds.

The Arts

Christopher Benson, child of Robert and Emma Benson, plans to attend Northern Illinois University.



Benson

Top 3 achievements: All-State Honor Band, Playing in the Panther Players' musical pit Principal Player in the Symphonic Band.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During my first year at United Township, I was inexperienced and confused for the majority of my time in band. Having no confidence in my abilities, I kept playing my instruments hoping that some day I would be on the same level as the seniors that I had looked up to so much. I assumed that if I practiced long enough that I would be able to meet their already high expectations. Sophomore year arrived and I got what I wanted after spending hours every day practicing in my mom's basement. What started as a goal to please the people around me turned into a passion for music. Seeing my name at the top of the band's chair placement is a moment that I won't forget, as it was the first time in high school that I had a long-term tangible goal that I successfully met on my own.

Alexis Fryxell, child of Rebecca Fryxell and Joshua Fryxell, plans to attend Augustana College.

Top 3 achievements: Third

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Fryxell

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience that has had a huge impact on me is the support I've received from one of my teachers. Though I only had him for one semester, he is also my theatre director and has been one of my biggest supporters throughout my high school career. His encouragement has helped not only find a deep passion for theatre but also gain much more confidence in my abilities. Not to mention him pushing me to step outside of my comfort zone to learn new skills and overcome some personal fears.

Humanities

Caden Killam, child of Kai and Christa Killam, plans to attend University of Iowa.

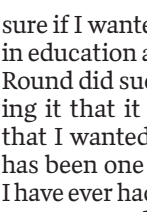


Killam

Top 3 achievements: All Academic Team for Basketball, Presidential award for Academic Excellence, Academic Achievement Award for Social Studies.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I am always going to remember getting a lecture on cinematography from Mr. Round. He took a topic I already thoroughly enjoyed and made it something I potentially want to do in the future. I was un-

Gomez, Teja Gomez, Joshua Gonzalez, Devin Gordon, Mia Grooms, Miguel Guicho-Arias, Julian Gutierrez, Mustafa Hamad, James Ham-bright, Regina Harmening, Alexis Harper, Bailey Hartman, Antwan Hawthorne, Justin Hemphill, Kiera Henderson, Anthony Hernandez, Elisabeth Herr, Christian Herron, Gavin Hetzel-Sullivan, Mackienna Heuer, Jayden Hickman, Kaylee Hildreth, Isaiah Hines, Abbey Hintze, Samantha Hofstetter, Jacob Holden, Audryanna Horton, Madelynn Horvath, Jorhinda Houessou, Benjamin Ibarra, Helena Jackson, Jakarta Jackson, Natalie Jaramillo, Roberto Jaramillo, Collin Jennell, Andre Jemison, Ryan Jensen, Avant Johnson, Mahki Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Dylan Kenenke, Dylan Kastner, Emily Kelley, Keith Kelley, Nicholas Ketner, Caden Killam, Nathaniel Kistner, Joyce Koudjodji, Keyton Kunzle, Marcus Lang, Raimi LaRoche, Haley Larson, Kadence Lawver, James Lear, Joshua Lear, Nick Lenting, Cameren Lewis, Isabella Lopez, Thomas Lorenson, Christopher Luna, Michael Luna II, Carson Lund-Fuller, TeRay Lyons, Jaden Lyord, Marialila Macias, Zainab Maiyaki, Inoussa Mamadou, Kawlian Mang, Skylar Markin, Morgan Martel, Ian Martin, Yanessa Martin, Isaac Martinez Raigoza, Jennifer Martinez, Larissa Martinez, Carlos Martinez-Concha, Alexis Masias, Amaria Mayfield, Sherrod Maynard, Omar Mayren, Madaleen McDanel, Cyrus McDonald, Estephanya McDonald Dominguez, Wallace McDonald IV, Julie McIntire, Michael McLean, Dayton Meguffy, Kai Mendez, Dawson Merrill, Madelyn Miller, Marisa Miller, Samuel Miller, Seth Miller, Viviana Mina, Jakoby Mitchell-Groom, Brithany Morales Mendez, Emmanuel Morales, Leslie Moreno, Tre' Morney, Ezekiel Morris II, Kasandra Morris, Joshua Mottet, Larbi Moukhlis, Clayton Muhleman, Austin Mulvania, Mikaylea Mulvania, Diego Munoz, Eliseo Munoz, Benedict Mushimata, Miguel Navarrete Lluvias, Ciera Neal, Clara Nelson, Emily Nelson, Adrian Nevarez, Nickolas Newberry, Ariana Neziroski, Bradley Nino, James Nordholm, Josephine Nouganov, Rachel Nouvi, Win Nwet, Noah Ochoa, Adekola Odjo, Kiera Oliva-VanDeWalle, Lillie Olvera, Marie Olvera-Sanchez, Elizabeth Orton, Connor Overfield, Hta Pah, Degrace Panu, Alex Pappas, Emma Paprocki, Sung Par, Sung Par, Lauren Pena, Yulesmi Perez,



Torres-Cantu

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I have thoroughly enjoyed the discussions in my classes, particularly in the studies program. The studies program has pushed me to become a more outgoing person, who is comfortable with sharing my opinions to a group, regardless of the topic. Recently, we seminar-ed over Aldous Huxley's Brave New World and compared the symbols illustrated in the novel to today's society. I will remember these seminars forever, as they have challenged me to consider alternative stances, think critically, and make connections between the text and today's society.

Ximena Torres-Cantu, child of Sandra Cantu and Ruben Torres, plans to attend Augustana College.

Top 3 achievements: Inducted into National Honors Society as well as Spanish National Honors Society and was on Honor Roll all four years of high school

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A learning experience that stands out to me is the willingness of teachers to assist/help me and my peers when we really needed help. Through that experience I was able to see how truly important teachers are as educators.

Leadership

Olivia Davila, child of Giovanna Davila and Daniel Davila, plans to attend Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.



Davila

Top 3 achievements: Student Council, Interact Club, and Varsity

Blake Petersen, Sebastian Picaso, Kammi Poon, LeeAnn Porter, Abigail Potter, Alexander Powers, Ethan Pritchard, Za'Nez Pritchard, Brody Quillin, Hope Quillin, Clara Quin, Roberto Ramirez, Ethan Rea, Vincent Reich, Brenna Riley, Ilizabeth Rini, Jack Risius, Dylan Roberson, Trent Roberts, Nehe-miah Robinson, Anthony Robledo, Jacqueline Rocha Diaz, Aiden Rock, Nathan Rodriguez, Guadalupe Rodriguez, Darius Rogers, Katelyn Rohman, Adreian Roper IV, Stephanie Rosas-Melendez, Justin Rosquist, Kameron Ross, Haley Rowe, Omnia Salih, Belen Sanchez, Rodrigo Sanchez, Uriel Sanchez-Pichardo, Emily Sarabio-Munoz, Taijon Scheckel, Connor Schierer, McKenna Schillinger, Ella Schneider, Brennen Scott, Sithanoxay Seangmany, Aurora Sens, Dillon Senteras, Marina Senteras, Ida Sessenou, Andrew Seynaeve, Alexandria Shannon, Sharon Shappard, Destiny Shaw, Sequoia Shaw, Rylee Sherwood, Jackson Shields, Erick Shoesmith, Maya Sierra, Damahz Slater, Adam Smith, Isaiah Smith, Jillian Smith, Trentyn Smith, Harmoni Snow-Clay, Mariette Soglohun, DeMontre Sparks, Dameron Spears, Ava St.Dennis, Darrell Stewart, Deryck Stickle, Sammie Strother, Levi Stubblefield, Celine Suarez, Darian Summers, Daniel Sumner, Ni Sung, Kadijahto Sylla, Samuel Taff, Ziyad Tchacoura, Molly Tennant, Aidan Terry, Destiny Tevis, Cindy Tham-mavong, Cordae Thomas, Trino Thomas, Dallas Tighe, Carter Timbrook, Savanna Tisdale, Brenna Toland, James Toland, Katie Top-pert, Ximena Torres-Cantu, Jenna Traynham, Mason Trickey, Brianna Trout, Kyler Trueblood, Austin Tubbs, Camden Tucker, Kathryn Twisdale, Ledell Tyler, Deanna Underwood, Nyah Unger, Gabriella Valdes, Adrian Valle, Noah Van Damme, Brett Vance, Brooklynn VanOpdorp, Nicole VanTieghem, Alberto Vargas, Marcos Vasquez, Seth Vaughn, Araceli Vázquez Diaz, Ysabella Velazquez, Arturo Velez-Flores, Logan Veloz, Kendra Vergane, Adriana Villalpando, Arika Wadsager, Janae Walker, Caitlyn Wardrip, Sarah Waterfall, Christopher Wells, Jacob Welveart, Natalia Werner, Alli Wessels, Alexa Westbrook, Chancellevie Wezango, Torre Wheeler, Emma Williams, Reese Williams, Zaydian Willis, Grant Wilson, Layla Wilson, Nicholas Wilson, Demetrius Yanez, Aliyah Zantow-Moore, Payten Ziegler, Biak Zing, Kyler Zvonik

Soccer.

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

have thoroughly enjoyed the discussions in my classes, particularly in the studies program. The studies program has pushed me to become a more outgoing person, who is comfortable with sharing my opinions to a group, regardless of the topic. Recently, we seminar-ed over Aldous Huxley's Brave New World and compared the symbols illustrated in the novel to today's society. I will remember these seminars forever, as they have challenged me to consider alternative stances, think critically, and make connections between the text and today's society.

Katelyn Rohman, child of Greg and Stephanie Rohman, plans to attend Illinois State University.

Top 3 achievements: Drum Major, Speech Team Captain, and Valedictorian.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience that I will cherish forever is the relationship I was able to develop with my English teacher my freshman year. I would ask a lot of questions when I did not understand something and she always took the time to work through my confusion. This relationship carried over to when I had this teacher again as a Junior, and I really enjoyed having the opportunity to learn from her again. She has not only helped me drastically improve my writing skills, but has also taught me the importance of effectively communicating with my teachers. I will be

forever grateful for all that I have learned from her.

Math/The Sciences

James Edmunds, child of Alexis Edmunds & Richard Pat-terson, plans to attend University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



Edmunds

Top 3 achievements: IPA Student Leadership Award, Annual Academic Achievement Award(4x), John Deere Special Recognition Award.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? The experience of classroom seminars will accompany me for life. Once or twice a week in a string of classes, I read a text or excerpt and present arguments for a set of questions aimed at revealing an overarching theme or lesson. Through the seminars, I gain skills of collaboration, active participation and listening, and supporting arguments with evidence. I feel I am better equipped to tackle real world projects due to the experience of bouncing ideas off a group of people in a timely, yet thorough, manner. I am also grateful I was exposed to such group-based curriculum early on, giving me an edge when I come across it in the future.

Joshua Lear, child of Melissa Lear and Bryon Lear, plans to attend Purdue University.



Lear

Top 3 achievements: Marching Band, Tennis, and Jazz Band.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience that I will remember forever is our class seminars. These class discussions over certain topics were always a decently enjoyable experience for me and as the class got better at them, they genuinely became fun at times. I will remember it forever because it is an experience unlike any other that I have had. I may do it again in the future, but it was introduced to me in my high school classes, and I will not forget how I came to know the experience. I remember that the first time our class did them, I was really nervous because I had heard from other people how hard they can be, but I ended up getting to a point, rather quickly, in which I had fun and the conversations were both intriguing and fun.

Vocational Education

Erick Shoesmith, child of Benjamin Shoesmith and Heather Briggs, plans to attend Iowa State University.



Shoesmith

Top 3 achievements: State for high school robotics, Worlds for community team robotics, John Deere award recipient.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My favorite memory from the classroom has to be from my freshman year in Principles of Engineering. That class was my first big introduction to Computer Aided Design, and I found it was something I was quite good at. Three years later and I'm modeling parts to be machined or 3D printed for real robots, and designing a CAD class to help teach new students! It also gave me a chance to tinker with electronics and mechanics. Building a 3-axis turret which mounted on a tank and shot pencils at my friends allowed me to use engineering to create something real and functional, and was the beginning of my high school robotics career.

Jack Risius, child of Lori and Eric Risius, plans to attend University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Top 3 achievements: Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, UT Top 10, Illinois State Scholar.

What's something you

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ALLEMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Academics

Austin Kerker, child of Anthony and Wendy Kerker, plans to attend Princeton University.

Top 3 achievements: I was accepted to Princeton University, an Ivy League school, on December 16, 2021. I will be continuing my athletic career as an NCAA Division I athlete on the Princeton Men's Volleyball team. In January 2022, my club volleyball team, High Flyers 18 Red, was ranked 13th out of 369 in the nation after we qualified to compete at the 2022 USA Volleyball Boys Junior National Championships later this summer in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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

One day in sixth grade, my class took a field trip to the planetarium at Augustana College. I just remember being entirely mesmerized by the show. The experience really stuck with me since I have such a deep interest in space. In fact, I plan to pursue a PhD in Astrophysics at Princeton University.

Mary Nonnenmann, child of Jim and Julie Nonnenmann, plans to attend the University of Illinois.

Top 3 achievements: National Merit Commended Scholar, Illinois State Scholar, National Honor Society Vice President.

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

Last year, I took Mr. Skahill's AP US History class. History has always been a subject that I enjoy. One of my favorite memories from this class was learning a fun story about Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Skahill told us of a young girl, Grace Bedell, who wrote a letter to President Lincoln advising him to "let his whiskers grow." While learning about this story, our class was virtual (so we could see Mr. Skahill's face and noticed he had recently shaved his beard). After returning to in-person learning shortly after, my class decided it would be funny to write Mr. Skahill a letter asking him to "let his whiskers grow." The class signed the letter and gave it to him the next day. We wanted to let Mr. Skahill know that we appreciated all he has taught us and his efforts to make history class fun.

The Arts

Ashlynn Lara, child of Melody Lara and Jose Lara, plans to attend Trinity Christian College.

Top 3 achievements: Honors Cord for exceeding service hour requirement, Honor Roll all four years, and Dance Marathon Captain.

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

Playing Taylor McKessie for our production of High School Musical. When they posted the set list I remember everyone running to it to see what part they had gotten. As the months went on of practices every night we began to all grow closer. Soon enough we would be in the parking lot for hours after practice was over. We would all pile in someone's car every once in a while and head over to Sonic, or Taco Bell to get some late dinner. By show day we were all practically one big family. Opening night, everyone was extremely nervous. I remember going on stage and singing as loud as I could, smiling as big as I could, and making sure to not forget my cues. The crowd gave us a standing ovation. Nothing will compare to that feeling of accomplishment and knowing all of our hard work had paid off. This was by far the best production I have been involved in and

CLASS OF 2022

Inari Alcaraz, Connor Andersen, Joshua Arboleda, John Assaf, Matthew Baltz, Regan Bowling, Katie Brewer, Noah Brinkman, Cameron Britton, Galilea Campos, Chance Carruthers, Garrett Castens, Brady Claeys, Drew Clark, Chassity Colburn, Gabbie Coronado, Jaime Diaz, Isaiah Diehl, Anna Dockery-Jackson, Ellen Dopler, Mogan Eayrs, Jack Ellis, Elijah Farwell, Noah Farwell, Daisy Fiedler, Ella Gorishek-Richardson, Campbell Gustafson, Manny Gutierrez, Caden Hanna, Sophie Heim, Savana Herron, Brian Hughes, Kinzie Johnson, Jack Kakert, Julia Keller, Colleen Kenney, Austin Kerker, Ashlynn Lara, Danielle Luzano, Marcos Martinez, Anastasha Mealy, Lauren Melin, Alexia Mendoza, Abby Miller, Dalton Nimrick, Rylee Noack, Nathan Noble, Mary Nonnenmann, Aleena Philips, Claire Porter, Sammi Powell, Jackson Praet, Sylee Prudent, Averi Rangel, Lauren Reger, Darryn Clays-Reyes, Mercedes Rivera, Kaitlyn Rockwell, Rachel Rockwell, Bella Runge, Olivia Sanders, Anthony Schuck, Lucy Sobaski, Claire Sottos, Alexander Stephenitch, Kylie Stohl, Shawn Thorpe, Skylar Thorpe, Anne VanDeHeede, Evelyn Villalobos, Natalie Villalobos, James Warner, Austin Winkelbauer, Ethan Woods, Taegyeong Yun, Tyler Zeman

will forever cherish the memories made with my peers.

Isaiah Diehl, child of Hoyt Diehl and Rhonda Diehl, plans to attend the Missouri Welding Institute.

Top 3 achievements: I have been a part of two mission trips, one in the Dominican Republic, and one in Juarez, Mexico. I am in a band "U Get What U Pay 4" with two other guys from my school, Brady Claeys and Quentin Fonseca. I have been mowing lawns since 2017 and I've had 15 clients in one season.

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

This year, our first-semester final for physics was to create a bridge out of popsicle sticks, dowel rods, and wood glue. We had to design this bridge to withstand the increasing weight hanging below it. I researched different designs and collected the best parts from each bridge to meet the guidelines. On the testing day, my bridge held 183 pounds without breaking, I was even able to be suspended underneath the bridge. This lesson taught me how to see stress points in a structure and how to disperse the weight evenly. It also taught me that even something as small as popsicle sticks, when properly engineered, can create a strong structure.

Humanities

Danielle Luzano, child of Kelly Luzano and Douglas Luzano, plans to attend the University of Illinois.

Top 3 achievements: placed 5th in State for computer science in ACES, Illinois State Scholar, Sigma Executive.

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

Throughout the past four years, some of my most enriching experiences have come from Señor Hernandez's Spanish class. Spanish class has always been about both the language and culture, and Señor has done an amazing job of bringing his culture into the classroom. My favorite days are by far the food days. We have had homemade quesadillas, tamales, hot chocolate, pan de muerto, horchata, and tostadas. Every Friday, my Spanish IV class goes to the gym to practice the dances that we will perform on Cinco de Mayo, including the Cumbia and Zapateado. I love learning about all of the different heritages and traditions of various Spanish countries, such as Peru and Bolivia. Every quarter, we learned a new Spanish song and performed it in groups to the class. I am so thankful to have been able to have these opportunities to engage in the Spanish culture.

Claire Porter, child of Ann and Jerry Porter, plans to attend St. Ambrose University.

Top 3 achievements: Member of National Honors Society, Student of the Month for Steadfastness, and Secretary of Alleman Student Ambassadors.

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

During my four years at Alleman, I have experienced many classroom memories. One I will

never forget is my psychology class this year. I chose to take this class on a whim because I needed to fill my schedule and I did not want to take another study hall. This class has been one of the best classes I have ever taken and I have truly enjoyed every minute of it. Mr. Adams pushes me to the next level of thinking through his different class discussions and exercises. We have done everything from analyzing movies to using children's toys to learn about perception. I have gotten so much from this class and have learned many life lessons from him. I know I will always remember this class and how excited I was everyday to see what Mr. Adams had in store.

Leadership

Anne VanDeHeede, child of Lynn VanDeHeede and James VanDeHeede, plans to attend University of Missouri.

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, President of Student Council, and Captain of Logistics for Dance Marathon.

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

A memorable classroom experience was when I was in Biology II class with Mr. VanDyke. We finished our lesson and had a few minutes left at the end of the class. My classmates continued a conversation we had in the previous period about the theories of how the Egyptians built the pyramids. As we discussed all the hypotheses, we decided to ask Mr. VanDyke what he thought. He joined in the conversation with the theories he thought made the most sense. He then told us that he found the topic of our class discussion fascinating and different from his other classes. As the year went on, whenever the class had some additional time in class, we discussed various historical events and theories with Mr. VanDyke. I always enjoyed listening to Mr. VanDyke's perspective on each historical topic and his expertise beyond the science classroom.

Ellen Dopler, child of Rosemarie and Kent Dopler, plans to attend Saint Louis University.

Top 3 achievements: Student Council Secretary, Dance Marathon Family Captain, and Illinois State Scholar.

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

One class experience that I will never forget covers the entirety of Precalculus from my junior year. My teacher, Mr. Boudro, introduced a fun way to get to know him by way of AMA's, where we could quite literally "ask him anything." After a string of questions, my classmate asked him what his favorite meal was. Without hesitation, he said that he could make the best mashed potatoes and therefore that was his favorite meal. He described how he made the potatoes and just by listening, everyone in the classroom was craving Thanksgiving food. After thinking about them for the entire year, my dreams of getting to taste them came true on the last day of school. I walked in and lo and behold sat 15 individual cups of mashed potatoes. I feasted that day on what truly were the best potatoes that I had ever had. Thank you Mr. Boudro!

Math/The Sciences

John Assaf, child of May Yazeji and Bassam Assaf, plans to attend Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary.

Top 3 achievements: Master of Ceremonies (head server) for Altar Serving at home parish, CCD Catechist for three years, President of National Honor Society.

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

My senior theology class is taught by Sister M. Bernadette. She is a person who radiates the love and joy of Jesus Christ in her very being. Most teachers help you to apprehend a set of points or some concepts, but she extends to us a relationship with the God she loves. You can just sense it in her class. Pope Paul VI once said, "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." Sister Bernadette has an immense love of God that is so authentic and pours over into every aspect of her class. This is something I can never forget.

Elijah Farwell, child of Fayette Elsbury and Tonnie Farwell, plans to attend the University of Illinois.

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, 35 composite score on the ACT, and ICTM State Champion.

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

One classroom learning experience I will remember forever is the day that I categorized all my homework, did it almost all of it, and then did my computer science homework. My mom always taught me to save the best for last, and her advice rang true that day. Throughout my entire study hall, I was just thinking about doing my computer science homework. I could barely even focus on the work I was doing! That was when I knew I needed to pursue a career in computer science.

Vocational Education

Garrett Castens, child of Julie Dobbeleare-Castens and Scott Castens, plans to become a John Deere welder.

Top 3 achievements: United Township Area Career Center 2 time student of the semester,

chosen by John Deere for the high school registered apprenticeship program. Aspiring Eagle Scout by June.

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

My junior year when we first went back to school I started at United Township's Area Career Center for welding. It was a tough time for every one the pandemic was still an ever evolving situation. My teacher Mr. Scott Kave did an amazing job adapting to the changing times and keeping all of his students going and wanting to go to school. He was there for his students and helped during the ever changing times we were in. He showed great determination for students when things would change all the time. He was a very great inspiration for pushing through the bad times and making good of them. I will

always remember being in that class and learning so much.

Alexia Mendoza, child of Luis and Juanita Mendoza, plans to study nursing at Augustana College.

Top 3 achievements: National honor society, Soccer, Wrestling manager.

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

In the four years I have attended Alleman High School I have learned a lot academically and personally. My junior year I had an amazing English teacher, she taught me lesson I will always remember. She assigned us to read The Great Gatsby and she made us understand the deeper meanings of The Great Gatsby. She made reading Gatsby fun, I feel like all of my classmates really understood what was happening in the book. She talked about the injustices in the book and some injustices we have in our world today. She made reading fun in general, she allowed us to grow in literature. I will always remember my Junior year English teacher.

Young Journalist

Sylee Prudent, child of Angi Martin and Brian Prudent, plans to attend University of Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: Top Ten Distinguished Scholar all four years, ICTM and ACES state qualifier, Rev. John O'Connor Scholar consistently recognized (3.2 GPA or higher).

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

Over the years, I have had numerous encounters with students, teachers, and staff. However, one day that will stay with me for years to come was when I was given a compliment that broke through my doubts and insecurities to flood my heart with warmth and pleasure. It was the end of my sociology class, and Mr. Adams called for me. Fears of being disappointing and negative emotions started filling my head, drowning out my surroundings. However, his voice hushed the clamor and drew my attention to him. He smiled and his eyes softened as he said the words I will never forget: "You have a beautiful brain." This compliment was like no other; it was not remarking on my attractiveness or anything surface level; it was recognizing something important to me: my intelligence and growth. Because of that, I will never forget that day.

Lauren Reger, child of Chris and Katrina Reger, plans to attend Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Top 3 achievements: National Honors Society member, Western Big Six Academic All-Conference Award, and Student Ambassadors President.

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

How easy do you think it is to build a bridge from Popsicle sticks and glue? Well that was my Physics final project for this year. This was a more creative type of final which I will forever be grateful to have experienced. This project alone taught me patience, efficient problem solving, and that I am no architect. Everyday leading up to our final my group had to reconstruct a bridge that had already snapped in half twice. With many prayers and about three pounds of glue we were able to make it just barely functioning. I will always remember this project for how exciting it was and how anything could happen at any given moment. I know now that even building a wooden bridge can turn classmates into friends and turn a final project into a fond memory.



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BETTENDORF HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Academics

Preston Martens, child of Jill Martens and Ken Dhooge, plans to attend Iowa State University.



Martens
in Teens for Tomorrow—a youth philanthropy group.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In astronomy, we learned about how space capsules have to withstand immensely high temperatures when they reenter Earth's atmosphere in order to protect the astronauts inside. The lesson was connected with a project where we each made heat shields to protect an egg. We had a limited number of points to spend on different materials, and we researched facts about the items such as heat resistance or melting point. Then, a blowtorch was put to the shield for up to three minutes with the egg on the other side to see how well it was protected. Mine ended up a little scarred, but not fully cooked. I found this activity really cool because it was fun to experiment with the different layers like aluminum mesh, cork, or even spackle, and it was exciting to see how everyone's eggs turned out in the end after enduring the heat.

Aidan Hamner, child of Everett and Jennifer Hamner, plans to attend California Institute of Technology.



Hamner
2021 All-State Chorus member.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In my AP English class, we read John Steinbeck's Grapes of Wrath. Most of the chapters were assigned as homework then discussed in class, but chapter fourteen was saved to be read in class. Completely independent from the plot of the novel, chapter fourteen searingly condemns corporate greed and beautifully illustrates the power of unity. It explains the basic human need to be able to put oneself into hard work and be able to take from it pride and sustenance, as well as demonstrating that even the worst human suffering and conflict is evidence of progress. By reading this excellent chapter as a class, we were able to delve out these meanings together and have a very healthy debate about how the chapter applied to modern society. Because of the excellent writing and in depth discussion that this chapter brought about, I will always remember reading it in class.

The Arts

Ava Rowland, child of Seth Rowland and Desiree Rowland, plans to attend Belmont University.



Rowland
(Bettendorf Representative), Accepted into Belmont's songwriting program (2nd best in the US).

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will never forget my first day in Bettendorf's top vocal ensemble. Hearing such a beautiful sound coming from dozens of my friends was inexplicable. Not only did I feel proud of the beautiful music we were making, but I also loved how the energy in the room was nearly tangible because the other student were just as excited and passionate as I.

Malia Shinbori, child of Susan and Timothy Shinbori, plans to attend University of Iowa.



Shinbori
Scholarship Recipient, NHS Exec-

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Simon Abbott, Alexandria Adams, Sommer Alfaro, Deekshith Alluri, Elizabeth Alves, Carter Anderson, Courtney Anderson, Grant Anderson, Karissa Anderson, Olivia Anderson, Jonathan Andrews, Isabelle Appel, RheaganArboleda, Finley Bagby, Paxton Bagby, Alexander Baker, Carson Baltazor, Annalie Bargmann, Aliya Barnett, Kayla Barnhart, Anterio Bea, Kaitlyn Beghtol, Hannah Beintema, Nathan Berg, Obadiah Bergert, Joseph Bergstrom Jr, Alex Berkenbosch, Devon Best, Brandon Bishop, Walter Blackman, Daniel Blankenfeld, Elin Blatter, Bradley Bodkin, Teriano Bogan Jr, Dustin Bohren, Zakiya Bolar, McKenzie Borden, Jakiah-Boultinghouse, Jeremiah Bowers, GavinBradhurst, Charles Brault, Kayla Bremer, Mya Brewer, Dawson Buchanan, Connor Buck, Emma Burnett, ChristianButler, Kyara Butler, LandonButler, NicholasCale, Maylee Callahan, Lydia Campion, David Canfield, Piper Careatti, Grant Cariker, Adeline Carlson, KaylaCarlson, Talia Cary, Maci Casey, Madalyn Champion, Nicari Clark, Rhianna Coen, ZaTerrion Collier, Diego Cortes-Jackson, Andrew Crocker, Sarah Crowley, Bradlee-Curry, GabrielCypret, AddisonDalburg, CadenDarnell, Anna Davison, Kaira DeBoe, Sarah DeFauw, Alyssa DeLaRosa, Blake DeLeon, Ethan Dennison, Jayde DePorter, Logan Dessey, Mason Dormire, Olivia Dowell, Anastasia Drexler, Avery Dubberstein, JonathanDuncan, Nicholas Duncan, Norah Dunn, Terry Dunn III, HayleyDyer, Jenna Dyer, LaneEastman, Charles Eaton, Nora Edwards, Makenzie Ellis, Jayda English, Charly Erpelding, Gabriella Escontrias, Pedro Esse, Kyndall Estlund, Coy Evans, Peter Evans, Skylar Fausett-Nonnenmann, Tyree Fennelly, Julia Fiedler, Jackson Fields, Joseph Fillman, Samantha Fitzpatrick, JackForari, Ethan Forker, Evan Forker, Timothy Foster, Ethan Fox, Payton Gagne, Julian Garcia, Chloe Gardner, RebeccaGarza-Doty, Ethan Geifman, Sarah Giese, Connor Giesen, Jaydon Gobert, Abby Clare Goche, Elijah

utive Board Member.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? When I was younger, school gave me art, a subject that I am receiving an amazing award for today. I never thought that art would open so many opportunities for me, but now I realize that art is one of the most important things in my life. Art has no limits and allows people to think what they want to- something I find to be very unique. All in all, I will never forget my crayon portraits that started it all.

Humanities

Samantha Fitzpatrick, child of James Fitzpatrick and Gloria Bollin, plans to attend Scott Community College before transferring to a 4 year university with a major in sociology.



Fitzpatrick
Top 3 achievements: 4.0 Unweighted GPA, AP Scholar, National History Day National Qualifier.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I'll never forget my AP English class where a true community was formed in the few months we were together. In this class we would put our desks in a circle and discuss classic literature and despite people having extremely different opinions our discussions were more like conversations than arguments. Sometimes we would drink coffee and eat donuts while talking creating an environment more similar to a book club than a classroom.

Nicholas Theuerkauf, child of Sharon and Mark Theuerkauf, plans to attend University of Iowa to study Sociology and Linguistics with a minor in Spanish.



Theuerkauf
Top 3 achievements: National Merit Finalist, Inducted Thespian, Seal of Bilingual.

Gomez, Jesus Gonzalez-Hayes, Alexandra Grandinetti, Lance Gray, Mackenzie Greenley, Jackson Gross, Kyras Gross, HollyeGutierrez, Valerie Gutierrez, Aidan Hamner, Ella Harbaugh, Samuel Hardrict, Adam Harrell Jr, Norah Harson, Justin Heald, Amber Heppner, Bradley Hill, Ellie Hinch, Breanna Hodges, Isabella Hoffmann, Christian Holst, Avery Horner, Brady Howard, Lucas Huecksteadt, Emily Hueser, Thomas Hughes, Patrick Hurd, Nathaniel Hutcheson, Mallary Iossi, Ventsislav Ivanov, Olivia Ivory, AmandaJefferson, Vanessa Jensen, Caleb Johnson, Isabelle Johnson, Quavon Johnson, Brady Juchter, Charles Judge, Tamanna Kapoor, Elysse Kasch, Christian Kautz, Cooper Kellenberger, MacKenzie Kent, Emma Kerr, Colin Kilcoin, Zachary Kipp, AriaunaKluk-Jones, Lucas Knerr, Emily Knight, Lisa Knight, Noah Knudson, Tyler Koch, Olivia Koehler, Logan Kohl, Luka Konovalov, Aden Krauss, Carolyn Kress, Hanna Kunz, Joshua Kuznetsov, Katie Lampe, Levi Langel, Daniel Langley, Jericho Larsen, Carter Lawson, Aryana Lay, Quentin Legrix, Braden Like, Mia Lopez, Carter Mack, Katherine Maher, Morgan Makoben, Jessica Maly, Kristin Manion, BrittanMariaman, RileyMarkham, Riley Marshall, Preston Martens, Kate McAleer, Hayden McCaffry, Jose McCreight, Connor McDonald, Kiefer McDonnell, Dylan McGinty, Perin McGrath, Trevor McKim, KiraMcMahon, Kiliyah McQuiller, Creshon McTeer, Gage Menke, Quinton Menke, Jacob Meyer, Isaiah Miles, Kathryn Miletich, KyleMiller, Mason Miller, McCartyMiller, Parker Miller, Emma Minnich, Lauren Mitchell, Noah Mitvalsky, ElizabethMook, Patrick-Mooney, Emily Mortiboy, Pamela Murcia, Nicholas Murray, Ryan Murray, Sade Mutamba, NatalieNauermann, Logan Nelson, DavidNewberry, Chase Newton, Eric Newton, Ankhong Nguyen, Brandon Nickels, Sydnee Nicotri, Payton Noack, Tynan Numkena, Abigail Nutter, Marisela Ocampo, HannahOgles, Brock Ohlensehlen, Ayden O'Neal, Cole Ortiz, Dakota Otts, Rebekah Pace, Ayana Pacley, EverettParker,

Kenneth Parks, Ethan Parrett, Andrew Pearson, Joshua Pelzer, Aryed Perez, Kaylien Perez, Katherine Pessman, Kyla Piliponis-Palmer, Collin Pingilley, Emma Porter, Thomas Pyron, Katelyn Rahe, Olivia Ramirez, Tyler Ramstack, Brooklyn Rashid, Cecilia Rasmer, Noah Raso, Trenton Reeves, Jenna Reid, Hailey Reis, KaydenRichardson, Sabrina Rinehart, Jenna Ripley, Kathleen Ripley, Adeline Ritchie, Madisyn Rivera, Melissa Robinson, Leshon Robinson, Jr., TysonnRoland, Garret Romer, Mateo Rosas, Clarisse Roscio, Benjamin Roseman, Katherine Roseman, Luke Roth, Ava Rowland, Maya Ruiz, Khamale Russell, Sadie Ryan, Morgan Sage, Connor Salsberry, FernandaSantiago, DallasSchatteman, AshlynSchmidt, Mariella Schmit, Anna Scholl, Grace Schuetz, Robert Schwan III, Amanda Scott, Colby Shaft, Ryan Sherman, Malia Shinbori, Aryana Shoop, Jett Siem, Kiara Silva Trenkle, Autumn Skahill, Eli Skeen, Cole Snyder, Elijah Solis, Kaytlin Sowards, Delaney Speth, Riley Spooner, Andrey Sprosty, Dylan Steeber, Claire Steele, Chaney Steffen, Stephanie Stellmach, Macy Stevenson, Sophie Stierwalt, Mason Stine, Joshua Stocks, AlexanderStone, Chelsea Stone, Jackson Stradt, Sydney Strief, Sarah Swearengen, Erin Teague, Caden Temple, Nicholas Theuerkauf, EthanThompson, Trevor Thurlow, Tyler Timmerman, Julia Trembley, Clay Trettin, Kiya Trettin, YseniaTroche, Abigail Tryon, Faith Tyra, Olivia Uhde, Lucas VanDeWalle, Lauren Vaughan, Camille Veseym, Braden Vidmar, Izabel Voge, Kristofer Voy, Aylyn Wade, Mena Wagner, Tristan Wakefield, RachelWallace, Alex Walter, Delaney Ward, Luke Weckel, Halli Welge, AlexisWentink, JacobWest, Maxwell Wetteland, Trenton Whitbeck, Mackenzie White, Michael Whitehead, Jr., Luke Wiley, Alexander Wilken, Macy Wilkins, Jaquise Williams, Karen Williams, Sydnee Williams, Amanda Wilson, Cole Witter, Benjamin Wollett, Jayden Wright, Alexya Wyers, Danielle Yeggy, Kasey Zabloudil, Ella Zillmer, Maycen Zimmerman

Julia Fiedler, child of Josh and Lisa Fiedler, plans to attend Iowa State University.



Fiedler
Seal of Bilingual in Spanish.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Mr. Bonnsetter (Bonn) was one of my favorite teachers, and the environment in his Spanish classroom was unconventional and amazing. He taught verb tenses, vocabulary, and Spanish culture with the strangest dances, lessons, and stories. Each day in his class was unexpected yet so effective for our class' learning and enjoyment of the language. His commitment to his students both academically and socially was clear, and he maintained relationships with me and so many other students even after our time in his classroom was finished. Bonn's love for Spanish and teaching, as well as his students, has played an influential role in my decision to major in Elementary Education and minor in Spanish. I hope to be a teacher that shares the same passion for learning and care for my students that he did. He is loved and missed, and I am very grateful for his role in my education!

Math/The Sciences

Noah Mitvalsky, child of Kara and Frank Mitvalsky, plans to attend Iowa State University.



Mitvalsky
Swimming Coaches Association Academic Senior Scholastic Award and All State Team, State Swimming Champion and Record Holder.

What's something you learned that you will take with

you after high school? I remember my math teacher laughing and saying "you know, I'll give anyone five points of extra credit if they prove this problem." If I remember correctly, the problem was to prove that an equilateral triangle's altitudes all bisect each other. My classmate and I decided to attempt the task. We would get together for an hour or so to slowly chip away at the problem. It got to a point where the equation was as long as the paper was wide. I took a few steps back to analyze the situation. There it was, an extra negative number that came out of nowhere. My classmate and I quickly realized we were closer than we previously thought. We revised the whole proof and got the extra credit. It was cool getting the extra credit but the most rewarding part was to show my teacher I can take on a challenge.

Riley Markham, child of Kelly and Richard Markham, plans to attend University of Iowa.



Markham
scholar athlete.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom experience I will remember forever is my experience with Honors Anatomy and Physiology. As someone who avidly wants to go into the medical field but ironically fears blood and needles, I thought of this course as a make or break opportunity to see if this field was truly for me. Once we began to go in depth into each of the body systems, my passion exponentially expanded. I found it especially interesting learning about the urinary system and how it is the main filtering center for the body and how it directly impacts our hydration levels. My interest in the field has grown so much to where I am very interested in pursuing a minor in human physiology. This experience not only grew my passion in human physiology but also gave me confidence that this is the field I belong in.

Vocational Education

McKenzie Borden, child of Nicole & Jeremy Borden, plans to attend University of Iowa.



Borden
Academic and Varsity letter recipient, and received The Zimmerman Honda Award for Innovation.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom learning experience I will always remember would be Mr. Mesick's Honors Environmental Science class where we had to figure out what the inside of a box looked like without actually seeing it. There were many external features on the box that you could activate through different actions. I remember everyone in my class had a difficult time with this project, yet we were able to figure it out in the end with a little determination and hard work.

Ethan Geifman, child of Joni & Steve Geifman, plans to attend the University of Denver's Daniels College of Business.



Geifman
StandWithUs Kenneth Leventhal High School Intern Honor, Student School Board Member.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My favorite classroom learning experience is being Ms. Roeder's student. Sarah Roeder is a teacher like no other. Ms. Roeder teaches accounting and business classes at Bettendorf High School. When she teaches she always creates tricks to help us remember content. Ms. Roeder has helped me grow into the person I am today.



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Central

From L2

Young Journalist

Solon Augspurger, child of Jane Simonsen and Mike Augspurger, plans to attend St. Olaf College.

Top 3 achievements: Helping to edit and publish three editions of Indigo Ink, being selected as an Iowa Governor's Scholar, and helping to lead the

Girls Learn International club.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? The human geography class I took as a freshman was the first time I felt like I was learning something adult, deeper than a skimming of the surface. It felt like I was lifting a curtain and climbing underneath to see gears that had been there the whole time, shaping the way the world worked. It felt revolutionary to me, that everything I had learned so far was linked in such an unbreakable way. Although I had always liked school, the things we

learned didn't feel applicable to real life. They were in their own spheres, math so separate from art. I couldn't see the ways they connected to me. Realizing that there were words to describe the phenomena I witnessed in my own seemingly small life, that they connected to the world as a whole, changed how it felt to learn and cemented the fact that nothing stands alone.

Oliver Klipsch, child of Jake Klipsch and Leslie Klipsch, plans to attend Northern Arizona University.

Top 3 achievements: My top achievements are that I am the



Klipsch

Editor-In-Chief of the Blackhawk Newspaper (Central's student newspaper), I am a part of the National Honor Society, and I have been part of the McKinley Mentors program for two years.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Last year I learned that pressure has many good qualities. I was balancing many activities, in-school and out-of-school, which resulted in

a busy schedule. When considering this workload I experienced strong mental pain and stress. However, as I made it through this time, pressure became my teacher and I learned two main lessons: first, that I could use adverse conditions to develop compassion, since countless others were in similar or worse situations than I; and second, that I was capable of handling a lot more than I thought. These two minds of compassion and positive self-confidence work together to provide me with the energy I need to help others, which I am striving to make the main goal of my life.

North

From L3

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

I remember when I was in Mr. Verdon's Business Basics class and we participated in a group fundraiser project raising money for students taking Life Skills. We sold dinners to staff and we helped the students from the life skills class prepare food for the staff. It felt good knowing that I was making a difference in someone else's life and it simply felt good to give rather than receive. One of the students in particular was having a hard time scooping mashed potatoes

and I remember intervening to help them and the reaction I received in that moment will always be memorable.

Young Journalist

Lilli Anderson, child of Ross and Brandi Anderson, plans to take a gap year to travel and then go to a trade school to become an electrician.

Top 3 achievements: My top three extracurricular achievements are all the awards our yearbooks has won or even been considered for, playing on an amazing tennis team, and helping show choir as

a crew member.

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

The first day I started Yearbook I was extremely nervous and concerned about how I would play my part in the club. Shortly the meeting started and Mrs. Christian introduced herself and everyone in the club. She asked what we were willing to try; I was mostly interested in photography but willing to learn more. As soon as we all got sorted we were immediately welcomed and taught how to do Yearbook necessities. As time went on I began to make friends, gained lots of memories, and learned more skills. I can honestly say it was the most comfortable part to the

beginning of highschool. Now I will walk away from this chapter of life with friends and memories I could not forget.

Cashea Kipper, child of Nakeesha Kipper Robinson and Lahari Robinson, plans to attend St. Ambrose University.

Top 3 achievements: Tennis, Yearbook, Dual Grad.

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

One of the best learning experiences that will most likely stick with me forever will have to be the day I walked into my first

yearbook meeting. As cheesy as it sounds, it's a very fond memory of mine. I was enthusiastic about learning as much as possible back then, as I was a freshman. I had big goals and big dreams (and still do). When class started, the teacher just started going on about what goes into making a yearbook, the types of jobs necessary for a yearbook group to operate, and the programs that are used. I got happier because I used to take classes for photography and loved writing. So I did what I planned on doing: I learned more in that class. I learned about working on design websites, writing, and more. And I plan on using what I learned in the distant future.

Moline

From L5

Vocational Education

Parker Trapkus, child of Christopher Trapkus and Janelle Trapkus, plans to attend Black Hawk College.

Top 3 achievements: NHS member, student recognition award, Basketball.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During freshman year I had a World Studies class. We were in our medieval Europe unit and everyone got to do a project. Mrs. Alonzo assigned everyone a certain aspect of medieval Europe. Things like farming and royalty and of course knights. I was lucky enough to be assigned to do a project on knights. We could make a poster, a video or make a model. I got permission

from, Mrs. Alonzo, to make a costume. So when it was my turn to present I had written down a speech explaining how knights lived and what they did, in my very own surcoat.

Karsyn Kuffler, child of Lisa and Kory Kuffler, plans to attend Southeast Missouri State University.

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society, Straight A's throughout high school, and homecoming court.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One experience I will remember forever is deciding to take accounting classes. Taking these classes helped me realize that I would like to pursue a career in accounting. Specifically, forensic accounting.

Young Journalist

Hannah Gault, child of



Gault

Michele Gault and Darren Gault, plans to attend University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Top 3 achievements: Valedictorian, Illinois State Scholar, and was apart of 2 record breaking relay teams for Moline High School.

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

One classroom learning experience that stood out the most for me was from my engineering class senior year while working with a program I had never worked with. Learning the new program was challenging but it pushed me to expand my knowledge on engineering. Through all four years we have worked with classmates on projects ranging from coding to programming on computers. It has taught me so much more about collaboration and working in

a team to design a project and get it done on time. Engineering also pushed me out of my traditional learning comfort zone and taught me that in order to become a better student you have to put yourself in new and different learning experiences. I have learned that getting out the comfort zone is key to success and it a lesson that I will carry with me throughout my life.

Carly Rouse, child of Wendy Moews Rouse, plans to attend University of Missouri.

Top 3 achievements: 1. Member of the Congress of Future Medical Leaders-Award

of Excellence, Torch and Laurel Member, 2021 Delegate and Illinois Representative. 2. Volleyball All-Conference Team and 2021 Iowa vs Illinois All-Star Game awardee 3. American Legion Award.

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

A classroom learning experience I will remember forever is when I was writing an argumentative essay and I had an epiphany about the gravity of being open to all perspectives in life. In today's society, people do not often meet common ground when discussing important matters because we often believe that our view is correct. We do not often listen and step back to consider both sides of an argument. When I was writing, I allowed myself to be more open to all perspectives and opinions so I could have compassion and understanding for every point of view. This moment forever changed how I view arguments and negotiations because allowing yourself to be open can often help you be successful in ways you never imagined. Understanding and listening to others can better our knowledge and allow us to progress as a society.

Rock Island

From L6

Jr. Award Worked on a nationally recognized yearbook publication.

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

My first semester of my senior year, I took an English 101 dual-credit course through Black Hawk College. We wrote 5 essays within that semester, and it was a lot of work. But it's also what

made me realize that I want to write as a career. The specific essay I wrote was a comparison between Henrietta Lacks, who I was extremely familiar with, and Marie Curie, who I knew close to nothing about. I wrote this essay, and I struggled a lot. But at the end of it, I read a wonderfully created essay that I had put a lot of time and effort into, and I was proud of it. The feeling was like no other, and I decided to take Creative Writing my second semester. I love the class. The essay I wrote about Henrietta

Lacks and Marie Curie changed my perspective of my future.

Kennedy Roggenbaur, with the support of her guardian Denise Ericson, plans to attend Western Illinois University to study criminal justice.

Top 3 achievements: Honor roll, Worked on an award winning yearbook, going to a trade school my junior and senior year to complete my

certificate for barbering.

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

I remember walking into my English class my senior year and thinking of how much reading we were going to do. We started to learn about Shakespeare, which I was never a huge fan of but after reading it through and having conversations with my English teacher, Shakespeare became my favorite thing to learn about, and I'll never forget the day we did testing. I had

the whole book running through my head and did amazing on my test! Teachers have it hard, but you can never forget how great they teach you, and what new things the teachers can get you interested in to. The most amazing thing about that class experience is that I found a new love for Shakespeare, and other novels as well and I'll never forget who got me involved with something I'd love later on. Thank you Mrs. Hayek for getting me involved with Shakespeare.

United

From L7

learned that you will take with you after high school?

In the second week of my freshman year we had a day that I will always remember. I was in first period which was my Algebra 2 class. We were going through the period and then the intercom told us we were going into lock down. There was a rush of fear for the first few moments but after a short time that passed and we just spent the rest

of the school day chilling in that class. We turned on the news and just hung out with our friends. It turned out to be a good day despite the police outside.

Young Journalist

McKenna Schillinger, child of Thomas Schillinger and Tasha Schillinger, plans to attend Black Hawk College.

Top 3 achievements: John Deere Special Recognition Award Winner, IHSA Scholastic Achievement Award, Illinois State Scholar.

What's something you

learned that you will take with you after high school?

A learning experience that has had a big impact on me throughout my years of education has been being a part of the Critical Thinking program my sophomore through senior year of high school. The program has challenged me academically and greatly developed my skills as a writer and overall student. It has taught me skills essential to successful learning such as time management and lateral reading. I have had some incredible teachers and opportunities throughout my time in the program, which is why as a whole it is a learning experience that I will remember forever and one that will undoubtedly help

me to be successful in my future endeavors.

Jadon Ayikey, child of Akou Ayikey and Henry Ayikey, plans to attend Black Hawk College.

Top 3 achievements: Making it through High School. Varsity Track. Getting one of my articles recommended for a newspaper.

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

Going through high school was a genuine drag for most of my years, but the one class I enjoyed the most, regardless of whether I'll

use anything I learned, was my Speech class. I was already used to public speaking and I always felt like I was getting my point across clearly but my first presentation went horribly wrong. Properly feeling like garbage, I threw out what I was doing before and relearned the fundamentals of public speaking. Getting a full grasp on something I only thought I understood is a euphoric feeling, like driving for the first time after seeing other people drive. Even though it was only for a semester, it was the most fun I've had out of a class, I would recommend everyone to take this class for the experience. Thank you Mrs. VanNatta for the fun times.



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Academics

Hayden Hurt, child of Tana Hurt, plans to attend the University of Iowa.



Hurt

Top 3 achievements: 4.0 GPA, NHS member, and 49 college credits completed
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I will never forget here at Assumption is all the labs that we were provided. A few that come to mine are how we were able to extract DNA from a banana and finding the polarity of different dyes. These labs were all unforgettable because they gave us hands on experience on how you would do certain lab procedures, and we were able to learn a lot from them. Doing these labs at Assumption was one of my favorite memories at school.

Cooper Timmerman, child of Randy and Sandra Timmerman, plans to attend University of Minnesota Twin Cities.



Timmerman

Top 3 achievements: 2022 National Merit Scholar, National Honor Society, Band
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom learning experience that I will remember forever are the labs that I have completed this year in AP Chemistry. I enjoy that these labs present us with a problem and an example of an experiment to solve a similar problem as opposed to just providing a list of steps to follow. This has allowed me to get a much better grasp of the material, and deepened my interest in the scientific method. The labs also have been fun and more engaging than normal learning experiences in most of my classes. I will remember the labs forever because of the sense of discovery I feel when my lab partners and I find the answer to the problem presented in the lab as well as the satisfaction I get from correctly completing the formal lab reports.

The Arts

Ellen Jardine, child of Jim and Laura Jardine, plans to attend the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design.



Jardine

Top 3 achievements: Honor Thespian, Halloween Parade Best youth group award, Ginger Bread House High School Competition Winner

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Mrs. Sexton, Assumption High School's current art teacher, encourages me to do the Quad Cities High School Art Invitational. Mrs. Sexton has also pushed me out of my comfort zone and helped me become a better and well-versed artist. She is a really great Art teacher that I am lucky to have worked with the two past years. There are so memorable learning experiences from I can't just choose one.

Dylan Whitlock, child of Justin and Sara Whitlock, plans to study exercise science at Kirkwood Community College.



Whitlock

Top 3 achievements: Drum Major for Marching Band, Received a high rating for an ensemble piece at Solo and Ensemble Fest 2021, and played the lead role in the 2021 Winter Children's Show.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? There are lots of little experiences that will remind me

of my time in the Assumption Band forever. We always have so much fun with our marching, pep, and concert band music, and the band is, in my opinion, the most welcoming and fun environment here at AHS. I wouldn't have had such a welcoming experience if it wasn't for Mrs. Mahr. Mrs. Mahr is a great person to be around because she always has many little stories to share about her cats, rock band, life experiences, and more. She makes every person who walks into the band room welcome, whether they've never played an instrument or they've been playing forever. I'll never forget the way she's helped me accomplish my musical goals like learning piccolo or vocal soloing in Jazz Band. I'll always carry with me the classroom and life lessons she's taught me forever.

Humanities

Rachael Gorman, child of Shannon Littig, plans to study biochemistry at Iowa State University.



Gorman

Top 3 achievements: NHS Vice President, Founder and Chair of Cancer Awareness Week, Iowa State Honors Program

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I'll never forget sitting in my first advanced English and literature class—AP Literature and Composition with Mrs. Lamp. I walked through those doors so intimidated and afraid and left feeling like the world had been opened up to me. I read books I'd only ever hoped I could understand and really dove into deep conversations of imagery, theme, tone, and other literary devices that helped the piece move and breathe, like it had a mind of its own. That class taught me self-assuredness and reignited my passion for reading and writing. Without it, I could never be where I am today. Learning a deep appreciation for and, quite frankly, love of stories in all their forms instilled in me a reverence for the beauty of story-telling and how it can connect people.

Adam Heinrichs, child of Tim Heinrichs and Melissa Heinrichs, plans to attend Grand Canyon University.



Heinrichs

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society President, 3.9 GPA, 3 Sport Varsity Athlete

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience I will remember forever was a teacher looking out for me and my future. It was the end of the school year junior year, and I was deciding what classes I was going to take my senior year. I asked my teacher for advice, and she helped me get build a schedule that would better prepare me for college. I am studying engineering in college, so I had to take several math and science classes. She helped me decide the best options and prepared me greatly for my future.

Leadership

Jade Jackson, child of Jennifer and Michael Jackson, plans to attend Minnesota State University, Mankato.



Jackson

Top 3 achievements: Junior and Senior National Honors Society Member, 2021 Iowa Metro Soccer Player of the Year, Student Council President

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In every classroom environment, I try to be a leader in every situation. So, when I was elected as Student Council President that role really came to life. I had to call meetings, negotiate decisions made between Student Council and other clubs. Also, I had to speak in front of the whole school. My public speaking this year got a lot better and I will never forget how my role as class president helped shape me into a great leader! It has also helped my interpersonal skills because I have been handed more opportunities to escape my comfort zone and volunteer my time to others.

CLASS OF 2022

Braden Andresen, Jack Argo, John Argo, Jacob Arguello, Elizabeth Armstrong, Alyanne Bastian, Ethan Beltran, Shannon Bush, Dana Cabrera, Nathaniel Canals, Tyler Carber, Nicole Carmona, Foster Caspers, Benjamin Castrey, Allen Catour, Samuel Cluff, Liam Connelly, James Costello, Valeria De La Cruz, Samuel DeVries, Maegan Dolan, Dawsen Dorsey, Chance Dreyer, Grace Driscoll, Collin Duax-Baker, Owen Ekstrom, Matthew Evans, Isabella Fisher, Gisella Flores, John Foli, Brianna Gartner, Wiley Goff, Joseph Goldermann, Alex Good, Rachael Gorman, Cole Harland, Reese Harris, Kathryn Hartog, Adam

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Pham

Tran and So Pham, plans to attend Iowa State University.

Top 3 achievements: 4.0 GPA, NHS member, Track Sprinter.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I will remember forever is when Assumption switched to online school because of the COVID-19 lockdown. It affected my classroom learning experience greatly because both me, my fellow students, and the even the teachers struggled adapting to the sudden change between changing from in-person teaching to online teaching. Online school was harder than in-person because I had to learn most of the materials by myself. Communicating with teachers was also difficult since I could not interact with them in-person. However, it was nice not having to wake up early to go to school. I also had a lot more free time during the day. Even though it was nice being able to sleep in on school days, I hope we never experience a pandemic lockdown ever again.

Vocational Education

Elizabeth Armstrong, child of Ralph and K.C. Armstrong, plans to attend University of Iowa.



Armstrong

Top 3 achievements: Drama, Tennis, and National Honors Society.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I'll always remember the Spanish classes I've taken at Assumption. My freshman year I was nervous to take Spanish. My mind was set that I was just going to be quiet the entire time. Unfortunately, my teacher, Señora Crespo, wouldn't allow that. She forced all her students to talk to each other, specifically in the very limited amount of Spanish that we knew. We all had to step out of our comfort zones, and I'm grateful for it. In her classroom, I learned that it's okay to not know something as long as you try your best. This year, my fourth year of Spanish, I've made just as many memories as I did back in freshman year. In Señora Crespo's classroom and every Spanish class after, I became less shy and got to know the amazing people that I'm going to graduate with this May.

Wiley Goff, child of Bethany Goff and Richard Goff II, plans to attend University of Iowa.



Goff

Top 3 achievements: Catholic Service Board Servant Student Scholarship, National Honor Society, and a 3.91 GPA.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? The ability to adapt to new circumstances and succeed within them is an essential skill I learned my sophomore year during the

COVID-19 pandemic. Although my teachers, peers, and I were no longer in a physical classroom setting, we still finished our school year with what we had. Throughout the virtual learning period, my teachers were determined to provide the education that students needed to succeed. For example, in art class we built sculptures with materials we had around the house, in Theology, we studied our faith through extensive documentaries, and learned how to balance chemical equations in a virtual Chemistry classroom. Our continued education through the beginning of a global pandemic shows that the Assumption faculty values its students' education. Even though we were faced with unprecedented times, our teachers did an exceptional job at helping us to adapt and succeed in our education through the pandemic.

Young Journalist

Grace Driscoll, child of Karly and Ben Driscoll, plans to attend University of Iowa.



Driscoll

Top 3 achievements: Cheer Team Captain, Yearbook Senior Editor, NHS.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? While not a traditional classroom learning experience, something I will never forget from my time at Assumption is being on the yearbook committee. I joined the yearbook club my junior year and was excited to learn the ropes and begin creating pages. In my senior year, I was offered the opportunity to be a "senior editor." I happily took on this role and spent hours choosing fonts and templates, designing spreads, finding photos, writing columns, and editing pages. I pride myself on the work I have done for the yearbook this year and I am so grateful to have an amazing advisor and fellow senior editors that I was able to work with to create this amazing book of memories that we will surely remember forever.

Grace Tallman, child of Thomas and Amy Tallman, plans to attend St. Ambrose University.



Tallman

Top 3 achievements: Swimming, Golf, SADD.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I'll never forget is from my freshmen year in English. We were starting a new unit on the book "The Lord of The Flies." On the first day, my teacher started the class with a prayer like normal, then she said she had to get something, left the classroom, and did not come back. She wanted us to see how giving a bunch of kids the power to do what they want can be bad like in the book. My class was quiet for the first half of the period but then we started to talk more. Other periods were crazy loud, had people walking all around, and some people came in from study hall and hung out. It was definitely unforgettable and a great way to start the unit.



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Academics

Ethan Buer, child of Shane Buer and Janet Buer, plans to attend Brigham Young University.

Top 3 achievements: Valedictorian, Cross Country BTRK award, Quiz Bowl team captain.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience I will always remember is the good times I had in my AP Calculus class. Thanks to Mr. Mohr (arguably one of the best AP calc teachers out there) I was able to learn and get help specific to my needs. He created a learning environment that was inclusive and fun. A day of AP calc wouldn't go by where we weren't laughing or having fun while learning about definite integrals or L'Hospitals rule. I also enjoyed having a small class size. Taking AP calc with only five other students led to an opportunity to bond and become better friends through the challenges of math. I am grateful for my experience taking AP calculus and those who made it so memorable.

Hattie Nickles, child of Stephanie and Ashton Nickles, plans to attend Brigham Young University.

Top 3 achievements: Salutatorian of my graduating class, Student Body President for the 2021-2022 school year, and the Concertmaster for my school's orchestra during the 2021-2022 school year.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During my senior year, my AP Lit class brought food on Friday's, and we would start off the class period by sharing what we brought and would eat as we carried on with class. It was really fun to read "A Streetcar Named Desire," or "The Metamorphosis" while also eating things like chocolate chip pancakes or crepes. I'm really glad that I got to have Mrs. Remy as my AP Lit teacher, and I'm grateful to have had such a wonderful class to share Foodie Friday's with.

The Arts

Hillary Burken, child of Lisa and Dan Lofquist, and Marty Burken and Susan O'Neil, plans to attend Kansas State University.

Top 3 achievements: President of CHS Speech and Drama, 68th Annual Iowa Dairy Princess, and Secretary of Clinton High Student Council.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I fell in love with the theatre program very early on in my high-school career. I was able to use the help of my friends, and my amazing director, to become the president of the department. As I took on this leadership role I was also asked if I would want to direct a freshmen speech team. Although we had some rough patches, nothing will ever compare to the amazing kids I got to work with. I remember sitting in the front row of their first performance, crying, because I was so proud of those kids. They have so much potential, and I am so grateful to have been able to

work with them and show them my love of the theatre program. Being a "drama mama" to these kids means so much to me. They will lead this program so well in the future. They make me so proud.

Lilly May, child of Tami May and Darren May, plans to attend Augustana College.

Top 3 achievements: High Honors, Art Scholarship, Fine Arts Award.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I've always been interested in art, but until recently I focused on drawing people. My art teachers have pushed me to try new mediums of art, and with that I've learned to try new things because I just might be good at it. I've also found that, at times, I prefer going to school early or staying late so I can focus on my assignment or art project without distractions. I want to thank my art teachers for always encouraging, supporting and believing in me.

Humanities

Seth Dotterweich, child of Paul Dotterweich and Linda Dotterweich, plans to attend St. Ambrose University.

Top 3 achievements: 3.0 club, All Academic Basketball, 1st team All District Football.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My most memorable classroom learning experience came from my time spent in AP World History. Every morning our teacher would come into the room telling us stories from the past or his own personal experiences. He made class really fun and interesting for me which allowed me to really embrace and learn in the classroom environment created. It not only helped me learn but it also sparked my own interest in world history which is still something I like to look into to this day.

Jadin Velasco, child of Karen Velasco and Eugenio Velasco, plans to attend University of Northern Iowa and join the Army National Guard.

Top 3 achievements: Honorable mention for soccer-junior year, AP Stats, AP Psychology.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I will remember forever would most likely be in my Spanish class. When I am in that class it is very fun and interactive when it comes to learning. Methods are different from other teachers, but they are beneficial towards my learning. The people in the class make it fun as well because I know I can walk in and enjoy my time. I enjoy that the homework given to us isn't that difficult to understand and it is easy to follow along and complete. I am glad I decided to be in this class.

Leadership Abigail Struble, child of Amy and Steve Struble, plans to attend Luther College.

Top 3 achievements:

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Emma Milder, Logan Mulholland, Hattie Nickles, Timothy O'Malley, Olivia Othon, Peyton Pasakarnis, Kayli Perales, KayLynn Peterson, Alexis Pierce, Benjamin Poland, Zeiv Presson, Mya Price, Paige Price, Khonor Rathje, Michael Rausenberger, Elijah Ray, Bryce Rettowski, Diego Reyes Clemente, Dominick Riddle, Caleb Riessen, Joni Rollins, Tristen Romankiw, Jade Rudd, James Sandoval Soesbe, Conner Sattler, Austin Sawyer, Hunter Schnoor, Megan Schwartz, Keaton Selden, Layla Serfass, Katelyn Shepard, Shyann Simpson, Nicholas Sinneros, Trinity Smith, Morgan Solberg, Savanna Spicer, Faith Stewart, Abigail Struble, Isaiah Struve, Eli Sturtz, Marina Tarelo, Diamond Taylor, Natani Teague, Sofia Tello, Dakota Templeton, Cole Thomas, Sophie Vath, Jadin Velasco, Kesi Ann Wagner, Brooke Warren, Nicole Wheeler, Ean Williams, Haley Williams, Zinnia Williams, Tejana Willingham, Hunter Wilson, Selena Wilson, Brianna Winter, Benjamin Wittenauer, Leondae Woods, Devin Wright, Ping Wu, Jamarea Yarbrough Mitchell, Raelee Zook

Being apart of the 2021 MAC champion tennis team, serving as the 2021 girls cross country team captain, and being selected as the 2020 HOBY leadership conference representative.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A learning experience from high school that I will remember forever will be the lessons that I have learned during my time as the girls cross country team captain as well as a leader on the tennis team. Since freshman year I have loved being a part of both the tennis and the cross country teams, and as time passed I found myself gaining more of a leadership role on both teams. Being a part of these teams has allowed me to make amazing friends and memories while also serving as a leader to my teammates. Some of my favorite moments from both cross country and tennis have been running the game football from North Scott to Clinton, and being a part of the 2021 MAC champion tennis team.

Nicole Becerra, child of Pedro and Ines Becerra, plans to attend Brigham Young University.

Top 3 achievements: National Honors Society president, Division 1 ratings for three years in a row at Solo and Ensemble Festival for piano, and 3rd degree black belt in taekwondo.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Last year as a junior I took physics. One of our big, weighty group projects was the Trebuchet Project. Our assignment was to create a functional trebuchet, and to design and build the sling, trigger, and arm of the trebuchet. I was selected as the group leader for this project, and what seemed like an overwhelming huge task turned out to be an experience that was so much fun and incredibly successful. I learned not just the physics behind building a trebuchet, but also how to manage a complex project, lead a big group, and think outside the box and solve problems. I will always remember it because my team was very grateful to me as their leader, but I was so grateful for them and for the effort they all put into it. We worked together well, and we accomplished the task and had a great time doing it.

Math/The Sciences

Sarah Hilgendorf, child of Mark and Jessica Hilgendorf, plans to attend University of Iowa to study engineering.

Top 3 achievements: Secretary of NHS, Captain of Varsity girls swim team, 4.0 club.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I have had so many classroom experiences that I will remember forever, but one class sticks out the most. This class has impacted me the most during my senior year and it was AP Calculus. I went into the class with the expectation that it was going to be challenging and honestly probably boring. I was right about it being challenging but definitely not boring. This class had only 6 students and they all were my friends. We challenged each other every day while also having fun. It was a competitive environment and that's definitely what made me excel. I had a great teacher and a great class that made my love for math increase dramatically. I will never forget that class, those friends, or that teacher.

Katelyn Shepard, child of Anastasia Shepard, plans to attend University of Northern Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: Division 1 clarinet solo, 31 ACT science score, acceptance into the UNI school of music.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In these past four years, I've had the opportunity to involve myself in many classroom activities, and each one of these activities have left an impact on my work, but none stand out to me as much as my science classes, especially AP Biology. When I first walked into class, I was extremely excited for what was to come, but also nervous of what to expect. However, all of my worries flew out the windows as I asked for help from my teacher. She was always willing to help me achieve my goals, whether it was to help me understand my homework or to clarify the topic we learned in class. Because of her help, I

have been able to achieve my goals and surpass them. I will always remember the help that my teacher was able to provide me to help me and the results that made all of the hard work worth it.

Vocational Education

Ali House, child of Michael and Katrina House, plans to attend Tabor College where she will be involved in track and field.

Top 3 achievements: Track and Field State Qualifier, MAC Conference All Academic Team, Honor Roll.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience that I have enjoyed the most is opening our very own coffee shop in the school. We serve our students and staff on a daily basis and gain workplace readiness while also learning time management and people skills.

Emma Milder, child of Jennifer and Benjamin Milder, plans to attend University of Iowa to study nursing.

Top 3 achievements: Varsity Letter Winner for Cross Country 3x, Track 4x, and Softball 4x, 3.0+ GPA Club for the past 4 years, 200+ Logged Volunteer Hours.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I have been taking health science courses for the past 3 years of high school in order to better prepare myself for my future in Nursing. Each course I have taken had something new and valuable to add to my knowledge of health care. Within each course I have taken I have had the pleasure of being taught by Doctor Cottrell and have gained many new experiences from her. I will forever remember the times I have spent in her room along with how personable she is, her positive attitude, and the hands-on and engaging learning style she has. The learning environment in the health science room that Doc creates is something I will remember and miss dearly as I continue my future endeavors.

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PLEASANT VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Academics

Beatrice Sears, child of Stephen and Beatrice Sears, plans to attend Dartmouth College to study physics on the pre-med track with a minor in Spanish.

Top 3 achievements: I am a National Merit Scholar, play the oboe in the Quad City Youth Symphony Orchestra, and was accepted into the SEIBA Honor Band on the oboe (2021).

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I have always identified as a math nerd, too focused on numbers to appreciate the beauty of words. It's shocking to now admit that my AP Literature class is my favorite class of all time. I find myself avidly sticky-noting every book and obsessing over each reading assignment. This passion stems from the captivating class discussions. The moment I step through the door, the class immediately stirs an energy in me. I become so involved in the class conversations that I prod at every idea and play devil's advocate just to hear more perspectives. The magic lives in the lasting effects of the discussions. I always leave the classroom unable to separate myself from the puzzles of the literary topics prior. They follow me everywhere. I often discuss the texts with my friends the entire school day. AP Literature instilled a curiosity in me. A curiosity for words.

Kavya Kalathur, child of Subha & Raj Kalathur, plans to attend either Princeton University or Massachusetts Institute of Technology to study economics and applied math.

Top 3 achievements: 1. United States Presidential Scholarship Semifinalist (2022) 2. American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME) Qualifier (2020 & 2021) 3. Invited to present paper at Midwest Academy of Management Conference (2021)

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One of my most transformative and enjoyable classroom experiences was having debates in my AP Spanish class. While my classmates and I understood and spoke Spanish well, we certainly were not fluent, so the idea of debating topics ranging from vaccine mandates to standardized testing in Spanish seemed daunting. However, knowing that none of us were fully confident, we encouraged each other to speak openly and without hesitation. The class laughed together as we occasionally made up words, which livened up the room. Speaking in Spanish forced us to slow down and actively listen to each other. As a result, we all made more thoughtful comments than we likely would have if we spoke in English. This ultimately contributed to more meaningful conversations that made me leave class each day with a better understanding of people's perspectives on the world and of course, a better grasp of the Spanish language.

The Arts

Erika Holmberg, child of Gene and Linda Holmberg, plans to attend Drake University to study Music Education and Secondary English Education, as well as play on the golf team.

Top 3 achievements: 1. Being selected to the Iowa All-State Chorus in 2019, the Iowa All-State Band on trumpet in 2020, the Iowa All-State Orchestra on trumpet in 2021, and the Iowa All-State Jazz Choir in 2022. 2. Being a National Honor Society Executive Council Member for Pleasant Valley. 3. Being the captain of the Pleasant Valley Girls' Golf Team.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will never forget the final rehearsal I experienced with the Pleasant Valley Wind Symphony before COVID-19 halted class for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Our spring

band trip had just been canceled, and everyone was very disheartened as the reality of the pandemic was sinking in. While most people would have turned to anger or denial, our band chose hope and unity. In our final shared rehearsal, our band director, Mr. Anderson, insisted that we play a full-run of Satoshi Yagisawa's Machu Picchu one last time. As people wiped away tears, our band came to life with one of the most emotional performances we had ever played. I learned that even in the most difficult times, music has the power to change hearts and minds, and that even though our future was uncertain, our unwavering passion for creating something beautiful together could not be shaken.

Lauren McGovern, child of Cameron McGovern and Amy McGovern, plans to attend Kansas City Art Institute or University of Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: 1. First place in painting at the 2021 Festival of Trees 2. Best in Show and Senior Scholarship winner for the Quad City Arts High School Invitational 3. First place winner in the Western Illinois 2020 'Get Lit' writing contest.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My elementary school custodian, Mr. Larson, learned the names of every student and committed to making their day brighter. He would create nicknames and inside jokes with the students, genuinely caring about each one. As a high school custodian, he now greets the tired students at the school entrance with the same positivity. He often stops me to talk about my achievements in art, then says: "I need you to paint me something before you're famous!" To enter the school with a smile changes the course of my day and reminds me of why I love learning and being around the students and staff. Mr. Larson reminds all students that a good heart and positive attitude create a beautiful reality.

Humanities

Kaylee Allen, child of Jamie M a s c h m a n n -Stein and Bill Allen, plans to attend the University of Iowa to study Biology and English.

Top 3 achievements: 1. Admission into the National Honors Society 2. Pleasant Valley High School's Academic Excellence Award. 3. Seal of Bilingual.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During my humanities class this year, I have learned about so many diverse cultures and fascinating ancient societies. This class has reignited a passion to learn more about the diverse world around me. I have also reconnected with several close friends, and I have enjoyed learning their perspectives and getting to know them and their backgrounds better. The other day in class, my table group had to put on a reenactment of Shakespeare's play, Julius Caesar. We rewrote the play into a five-minute version, and we assigned characters to each group member. The next day, as we breathlessly brought Shakespeare's work to life with our emotional and impactful delivery, I knew that I would always remember the joy and connection I felt in that moment in class.

Rebecca Guimarães DeOliveira, child of Julio Cesar Barbosa de Oliveira and Patricia De Oliveira Guimarães Oliveira, plans to attend Iowa State University to study chemical engineering.

Top 3 achievements: Elected best student of my school in 2017; won second place on the biggest dance competition of South America; Being fluent in 3 languages and studying my fourth (portuguese, english, spanish and currently learning French).

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to expand our minds outside of the classroom into the inconceivable size of all of space. I can tell he put a lot of effort into the year and its conclusion, and for that I am grateful.

Jack Williams, child of Chris and Kelly Williams, plans to attend University of Kansas to study secondary education with a focus on biology and the pre-medical track.

Top 3 achievements: 4.0+ GPA, 2019 Swimming State Champion in the 1000 Freestyle and surviving AP Physics.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember my entire French experience at Pleasant Valley. Though I have had some awesome teachers throughout my years, I have had Mlle Boes for three years of high school. I always feel comfortable in her classroom and it's always a blast. She really makes learning fun and interesting, high school wouldn't be the same without that experience.

Math/The Sciences

Lauren Anderson, child of Cathy and Kirk Anderson, plans to attend Pepperdine University.

Top 3 achievements: National Merit Finalist, Pepperdine University Regent Scholar, marching band section leader.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Freshman Honors English always consisted of coffee smells, loud music, and Don Fry scaring kids from behind. Though the environment seemed a bit chaotic at first, the profound

discussions and deep conversations the class had on a daily basis were unforgettable. I learned to always be ready, whether that meant having something to contribute to class or watching out for Mr. Fry as he carried a golf club around the room.

Ben Kammler, child of Tim and Becky Kammler, plans to attend Iowa State University.

Top 3 achievements: Losing Iowa State Cyber Defense Competition, Dominated PE Class, Got the

WORDLE in 1 guess.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Junior year in my AP CSA class, we were tasked to code a checkers program with a basic AI. I could only code relatively basic stuff to this point, as such, this was a huge jump in what I had to create. I ended up doing extensive research and a LOT of trial and error to find a way to get my program to work. Over a span of three days, I spent more time working on this program than I did sleeping. Thank you Mr. Landa.

Vocational Education

Marvin Roebuck, child of Karen Roebuck and Marvin Roebuck, plans to attend college to study business.

Top 3 achievements: Team 8813 The Winter Soldiers for robotics, Teens for Tomorrow, Tennis (Quad City Tennis Club).

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember my old school Rivermont Collegiate. In 5th or 6th grade there was a game called

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NORTH SCOTT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Academics

Caelen Engelbrecht, child of Corey and Erin Engelbrecht, plans to attend Iowa State University.

Top 3 achievements: 1. Being a 4.0 GPA student throughout high school. 2. Served as Treasurer for the Sheridan Sluggers 4-H Club for 5 years. 3. Being the Vice President of a nationally ranked FFA Chapter.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? At the beginning of my senior year, I was absolutely terrified of taking Comp 105 and 106, a couple of college English classes North Scott offers to upper-level students. I was encouraged to take these classes because I was told they would really prepare me for college. When I walked into class on the first day, the first assignment was to write an in-class essay about a topic we were unfamiliar with. I about fainted because I knew that this class wasn't for me. How was I supposed to research a topic and write an MLA essay in one hour? Impossible, right? Wrong. Don't get me wrong, it definitely wasn't my best work, but throughout this class, I have learned so much. From learning how to write meaningful narratives to controversial essays, these classes have taught me so much about myself and have made a lasting impact on my life.

Ella McLaughlin, child of Christa and David McLaughlin, plans to attend Cornell College.

Top 3 achievements: Three time Varsity Volleyball captain, Graduating summa Cum Laude, Seal of Bilingual - Spanish.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Although this experience was not from high school, I will always remember my sixth-grade frog dissection. This was the first time I realized I wanted to do something with science for the rest of my life. At the time, I did not know what that would be, but I now hope to become a dermatologist. During the dissection, I quickly realized that most of my classmates were not as intrigued as I was. I distinctly remember someone saying, "the intestines look like ramen noodles." I did not eat ramen noodles for the rest of the year, but I did realize my love for science. I am very thankful for that experience.

The Arts

Drew Sandberg is child of Jessica Frisbee and Justin Sandberg.

Top 3 achievements: Getting my art work into festival of trees, passing my classes, and making whatever art I can.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One thing I can remember is my art teacher Mrs. Mess taught me to look at things through a third eye perspective not just with art but with everything. One way I use this is when I'm meeting new people I always ask what their interests are and if it's something I never liked or never tried I always ask "What made you like/ do this thing?" I just want to fully understand someone when it comes to their interests.

Kaitlyn Wood, child of Brian and Amie Wood, plans to attend Drake University to double major in music education and vocal performance.

Top 3 achievements: Graduating Summa Cum Laude. Three time member of the Iowa All-State Chorus. First place winner of the central region NATS (national association of teachers of singing) vocal competition in the high school treble voices division.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Our head choir director, Lori Potts, is such an inspiration. She is the reason I wanted to pursue

CLASS OF 2022

Clayton Adrian, Dylan Akers, Adam Allen, Brehon Allen, Kayla Allen, Katherine Andersen, Alyssa Atzen Annie Bahns, Hannah Bain, Brooke Baker, Bryson Beaudry, Katherine Belken, Nebraska Bentley, Mackenzie Bohr, Amanda Borkhart, Padriac Bozik, Zachary Brown, Savanna Bruck, Calla Brunkan, Luke Bullock, Alyssa Bunkley, Carter Bush, Darnell Butler, Jack Callahan, Ryan Campbell, Elly Carlson, Anthony Carter, Logan Cheek, Jarrett Claeys, Nichole Claeys, Delaney Coffman, Riley Collins, Asheton Connors, Connor Corson, Jaydon Costello, Kellie Costello, Madelynn Costello, Jace Coudron, Cael Covault, Lucas Crawford, Wyatt Crouse, Thomas Cunningham, Hunter Davenport, Hudson Davis, Kendall Deutmeyer, Caden Dewey, Anna Dickman, Jillian Dircks, Dylan Doty, Ryan Doty, Madysson Dreher, Dylan DuFloth, Trenton Duncan, Leonita Dzeladini, Andrew Eichmeier, Weston Eichmeier, Luke Elgin, Caelan Engelbrecht, Caleb Engelkes, Eli Engelkes, Mashaila Ewoldt, Emily Eyerman, Gavriella Farmer, Trey Feddersen, Adeline Finnicum, Ashley Fluegel, Alexandra Foster, Noah Freymann, Mackenzie Galligan, Ava Garrard, Trace Gephart,

music education; she is truly the best at what she does. As a young musician, she is my biggest role model. I wanted to learn how to do what she does: conduct choirs and make beautiful music. So when I had the opportunity to learn how to conduct and direct a choir, I was more than excited. The piece entitled "Artist of a Winter's Night"; a simple SSA arrangement about a winter landscape's beautiful and playful sights. It was harder than I had anticipated, but Mrs. Potts was a great teacher. Then at the winter concert, I got to go on stage and conduct. It was magical and was the moment I knew that I would be doing this for the rest of my life.

Humanities

Ethan Windt, child of Amy Windt and Nathan Windt, plans to attend St. Ambrose University.

Top 3 achievements: Being Agatha Trunchbull in Matilda the Musical, Being Oaken in Disney's Frozen Jr. The Musical, and rebuilding our school newspaper.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I will always remember is the time we spent as a class in my creative writing class. There wasn't a whole lot of us in that class so we all were able to get to know each other better. One of my favorite moments was when we were able to share short stories with each other and offer criticism or praise. It just felt like a really nice moment together that I'm glad the teacher Mr. Chapman was able to foster and that was definitely one of my favorite classes this senior year.

Riley Greenwood, child of Jenny and Joe Greenwood, plans to attend University of Northern Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: I am currently a 5-star thespian, which means I've received 50+ hours of work in the theater. I am also

an inducted thespian along with a member of the Lancer Productions board. Another achievement of mine is being in charge of our Lancer Leaders club at school where we take on leadership roles. I also have 3 academic awards from cheer.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My favorite classroom learning experience revolves around finding my passion. As a sophomore and junior, I struggled to find a future career I was passionate about. I had many hobbies, but none that I felt were career worthy. During junior year I had the opportunity to take a psychology and interior design course. Little did I know that both of these classes were going to be my major and minor in college. The stress of finding a passion was lifted from my shoulders after fall-

Madelyn Gill, Hailey Glover, Delaney Goodding, Maddie Gottschalk, Meara Gottschalk, Grace Graham, Jeremiah Graham, Riley Greenwood, Madison Grunwald, Payton Haack, Tyson Haedt, Ashton Hamerlinck, Clara Hanenburg, Annika Harris, Brock Harrison, Alexandria Hauser, Emmie Hawk, Bevan Henderson, Grant Hodge, Aviana Holst, Wyatt Holst, Jonelle House, Hailie Howard, Hanna Huerta, Oliver Hughes, Katherine Jecks, Trinity Jewell, Devynn Johnson, Emily Johnson, Sierra Johnson, Zachary Johnson, Grayson Juel, Blake Kadlec, Grace Kaney, Hunter Kaufman, Kresten Keester, Kaden Kelley, Dylan Kiesey, Blake Kilker Scout Kirshy, Anaya Kitchell, Joseph Knepper, Melena Knutsen, Carson Kress, Jessica Kroeger, Payton Kruse, Elysia Kubitz, Colten Kuhn, Alex Kunde, Shawn Kundel, Carter Lafrenz, Jaelyn Faith, Ireland Laughlin, Kollin LeBarge, Austin Lee, Jason Lineback, Carter Loehr, Jaelyn Longenecker, Christopher Loussaert, Madelynn Lowe, Connor Ludtke, Virgil Marchant, Taylor Mayhue, Kylie McCabe, Lillian McCaw, Chloe McClintock, Ella McLaughlin, Madison McNealey, Christopher McNeely, Quinn Melchert, Mitchell Mess, Travis Miller, Emilee Mitchell, Matthew Mize, Eli Monroe, Lucas Moore,

ing in love with studying both topics. Sitting in a classroom where you actually enjoy learning is an amazing feeling. Realizing that I belonged and fit into an area created excitement for my future, and an amazing memory!

Leadership

Kylie McCabe, child of Brian and Jennifer McCabe, plans to attend University of Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: Service Club and National Honor Society President, Carson Scholar, and graduating with Summa Cum Laude Honors.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In my junior year of high school, I joined yearbook, which taught me the importance of working as a team. Within the class, we delegated responsibilities depending on our own strengths and interests. For example, I enjoyed writing the articles, where some classmates focused on graphic design, and others worked to capture all the school activities on camera. Making the book was challenging, but we all leveraged our individual strengths to finish our project as a team. In this class, I met people who had different strengths than me, but we utilized each other for the common goal: a great book to commemorate the year.

Corbin Suiter, child of Kevin Suiter and Stacy Suiter, plans to attend Eastern Iowa Community College.

Top 3 achievements: Iowa FFA State Degree, FFA Chapter Vice president, 200 Straight score in trapshooting.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom experience that I will remember forever occurred in one of my ag classes. I had the opportunity to work on a charter for the North Scott Junior High FFA chapter, making a Program of Activities, a constitution and by-laws and making an election process for an officer team. Through this I was able to help in leading the charter of the First Junior High FFA chapter in the state of Iowa.

Math/The Sciences

Joseph Knepper, child of Jeff and Rachel Knepper, plans to attend Iowa State University.

Top 3 achievements: 34 ACT score, 3.99 GPA, 3A state champion football team.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience that I will never forget happened in 8th grade honors science. For around 2 weeks, we worked on paper roller coasters. At the start of the first week, the

La'Tia Morrisse, Eliot Morrow, Faith Nead, Athena Nelson, Erika Nelson, Jakob Nelson, Bailey Newberry, Grant Nimke, Samantha Nixon, Lucas Oechsner, Carson Oetzmann, Jacob Ohsann, Nathaniel Parchert, Dylan Parrott, Erin Peck, Aric Peel, Tristen Peel, Alaina Peterkin, Owen Peterson, Adriana Phillips, Madison Phipps, Nicholas Piazza, Lexi Pitts, Alexander Plett, Ryler Plett, Jessica Powell, Naomi Powers, Nichole Purcell, Jordan Ramirez, Jacob Redman, Peyton Reed, Megan Reese, Lori-Ann Reicks, Alexis Richards, Isabel Robbins, Caden Romero, Lauren Rossmiller, Aiden Roy, Isabella Ruggles, Drew Sandberg, Ryan Sanders, Logan Santee, Eli Schachow, Mercy Schaffert, Paytin Schelb, Alli Schneckloth, Benjamin Schulz, Kaylee Schwarz, Isabella Serrano, Sophia Serrano, Isaac Simmons, Jacob Skaala, Samuel Skarich, Christien Smith, Logan Soedt, Alanah Songer, Samantha Stilson, Selena Stilwell, Daniel Stoker, Cael Straley, Carter Stratman, Corbin Suiter, Cody Sunny, Katelyn Tee, Braxton Townsley, Dane Treiber, Drew Van Hal, Tailor Varner, Grace Veach, Peyton Wenck, Peyton Westlin, Ross Willerth, Brandt Williams, McKenzie Wilson, Ethan Windt, Kaitlyn Wood, Cole Yarham.

class voted on what characteristics would be required on the coasters (how big of a jump, how big of a drop, how many 180-degree turns etc.) and then we got to work. It is so memorable to me because I worked on it with two of my best friends, and we got to really be creative throughout as we innovated ways to make our roller coaster the fastest to completion while meeting all the requirements. It was an extremely fun project that combined tactile skills, math skill, and innovative/creative ability, characteristics that made it an all around great experience, and one that I will likely never forget.

Matthew Mize, child of David & Amy Mize, plans to attend University of Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: Becoming an Eagle Scout, earning Summa Cum Laude, and completing Calculus 1, 2, and 3 before college.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Comp 105. I have held a large passion for story-telling and writing throughout my life, and it became something I was nervous about going into Composition as a Junior. I was going to have to write essays every week, all ten pages long, and constantly be in a state of disarray. Except that's not what happened. My instructor, Mrs. Sambdman, was the most genuine and helpful teacher I have had to date. I knew my writing was okay, but I knew there were a lot of issues with it too. She helped me not only improve my writing but also made me confident in my abilities as a writer. Rather than treating her students as kids, she offered mutual respect as mature individuals. That alone is something I won't forget. Comp 105 will forever be one of my favorite classes of high school.

Vocational Education

Adeline Finnicum, child of Kristin and Patrick Finnicum, plans to attend University of Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: Iowa FFA State Proficiency Award- gold, 3rd, veterinary science, QC Rush Soccer

Club- National Team Selection, North Scott FFA Officer Position-Secretary.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? FFA has been a huge part of my high school career. My most memorable experience from FFA has been our Junior High recruitment event. For this event, our officer team goes to the JH classes to educate the JH kids on our ag program. Seeing the kids go from not knowing anything about FFA to learning new things, and wanting to be involved, made me excited for our chapters future.

Jessica Kroeger, child of Rachael and Chad Kroeger, plans to attend



Kroeger

Iowa State University. **Top 3 achievements:** Earned the Academic Achievement award four years in a row through archery, was elected to the second high position on my FFA Officer team: Vice President of Growing Leaders, and I competed in an FFA CDE (Career Development Event) where my teammates and I were able to place 1st in the state and 14th nationally: Milk Quality and Products.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I could rattle off a long list of classroom experiences that shaped me for the better. And I believe each little learning moment was a building block for my most memorable experience. I am heavily involved in my school's agriculture program, and it was in my Ag Leadership class that I had my unforgettable experience. My teacher, Mr. Hunter advocated for me to be recognized at FFA's National Convention as a future agriculture educator. Ag Ed was a career I was working towards with the support of this teacher and my parents already. But that moment, being told I could officially announce my chosen career, that's when the realization set in. I want to be an agriculture teacher and I can be! I found a home in FFA, a place to love learning and to grow as a person. I want to provide the same opportunities for my own students.

Young Journalist

Bailey Newberry, child of Chris and Shelby Newberry, plans to attend the University of Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: Graduating Summa Cum Laude, scoring a 5 on the AP World Geography test, being a writer for The Lance and contributing during its first year online.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My junior year of high school I took Comp 105 and 106. I have a passion for writing and this class helped me strengthen those skills, but it also provided me with a valuable learning experience. During Comp 106 we had to write an "Oatmeal Essay." This essay involved us having to confront our internalized biases and write an essay on it. Writing this essay changed the way I think about my own preconceived notions, and helped me to tackle my internalized biases. I ended up learning a lot about myself and how we develop these internalized biases, which provided me with a learning experience that will stick with me forever.

Caden Romero, child of Julia Romero and José Romero, plans to attend Scott Community College.

Top 3 achievements: State Biotechnology CDE Reserve Champion Individual, State Biotechnology CDE

Champion Team, Academic Excellence Award.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom learning experience that I'll remember forever occurred when one of my English teachers, Mr. Chapman, gave me advice on writing essays. Prior to Chapman's class, I always wrote as much as possible as I thought quantity made a good writer. However, Chapman enlightened me on an important principle of writing: Deciding what to exclude from an essay is just as important as deciding what to include. Despite its simplicity, this suggestion revolutionized the way I wrote; my writing skills grew exponentially. I began meticulously selecting the information I wrote, creating a pristine narrative. Contemplating information to exclude allowed me to project to the reader more as well as developing my ability to keep a reader's attention and elicit a desired emotional response. Through my developing writing skills, I received the opportunity to work as an intern for the North Scott Press, and I've connected with people in unexpected ways.

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GENESEO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Academics

Kobe Duda, child of Kathy and Mike Duda, plans to attend University of Illinois.



Duda

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? It has been said that learning occurs most effectively not from success, but from failure. In no instance have I realized this more fully than in the tragedy of my third-grade city planning project. The task was simple: Draw a city, and list some places where people could work, live, and play in it. However, I was no simple man. Pencil in hand, I wrought upon my city the fullest extent of King Kong's wrath. Heat-vision death rays vaporized power plants, showering the poor city in radiation and leaving the robo-cowboys to fight of the resulting mutants. Proudly, I submitted my magnum opus to my teacher. The result? A devastating C+. It was too silly. This crushing defeat instilled in me a lesson that would last the rest of my life: There's a time for seriousness, and there's a time for King Kong. Wisdom is knowing the difference.

Rose Henderson, child of Bryce and Melissa Henderson, plans to attend University of Illinois.



Henderson

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will forever remember my time in Mr. Christensen's AP Calculus BC class. Mr. C creates an environment in his classroom that is fun and easy to work in, and makes even college-level math seem not that bad. We have a very small class this year, so we all are able to ask as many questions as we need, and Mr. C is always happy to answer. Our school's motto is "Teach, Learn, Care" and I feel that learning in Mr. C's classroom is an experience that embodies these ideals.

The Arts

Lexi Gordon, child of Chris and Jami Gordon, plans to attend Black Hawk College.



Gordon

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My freshman year drawing class is where I met Mrs. Windish. When the class started I was discouraged, I felt I wasn't good enough. Mrs. Windish introduced me to realism and chalk pastels, and I fell in love with the concepts. Mrs. Windish has shown me that artists each have their own unique talents with different mediums and styles. I realized I can't hold myself to the standards of others. I have been learning and developing my style ever since. Senior year was my second biggest eye opener. Mrs. Degarmo helped my creativity reach a new level in her class. Now I can say I'm proud of my art, and I can recognize my style. I'm sure I have more learning to do, but I'm excited about the journey. I'm grateful for both Mrs. Windish and Mrs. Degarmo. I wouldn't be here without them.

Madison Holevoet, child of Kevin and Christina Holevoet, plans to attend St. Ambrose



Holevoet

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During my senior year as the drum major of our marching band, I was initially overwhelmed with responsibility coming off of a year without our typical season. During the pandemic, I didn't receive the training a new drum major would have, so I had to go above and beyond in my learning to guide and direct our band. I became a better leader and overall person as I was always doing my best for the betterment of the band. I have always had a passion for marching band; being a drum major helped me find my voice as well as persevere through the many challenges that I faced. This opportunity has made me more responsible and resilient which will benefit me in my future endeavors.

Humanities

Clayton Baum, child of Dan and Emily Baum, plans to attend Iowa State University.



Baum

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Our AP Physics class was coming to an end, but our teacher still had things planned for us. Mr. Deets suggested a few different lab experiments we could work on over the last week for fun, and we decided to build a Rube Goldberg machine as a class. For about four full days of class, my lab group tinkered our way through a quarter of the class's chain reaction (each lab group was in charge of a segment). The results were less than perfect (different segments failed on each of the final attempts), but the process was invigorating. Having near unlimited usage of the physics lab equipment to construct a reaction of my own imagination was a great way to end the year. I had a ton of fun during that last week, and it is a learning experience that I will never forget.

Keira Schehl, child of Cheryl Schehl and Chris Schehl, plans to attend Florida State University to study animation.



Schehl

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In my sophomore year I participated in our AP US History Class. History was my strongest and most loved subject, and I went into the classroom expecting to continue the fun experiences of my last few history and language arts classes. I did not expect the intense and rigorous class structure I would be subject to. My teacher, Mr. Aper, wanted us to do our absolute best and put in all our effort into the class. I was challenged in ways I hadn't been before, and the course exposed me to different viewpoints I had never considered. Mr. Aper handled all topics of discussion with nuance, empathy, and an incredible amount of respect. I will always admire the way he humanized and explained history, and I feel as though this class helped me mature in a way I hadn't before.

CLASS OF 2022

Jarrett Andersen, Simon Anderson, Clayton Baum, Mallory Bealer, Isabelle Berry, Maya Bieneman, Jason Blick, Tukker Boyer, Andrew Burke, Magdalena Burns, Alexandra Buyck, Brynley Castro, Netanya Ceuvorst, Abby Chasek, Makenzie Clark, Hunter Clark-Holke, Garrett Coleman, Tyler Coons, Hannah Copeland, Shelby Copeman, Aidan Coppejans, Andrew Cotty, Megan Daniels, Jacob Danielson, Kaden Davison, Drayton DeBoef, John DeBord, Danielle DeDecker, Kylie DeJohn, Drake Derham, Emma Dodge, Avery Dowell, Jack Drockelman, Kobe Duda, Olivia Egert, Connor Ellis, Gabrielle Elmer, Kate-lynn Emerick, Michael Emerick, Jarrett Erwin, Austin Ettore, Eliza Farley, Logan Fletcher, Taya Fouts, Emma Frank, Abigale Gentry, Elena Gibbons, Cooper Goethals, Cesar Gomez, Ines Gonzalez, Lexi Gordon, Braxton Gottwalt, Logan Gray, Victoria Gray, Fynnigan Greene, Blake Hallendorff, Ryan Hallendorff, Dakota Hansen, Jacob Hartman, Gloria Hartsock, William

Leadership

Olivia Egert, child of Ryan and Penny Egert, plans to attend University of Illinois.



Egert

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One teacher that I will forever be grateful for is Professor Brossman. As "her set of guinea pigs" we were chosen as one of her first classes assessed using standardized-based grading. As a senior who survived remote learning, this new way of grading worried me in that it had no pressure to keep on top of deadlines. Sadly, this concern became a reality when I saw myself fall behind on the agenda for the semester. Seeing that it was a dual credit class, I knew failure wasn't an option. In the submission of one of my last essays, Mrs. Brossman took the opportunity to express her worries with me and stress in college. She was being an observant teacher. This conversation showed me her side of compassion and stressed the value in quality over quantity. I plan to take this advice with me for all future endeavors.

Carson Raya, child of Juan and Leslie Raya, plans to attend Indiana University Bloomington.



Raya

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My favorite classroom learning experience is Math Lab with Mr. Christensen. During this ASAP period, math students are allowed to come into Mr. Christensen's room to ask questions or collaborate with each other on our math assignments. Being able to struggle with my friends in math lab on challenging FRQ's is something I'll never forget. Mr. C makes our calculus course fun and interesting for us students. He makes math a lot easier and more fun to do than what most math classes are. I'm glad to have a teacher like Mr. Christensen because he has made my junior and senior year a lot simpler.

Math/The Sciences

Baily Huizenga, child of Jacob and Emily Huizenga, plans to attend Central College.

Haser, Rose Henderson, Claire Henson, Thomas Henson, Zoie Hernandez, Triston Highton, Claire Hofer, Madison Holevoet, Autumn Holmstrom, Camryn Hoskins, Baily Huizenga, Lauren Johnsen, Jase Johnson, Jillian Johnson, Justin Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Gabriel Keimig, Trevor Keogh, Kyleigh Kes-pohl, Benjamin Knowles, Nicholas Koustas, Abigail Krebs, Matthew Krohn, Isaac Kuster, Samantha Lakanen, Audrey Lamb, Andrew Lawrence, Lacey Laxton, Chase Leigh, Porter Lentz, Evan Lesthaeghe, Skylar Lewis, Kyle Lievens, Lena Litherland, Reagan Lommell, Kammie Ludwig, Abigail Lyford, Donovan Malone, Gracie Marckese, Chase Marshall, Gabriel Marxen, Cooper Mathews, Jacob Maxwell, Jonathan Maxwell, Nathan McAvoy, Payton McBride, Aidan McConville, Colin McConville, Abbigail McGee, Emma McKusker, Emma Miller, Teagan Miller, Cameron Moe, Anthony Montez, Kylie Morrison, Reece Munoz, Bode Neff, Jake Nelms, Zachary Nelson, Harrison Neumann, Keely Nguyen, Ella Olson, Emma Olson, Ronnie Osborne,



Huizenga

coaches to be a captain of the volleyball and soccer team.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Learning to adapt to the new challenges in the classroom brought to us by the pandemic is an experience I will remember forever. The rapid, unexpected changes in my daily life soon became normal. I could be learning from a computer screen one week and in the classroom the next. This taught me the importance of socialization and made me realize how much I enjoy being in the classroom. One thing I will always remember during the pandemic is the passion my teachers had and the way they went above and beyond daily to help their students succeed. This overall experience taught me to cherish what I have and gave me a whole new appreciation for educators.

Teagan Miller, child of Kara Miller and Corey Miller, plans to attend University of Wisconsin Platteville.



Miller

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? The most memorable learning experiences I had in high school were when we learned by example. In physics, I felt like we did this a lot. One time we were learning about elastic energy, and our job was to calculate how high up we would need to drop an egg to get it as close to the ground as possible before it bounces back up. You got more points the closer you got to the ground and less if the egg broke. It was so fun to have a project like that because you had to make sure you were correct or else your egg would splatter onto the ground. Fun experiences like these are the things I will always remember from high school.

Vocational Education

Andrew Burke, child of Brian Burke and Danielle Burke, plans to become a construction electrician.



Burke

Top achievements: Top shot for trap, Cross Country varsity letter, Learning how to run a drafting

Jenseny Pankey, Logan Pardoe, Adam Perez, Aiden Petersen, Anthony Pierce, Jordan Porter, Olivia Ramirez, Alisande Rapps, Carson Raya, Savannah Reisner, Tess Ressen, Taylor Reuter, Donna Richardson, Rylee Roberts, Zackary Rokey, Dawson Rowe, Hailey Saben, Malakai Schaad, Keira Schehl, Carissa Schroth, Sage Searle, Brock Seei, Mallory Setser, Luke Seyller, Connor Shipman, Emma Shoemaker, Zayvier Sinclair, Morgan Snell, Anna Snyder, Maximus Sottos, McKinlee Spranger, Nathaniel Stahl, Mason Steinert, Evan Stevenson, Sophia Stiles, Lillian Streeter, Skylar Swan, Ella Swanson, Gage Tafoya, Claire Toone, Gunner Troester, Anne Turpin, Zander Ulam, Tayvior VanDeVoorde, Nathan VanDeWoestyne, Carter VanKlaveren, Eryn VanKlaveren, Dalton Vavrosky, Zachery Verbeck, Nathan Vergane, Will Verplaetse, Tanner Vincent, Job Walters, Arica Weis, Tyler Weisser, Jonathan Widger, Peyton Willaert, Jonathan Wille, Ava Williams, Caleb Winfree, Hope Wyrick, Fisher Woelke, Elysia Woulf, Tyler Yenor, Taylor Zvonik

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I will always remember is passing 1g bend test in welding. I had failed that test a couple of times and when I finally was able to pass, it was very reliving and showed that continuing to keep going and trying again pays off.

Young Journalist

Elysia Woulf, child of Joe and Jill Woulf, plans to attend University of Central Florida.



Woulf

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience that I will remember forever would be Mr. Harrington's AP Government and Politics class. Even though the class was early in the morning, Mr. Harrington taught with energy and enthusiasm. This helped me and my classmates become more engaged in the subject and excited to learn. He often used game show and trivia like activities, such as Jeopardy to make learning fun. We dove deep into the processes of the government and connected it to what was relevant in the real world. He wanted us to succeed and it really showed through his teaching methods. This class allowed me to develop an interest in politics and current events.

Savannah Reisner, child of Nicole and Michael Reisner, plans to attend Carthage College to study engineering.



Reisner

Top achievements: 1. Elk's Teen of the Month. 2. AP Scholar. 3. Illinois State Scholar. **What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will always be able to recall the first time I gave a speech. It was sophomore year, and Mrs. Brown, my Honors English teacher, told us we were to start our speech unit. My heart fluttered, and I could hear my heart pounding. As we started planning, not only was I planning what I was going to say, but how I was going to keep myself strong, presentable and relaxed. As I stood up in front of my class, nerves kicked in, but I remembered to breathe in and out, stand strong and to be confident. In a few short moments, I was done. After a few more speeches, the idea of presenting or giving a speech no longer taunted me. I will never forget that first experience, as it has taught me to have confidence in a task I will have to do in the future.

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MUSCATINE CLASS OF 2022

Academics

Karena Jensen, child of Susan and Kyle Jensen, plans to attend University of Iowa. **Top 3 achievements:** Hahn Lettenburg award Outstanding Senior for Girls swimming, Camp Kesem Make the magic speaker, Iowa All-State Band member.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will never forget doing robotics my eight grade year. We would start the year with learning basic coding and building. Then we would add more parts and advanced steps. It got to the point where if we could dream it we could build it. That made me realize that I loved engineering. The idea of creating something tangible and starting with just an idea. Then I applied that with my love for helping People and the community that I found my career goal of biomedical engineering.

Nolan Recker, child of Melissa Recker and Jamie Recker, plans to attend Yale University.

Top 3 achievements: Track & Field—Drake re-plays place winner and 2021 state meet runner up in discus, 33 ACT, 1st team all conference in football.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I have always been drawn to designing and building projects. In my AP Physics class, our teacher assigned us a task to create a small wooden car that was powered by a mousetrap. After hearing this, I thought that there was no way that a mousetrap could get the wheels of the car to spin. Through lots of trial and error, my partner and I designed a mousetrap car that operated precisely how it was supposed to. This experience both furthered my love of designing and made me realize the multiple uses that many objects carry.

The Arts

Ruthellen Brooks, child of Mackenzie and Paul Brooks, plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa to study music education.

Top 3 achievements: Choir, Orchestra, and Tri-M Music Honor Society.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A learning experience I will not forget is when I got to experience a flipped classroom for the first time. Covid-19 had been around for a while, and we were learning to adapt to a flipped classroom, where some days were at school. My favorite was watching my music instructors adapt to this, as they were struggling just as bad. Needless to say, we created a lot of jokes that have stuck around since last year.

Kimberly Frisbie, child of Todd and Cheryl Frisbie, plans to attend University of Northern Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: 1st chair trombone in the Muscatine Jazz Ensemble for three years. Accepted into the SEIBA Honor Band for four years. Low Brass section leader at Muscatine High School for three years.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My band lessons were some of the best and strangest learning experiences I've ever had. I'm a trombonist, and in my freshman and sophomore years of high school I really struggled to get a nice, full sound and not something that was muffled and clenched. It was in one of my last lessons before quarantine that I played with the tone I wanted. When I did, my band director yelled excitedly, "That's how you should play all the time!" It scared me so much that I stopped what I was

playing, but I'll always remember the smile he gave me afterwards.

Humanities

Indiana Stephens, child of Wendy and Brad Stephens, plans to attend University of Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: AP Scholar With Distinction, Secretary of Student Council, National Honor Society.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My junior year, I decided to take the new Model UN class. I went into it expecting to attend conferences and learn about the United Nations, but the knowledge I gained expanded far beyond my expectations. My teacher, Rachel Hansen, tasked us with creating a podcast focused on Indigenous rights/sovereignty across the world. I had the opportunity to interview anthropology experts as well as a member of the Oceti-Sakowin nation to learn more about the history of Indigenous rights inside and outside of the United States. My experience was truly eye-opening. The privilege of hearing others' first hand experiences revealed patterns and cycles of inconsistency and inequality that I never would have considered prior to interviewing them. This opportunity impacted me greatly and I even decided to major in anthropology next year because of it.

Keira Lick, child of Tonya Lick and Donald Lick, plans to attend University of Northern Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: Section editor of Yearbook, member of National Honor Society, and member of National Music Honor Society.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Journalism will always be a class I will remember forever. Having been a member of Journalism for all four years of high school, it is safe to say that it has been a staple of my high school career. Journalism unlike many other classroom atmospheres, has a family environment and allows for students to take individual liberties in the class. The class has allowed me to grow both as a person, and as a student. In the last year, our class has worked on "Leaders Eat Last" by Simon Sinek, and this book has truly describes our work setting for the class. The book primarily focuses on characteristics for a good leader along with what it takes. We have all worked together to apply this learning to our classroom and outside of it. Overall, it has taught me great life lessons and provided me a safe space to thrive as a person.

Leadership

Paige Mathias, child of Stacy and Jerry Mathias, plans to attend University of Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: I served as Key Club Co-President, I'm graduating with completion of MHS Honors Program, and I served as the President of Tri-M Music Honor Society.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I will never forget is taking AP Human Geography my freshman year. Rachel Hansen led the classroom with incredible knowledge, experience, and passion that made learning possible for everyone in the class. She even made a "blooper reel" at the end of the year of all of our funny classroom moments to remember the year we had. I got to learn in ways that I never thought were possible and I learned to love geography. I will never forget the experience of being taught by the best teacher in the world. Thank you Ms. Hansen!

Douglas Custis, child of Kevin and Laura Custis, plans to attend Loras College.

Top 3 achievements: George Lohmann Award recipient Golf -Golf, Offensive Play of the Year

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Custis

Baseball, Student Council President. **What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** An experience I will never forget is the last day of school freshman year in AP Human Geography class. Our teacher Ms. Hansen made a blooper reel of all the funny things that had happened over the year.

Math/The Sciences

Emilio Bobay, child of Elena Bobay and Michael Bobay, plans to attend Iowa State University to study mechanical engineering.

Top 3 achievements: 25th in our division at the FRC World Championship, 1st placed individual in Math-Counts in our region, graduating with Tri-M Music Honors.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will never forget my 5th grade teacher, Mr. Valenzuela. He elevated all of his students and put me in a position to skip a grade, skip a second grade in math and be successful and hardworking throughout the entire journey.

Ana Soares, child of Silvia Malaman and Paulo Soares, plans to



Soares

attend Iowa State University. **Top 3 achievements:** Went to State for the swim team, more than 140 hours of volunteer and more than 30 credits, including 6 college classes. **What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** When we did an egg drop experiment in Physics class. It was a challenge to figure out what the most efficient manner of not letting the egg crack was. My team was able to complete this assignment and it was so much fun to do something practical

Vocational Education

Ava Daufeldt, child of PJ and Alison Daufeldt, plans to attend Iowa State University.

Top 3 achievements: National Honors Society (Junior and Senior year), 3rd overall individual at state poultry judging contest (2022), and 4-H member of the year (2021).

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My favorite classroom learning experience took place at the Muscatine Agriculture Learning Center. I took Animal Science and partici-

pated in many hands-on activities. Since I live in the city, I did not have many hands-on experiences with livestock before this class. Animal Science gave me many opportunities that I would not have been able to have in a regular classroom setting. A few of my favorite memories where when I was able to artificially inseminate cattle and learn how the reproductive track in cattle works. I also got to pregnancy check my heifer while the vet walked me through the process. Throughout the winter I was able to learn about lambing and how to take care of lambs. I will always be thankful for my learning experiences at the Muscatine Agriculture Learning Center.

Anna Sharrar, child of Joni Lawson and Andy Sharrar, plans to attend Iowa State University.

Top 3 achievements: AP medal, Secretary for FFA, National Honors Society.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In Mr. Guerra's class I was prompted with work that was time consuming and took a lot of extra effort from me as a student. I took Composition 1 and 2 this year through MCC and the work load was much more than I anticipated,

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Academics

Hannah Maher, child of Mike and Pam Maher, plans to attend Black Hawk College.



Maher

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

A learning experience I will never forget was in my science class during a unit about genetics. As I started to understand the very basics about genetics and DNA I was amazed by the concept that every living thing around us was created to have a unique genome. I quickly became fascinated with the entire concept and kept exploring. I realized how important genetics are in a variety of ways but especially in the agriculture industry. I have grown up in a farming family and been very involved in our row-crop operation. Learning about the genetics we use to improve the food we are growing has helped show me the full circle of agriculture, and it has inspired me to pursue a career in agricultural sciences and genetics!

The Arts

Nickolas Robbins, child of Keri Robbins and Michael Robbins, plans to join the United States Navy.



Robbins

Top 3 accomplishments: Participating in every theater performance in high school; 1st Place in Math Team Calculator Team; Receiving High Marks in Solo/Ensemble.

What's something you learned that

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you will take with you after high school? Practicing for my Senior Year Musical. This was going to be my last performance in high school. I have never felt more comfortable than when I was with my Director and fellow actors blocking scenes and running lines.

Humanities



Samuelson

Jager Samuelson, child of Shelby and Jerry Samuelson, plans to attend Grand Canyon University to study professional writing and digital film.

Top 3 achievements: Running Cross Country, Student Council President, Participating in Volunteer Groups.

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

school? In English class sophomore year, we read the book Fahrenheit 451. This book was incredibly important to me and it made me want to pursue a career in writing. English class (specifically my teacher) has given me a lot of important skills and knowledge that I will use in my potential career and for the rest of my life.

Leadership



Wirt

Morgan Wirt, child of Philip and Amber Wirt, plans to attend Black Hawk College and then transfer to a 4-year university to study elementary education.

Top 3 achievements: 1. Illinois Principal Student Leadership Award 2. Illinois FFA Agricultural Education Proficiency Award Winner 3. National Honor Society.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One of my classroom learning experiences I will remember forever happened in my senior English class with Mrs. Steider. We were learning about poetry, and we got the chance to write our own poems as well. I wrote about feeling pressure to be perfect and fit a certain mold. Mrs. Steider wrote a little note on my paper saying that she liked my poem but it is okay to be imperfect and break those molds. She said, "There is nothing wrong with breaking the mold. It's your life- you get to be who you want to be." Those are words I will never forget.

Math/The Sciences

Jay Anderson, child of Sharon Anderson and Galen Anderson, plans to attend Southern Illinois University.

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, Valedictorian, Associate's Degree from Black Hawk College.



Anderson

figured it was going to be boring and a class I would dread going to. After the first couple weeks of classes, I began to look forward to this class because of the way the teacher taught. Even though our time with him in the classroom was mainly lecture time, he kept us engaged by using different computer-based activities, Kahoot!, and even coming up with a maze activity for us to work through to prepare for our final. He always found a way to keep us engaged and found new ways for us to learn it. He impacted me so much, I even plan to take some of his strategies to my own classroom.

Vocational Education

Paige Nimrick, child of Troy & Mandi Nimrick, plans to attend University of Wisconsin at Platteville.

Top 3 achievements: FFA Treasurer, Delong Livestock 4-H President, NHS Secretary.

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

There is one classroom learning experience that will stick with me forever. I have always dreamed of becoming a teacher. This year I was finally able to start my journey as a teacher through my elementary school internship. I have been given the opportunity to spend my last class of the day in the 1st-grade classroom. Most would say everything they have learned in school has come

from a teacher, but one of my greatest lessons came from a young student. Every day when I enter the classroom, I see him sitting at his desk, listening to his teacher with the biggest smile on his face. He is always ready to learn and striving to do his best. He has really inspired me, reminding me that no matter how much you want to give up, you just have to put a smile on your face and keep going!

Young Journalist

Summer Moore, child of Michael Moore, plans to attend Capri College.

Top 3 achievements: Theatre—4 years with lead roles. Band—Solo and Ensemble division one and participated in Honor Bands. Speech Team—Went to State for my Original Oratory and Humorous Duet Acting.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience that I will remember forever is being in a creative writing class my sophomore year. During that class I was able to do more than a normal English class. The open minded curriculum allowed me to soar my wings and it taught me that there is more to writing than just your normal essays and papers. Writing poetry has been an amazing outlet for me and has given me healthy ways to deal with my stressors during these last few years. With poetry I am really able to express myself and take all of my emotions from my head to paper. I have always loved writing, but my high school English teachers have made me love it even more. It is important to have a teacher that does more than just give a lesson, but a teacher that listens to you and encourages everything you do.



Moore

CALAMUS-WHEATLAND HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Academics

Alexis Clark, child of Brett and Jessica Esbaum, plans to attend Scott Community College and then transfer to UNI.



Clark

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I learning experience that I will remember forever is when I was at internship through school and it helped me confirm what I wanted to do for the rest of my life.

The Arts

Anabelle Gautreaux, child of Sharon Rounds, plans to attend Project Search.



Gautreaux

Top 3 accomplishments: Band, choir, musical.

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

I used to climb in my grandma's window when I had to go out to the ag building. One day I came in that way and scared a Spanish 3 student! I'll never forget the day Mrs. Seedorff and Mrs. Kerr laughed when I pulled out a gift from under my

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choir robe for Mrs. Kerr. Then Mrs. Seedorff being jealous that I didn't do the same with my Harry Potter robe.

Humanities

Collin Cavey, child of Matt Cavey and Andrea Cavey, plans to attend Clinton Community College.



Cavey

Top 3 achievements: A Honor roll, B Honor Roll, State Track and Field.

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

my time at Calamus-Wheatland, A learning experience I will always remember is Government Class with Mr. Higgins. With my time in Government class, I loved learning about the amendments and learning how the Government works on a daily bases. Mr. Higgins is a great history teacher, so that also made the class something I will always remember.

Leadership

Kyle Vander Heiden, child of Ryan VanderHeiden and Dawn VanderHeiden, plans to attend Northwest Iowa Community College.



Vander Heiden

Top 3 achievements: FFA Chapter President, Southeast District FFA Vice-President and Bernie Sagau Award.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience that I will always remember is when my agriculture teacher told me, "It's not all about how much you're involved in, it's about how hard you work in the few you are." That will always be something I take with me to college, and even after.

Math/The Sciences

Olivia Ganzer, child of Dari Orman and Adam Ganzer, plans to attend Clinton Community College.



Ganzer

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A learning experience I will remember forever was when I took environmental science my Junior year of highschool, the spring semester. I learned so much during the class in such a short amount of time. The field trips we went on were fun and interesting too. From that moment on I knew I wanted to be in a career of science for the rest of my life.

Vocational Education

Chayse Grell, child of Chris Grell and the late Monica Grell, plans to enter the workforce after high school.

Top 3 achievements: Varsity cheer, honor roll most of high school, graduating.

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

An experience I will never forget is being a part of the cafe class. We prepared and made meals for the community. I loved working with the

class as a team to complete our task's everyday. I also really enjoyed being apart of the greenhouse class and holding a plant sale on Mother's Day weekend. I will forever remember all of the great times and experiences Calamus Wheatland gave me the opportunity to be apart of.

Young Journalist

Allison Bretschneider, child of Carolyn and Scott Bretschneider, plans to join the work force after high school.

Top 3 achievements: Internship

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

classroom learning experience I will remember forever is when I took yearbook. Yearbook was a really fun class and I made lots of memories. One thing that I really enjoyed during yearbook was going out into town and selling ads for the day. I am not a social or talkative person at all but it was a very good experience for me and I got close to the people in that class and we all built a bond with each other. I also really enjoyed making conversation with everyone in that class and having the best laughs with all my classmates and teacher.



Bretschneider

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especially since English normally comes very easy for me. He got me prepared for college level work that is going to come this next school year and I am forever grateful for that.

Young Journalist

Abigail Yerington, child of Brian Yerinton and Dana Allen, plans to attend Muscatine Community College.

Top 3 achievements: Year-



Yerington

book/Newspaper, Student Council, Work Base.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A learning experience I will never forget is in my senior year journalism two class. All year we have been reading a novel called "Leaders eat last". After we read a chapter we all meet in a circle to talk about what we read. When we were meeting one time we were

talking about what a leader really is, a leader in the classroom and out of the classroom. The conversation was very deep and opened my eyes to the true meaning of leadership, taught me that a leader is fair and treats everyone the same. I will never forget this day in class because I grew closer to my classmates and learned so much.

Nevaeh Davidson, child of Belinda Lemkau and Bryan Lemkau, plans to attend Muscatine Community College.

Top 3 achievements: A member of the Muscatine High School



Davidson

Newsletter, A member of the Muscatine High School Yearbook Committee, Stage Manager of the Muscatine High School Theatre Department.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My most memorable moment from the classroom happened during the first week of second semester of my Senior year. My Journalism

teacher talked over the goals I had made for myself at the beginning of the year, and she told me, "Stop worrying so much about planning. Just write. You're a good writer." This moment has stuck with me, especially as college approaches, and scholarship and admission require more and more essays. It was very simple advice, but it made me realize that other people were really reading what I wrote about, which was a feeling I had never felt before. I felt like I really had a voice, not just in my Journalism class, but my entire school.

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Academics

Michael Delzell, child of Chad and Stacey Delzell, plans to attend Kirkwood Community College.

Top 3 achievements: 4.0 GPA+Valedictorian, 5x State Tournament Qualifier, Academic All-State.

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

A learning experience I'll remember forever is creating a business plan during Intro to Business class sophomore year. For this project, we had to create a full 5 year business plan, starting from scratch. Through this I learned a lot about entrepreneurship, and the struggles that go into it. There are many expenses I had never thought about. This project really motivated me to go in to the business field.

The Arts

Rubie Blinkinsop, child of Lance Blinkinsop and Jenette Witt, plans to attend Clinton Community College and then transfer to study psychology.

Top 3 accomplishments: Receiving a 1 on my solo at Solo & Ensemble Contest this year, Making high honor roll every year, Being asked to sing at the All School Academic Awards/Banquet twice.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My most memorable class experience was in an online class, Introduction to Philosophy, provided by Clinton Community College. The right to choose this class really allowed my perspective of life to completely shift. The topic of morals was being discussed and we took a quiz to see how solid we were in our personal morals. I found it difficult to choose between one or the other. I found that the human opinion can be very complex, something that I

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had not had a chance to think so deeply about. Finding out my morals had contradicted themselves showed me how much a person has to learn from when they are in high school. It made me excited to explore my own beliefs more in depth. Another impact of this simple quiz was my interest in pursuing a career in psychology. Learning about the complexities of human behavior became a large interest of mine. The endless possibilities of the mind and how much there is to explore was sparked by that quiz about morals.

Humanities



Gregorich

Emily Gregorich, child of Candida and David Gregorich, plans to attend St. Ambrose University.

Top 3 achievements: 1.) Section leader of percussion 2.) PTK Member 3.) Valedictorian.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? This past semester in my government class, we were discussing Thanksgiving dinner and enjoying time with our family. Our teacher looked at us and told us how to be in the moment and forget about your phone for one day. Those family members may

not be there on Christmas or the next Thanksgiving. Cherish what is in front of you rather than be sucked into a device. If you spend every minute in your phone, you'll miss out on the present and regret not getting one more hug or one more goodbye. His words really sunk deep and made me feel something that day.

Leadership



Dickherber

Tucker Dickherber, child of Pat & Beth Dickherber, plans to attend Grand View University.

Top 3 achievements: Valedictorian of my class, Two time All State Football recipient, Qualifying for state with my sport's teams a total of 6 times in my high school career.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? The classroom experience that I feel will have a lasting impression on me is a discussion held in my College level personal finance class. The discussion focused around fiscal responsibility and preparing us for the future and becoming financially independent. We live in a free market economy and as a citizen we have the right to earn and spend money how we see fit. It is important to spend

responsibly so that we don't have to live pay check to pay check and we can invest wisely for our futures and the future of our families.

Math/The Sciences



Kinkaid

Eric Kinkaid, child of Ryan and Stacy Kinkaid, plans to attend Loras College to study engineering and participate in wrestling and the honors program.

Top 3 achievements: Valedictorian, 2022 2A 145 lbs. Wrestling State Champion, 2x All State Football Linebacker.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Taking physics during my senior year of high school has been one of the best decisions I have made as a young adult. The complexities and challenges posed by this class forced me to further develop my problem solving skills and strengthen my quantitative reasoning proficiency. In simple terms, physics teaches us the underlying principles regarding how almost all things work, which also is a key element to the study of engineering. This class has geared me toward pursuing a career in engineering through my interest in the mathematical beauty of the universe at all scales. It has been a learning experience that will never escape my mind, and has likely shaped my professional future.

Vocational Education



Jacobo

Kamilla Jacobo, child of Ignacio Jacobo & Nanci Lopez, plans to attend University of Iowa to study clinical psychology and brain sciences on the pre-medicine track.

Top 3 achievements: Internship with the Camanche-Dewitt Coalition, Valedictorian, member of Leaders Emerging and Developing (LEAD).

What's something you learned that

you will take with you after high school? During the first semester of my senior year, I decided to take a college class called Social Psychology. Throughout the semester, my professor assigned discussion work that made me think about my morals and values. I reviewed social justice issues, gained new perspectives about social problems by talking to my peers, and learned the importance of being a part of a community. My final project was to create a research report on the challenges that my community faces. I chose to conduct research on substance abuse and the medical disparities within my community. My research has encouraged me to pursue a career in psychology and medicine to help remove the stigma surrounding mental health within my community. I will forever be grateful for taking a class that has encouraged me to advocate for social justice issues and has helped me find what I am most passionate about.

Young Journalist



Dodson

Danika Dodson, child of Doug and Deb Dodson, plans to attend Iowa State University.

Top 3 achievements: Iowa Governors Scholar Award, Valedictorian, E. Wayne Cooley Nomination for Academics & Athletics.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Ever since middle school, I always wanted to be apart of yearbook because I loved the idea of taking pictures at sporting events. Once I got to high school I took Digital Design as an introductory class to be in yearbook the next year. Although I have thoroughly enjoyed being in yearbook and using Photoshop to make each page, using this technology made me realize how much I enjoy digital media in general. This year I took on the role of creating sports graphics and other designs for our school instagram. After this experience, I truly recognize the talent I have for making sports graphics and now want to continue it into my future career in sports management.

CENTRAL DEWITT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Academics

Tyson Spicer, child of Josh Spicer and Mica Spicer, plans to attend Iowa State University.

Top 3 achievements: The Scribbler Literary Magazine receiving a NCTE Superior (Which I manage), going to ALL-STATE for Spontaneous Speaking both my freshman and senior years.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? The classroom experience I'll remember forever is in my AP Calc AB class. We had been struggling on one problem as a class for 45 minutes only for us to all realize we had made a super simple mistake. This was the moment in which our calculus teacher drew a circle with an arrow on the board and explained a concept he had made. He essentially said that if you gain enough knowledge, you can reach the pinnacle of smartness, but if you think too hard, eventually, you'll circle right back around into being stupid.

The Arts

Abigail Stoker, child of Bryan and Allison Stoker, plans to attend Brigham Young University to study graphic design with an emphasis on branding and identity.

Top 3 accomplishments: Best of Center/perfect ballot on flute solo & division one ratings on piccolo and alto flute solos at IHSMA Solo & Ensemble Fest this year, Honorable mention for C-Span's Student Cam Competition, captain of our school's robotics team.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? From shouts of laughter to tear stains on my music, band has taught me much. I will never forget the valuable time I spent learning from Mr. Greubel our band director, and the students around me. The band room is unlike any regular classroom. Walking by the room you can hear echoes of "Seven Nation Army" from the bari saxes, or trumpets blasting the notes to "Industry Baby," sometimes you hear flutes effortlessly running up and down scales, or the french horns talking focused on each other and not their music. But laughter and joy could always be heard. Every day I walked into the

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band room no matter what I was dealing with, someone always made me smile and laugh. I'm truly grateful for band and all of the opportunities and lessons it gave me. If you're ever looking to smile the band room makes a lot of those.

Humanities

KateLynn Simmons, child of Jeanine and Joseph Simmons, plans to attend University of Iowa.

Top 3 achievements: Student Council President, Biliteracy Seal in Spanish, All-State recognition for group readers theater in speech.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A learning experience I will remember forever was the advice I received from Eddie Mercado. In an interview for a school project, I asked Mr. Mercado what was one lesson he learned from his working experience, and he said: "learning to give someone that I didn't necessarily like the

respect they were due as a human, as hard as it was, helped me so positively in my work life later on (especially in education)." This conversation taught me that no matter what your future path looks like, you will have to deal with many different types of people. Learning to respect everyone around you is one of the most important ways to create a positive and enjoyable life and work environment.

Leadership

Benjamin Alger, child of Tom and Mary Alger, plans to attend University of Iowa's Tippie College of Business.

Top 3 achievements: Being cast as Gaston in our schools fall musical, Disney's Beauty and the Beast. Earning the captains pin on the varsity golf team. Being inducted to our schools National Honors Society chapter as a junior.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My freshman year history teacher, Mr. Carter, told us

on the first day of class that we will have an end of the year final. This final will test us over everything covered in the course and memorizing every country in the world. Just thinking about that task made me tired and scared. I didn't think that I was capable of doing any of that. However, I still went to every class looking forward to learning more about the world's history and cultures. I had tons of fun through Mr. Carter's awesome lectures and memorization games; to the point I was not surprised once Iaced the end of the year final. This taught me just how capable I can be when I put my mind to something. Thank you Mr. Carter.

Math/The Sciences

Eric Zimmer, child of Christine Zimmer and Matthew Zimmer, plans to attend Northern Illinois University to study electrical engineering.

Top 3 achievements: On my ACT I got a 34 in Science and a 31 in Math, I passed and scored well on the A.P. Computer Science A test. Accepted into NIU's

College of Engineering and Engineering Technology as well as NIU's Honors program which recognizes students with significant academic achievement.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will never forget the day in and day out funny moments with Eric Olson, who has been my honors math teacher for three years as well as my A.P. Computer Science and A.P. Calculus teacher. Every day entering his classroom was a joy and I was always excited to find out how Mr. Olson would use his unique sense of humor to transform math into something funny. A specific moment I can remember is when we were learning about asymptotes which are lines in which a function approaches but never touches. Mr. Olson started this lesson off by explaining this and then immediately pulling out his phone which was hooked up to the speakers and started playing MC Hammer's song "Hammer Time" and with a straight face every time MC Hammer said "can't touch this" he would point to the asymptotes in the function while singing along.

Vocational Education

Drew Dunlavy, child of Cassie and Jeff Dunlavy, plans to attend Scott Community College.



Dunlavy

Top 3 achievements: 2021 Herbert Hoover Uncommon Student Award, 2022 Iowa Degree FFA, and starting my own successful gourmet cheesecake business.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I will remember forever was teaching a cheesecake workshop to high school baking students from three different schools. Students from Central DeWitt, Cal-Wheat and Northeast High Schools all got together to listen to my business development story and then we made cheesecakes. I was able to use my skills, knowledge and experience to help others. I have taken five different culinary classes at Central DeWitt and several college workshops. The cheesecake workshop was a great success and I was able to share my knowledge with a lot of different students. It helped me gain leadership experience and confidence. I learned so much over the last four years and also combined my baking knowledge with my FFA projects to focus on growing a business. I hope I inspired others to pursue their dreams. I plan to continue learning, cooking and growing my business.

Young Journalist



Miller

Emma Miller, child of Jennifer Cook Gregory and Todd Miller, plans to attend Iowa State University.

Top 3 achievements: Best 3A Drum Major at Muskie Marching Competition, Governor's Scholar Award, Student Council Vice

President.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In my freshman year history class, my teacher and I had a debate about different philosophies of life: nihilism, existentialism, etc. He never told me that I was wrong, but would push me to dig deeper and really defend my opinion. He would always play Devil's Advocate, allowing you to understand all sides. He taught me the importance of being able to back up my opinions and stretch my ways of thinking.

West

From 4

Top 3 achievements: Maintaining a 4.0 gpa, Class President, Editor-in-Chief of the school newspaper.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience that I will remember forever was learning about the interview process in newspaper. I remember being taught the proper way to



Bernick

to a great newspaper story, it is the people I've met that I will never forget. Newspaper interviews have brought me closer with the staff and students at my school, revealing traits, personalities, and even talents. I re-

member coming back from my very first interview and saying "Wow, I can't believe what I just learned about that person." All of this came from taking just 10 minutes to sit down and talk to an individual about themselves or a specific topic. These interviews have revealed to me how much West High School has to offer, and how many incredible people are within it.

Alyssa Broer, child of Allen Broer and Stephanie Broer, plans to attend St. Ambrose University.

Top 3 achievements: Year-

book Editor-In-Chief, Dance Team captain, Falcon Friends Club.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Yearbook has been a very special part of my life since freshman year. I started with intro to yearbook freshman year then got invited to join the yearbook staff my sopho-

more year. Being a part of the staff has welcomed so many fantastic people in my life and has let me grow throughout west. Now being the Editor-In-Chief for the yearbook it is a whole new feeling. Everyone is so easy and kind to work with which makes it so much easier. I could not imagine high school without yearbook. The staff, choate and the book in general will hold a special place in my heart that I will remember forever.

FULTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

The Arts

Kelsey Crimmins, child of Rich and Kerri Vankampen and Jim Crimmins, plans to attend St. Ambrose University.



Crimmins

Top 3 accomplishments: International Thespians, Academic Excellence, and Senior ILMEA.
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will always remember the time I was in band when we were learning a new marching band song out in the football field. It was hot outside and we had already ran through the song once that day. That's when the teacher said that I was playing the loudest and that everyone needed to try and outplay me. When we played the song the next time I realized how much more I could hear when people were playing out and it made me realize that sometimes things are better when you look for, or in this case listen to, the little things.

Humanities



McGovern

Victoria McGovern, child of Ken and Beth McGovern, plans to attend Loyola University - Chicago.

Top 3 achievements: Academic Excellence, NHS, BLIND.
What's something you learned that you

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Madly Baker, Brenna Bell, Rachael Bennett, Lara Bielema, Jersey Boyson, Alexander Brown, Aliya Bueno, Lindsey Carlson, Kelsey Crimmins, Aiden Daley, Marcus Dixon, Zachariah Dykstra, Drew Dykstra, Olivia Eversoll, Dominick Everson, Emmie Ganzer, Mikayla Gazo, Tee-gan Germann, Cameron Glazier, Johnathan Greifzu, Suvraj Grewal, Kelly Harris, Jacob Hartman, Cole Hartsell, Nathaniel Hartsell, Lilly Hayden, Connor Howard, Joseph Huizenga, Anna Huizenga, Paige Jackson, Dane Johnson, Emma Johnston, Jacob Jones, Colton Layne, Marissa Lehman, Haleigh Littlejohn, Patrick Lower, Davis Ludin, Lauren Mahoney, Brock Mason, Madison McClelland, Victoria McGovern, Kyle Meinema, Gavyn Mendoza, Dominic Mulder, Ella Penca, Hannah Phelps, Montana Pierce, Cailyn Piercy, Lucas Raab, Kole Schipper, Xander Seesser, Travis Sippel, Hailey Stage, Kara Stoecker, Aiden Taylor, Abbigail Thyne, Christina Todd, Kendra Underwood, Keegan VanKampen, Parker Veith, Xander Walling, Cecelia Wendt, Ian Wiebenga, Kannon Wynkoop.

will take with you after high school?

One classroom learning experience I'll remember forever is in all of my classes, but especially English 2, when I was given the chance to help my classmates with their work. (In English it was noredink that I often helped with.) This helped me realize that I like to help people and to give back, which is why I want to go into psychology.

Leadership

Kara Stoecker, child of Chet and Barb Stoecker, plans to attend Sauk Valley Community College.

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar. First- team all-conference Volleyball. All-conference academic award.

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



Stoecker

overall winner. This causes us to study hard in preparation. The day of is very exciting, your whole team works together to secure first place. When it gets down to the last wire things become intense. I will take the studying skills I learned from this class and apply it to college. I will forever remember working together and having fun while learning.

school?

In my History Class, we do a review Jeopardy game the day before tests. When finals come around everyone is excited to play the final Jeopardy game and come out as the

Math/The Sciences

Marcus Dixon, child of Joseph and Regina Dixon, plans to attend Sauk Valley Community College and then transfer.

Top 3 achievements: 1. Good SAT Score 2. Good Grades 3. Good Plays.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? While we were going over what must have been a difficult subject in math during middle school, I remember my math teacher at the time, Mrs. V, responded to some of the other kids who were complaining about the difficulty of the class by saying that her son was in AP Calculus and that this is only the basics. From that point onward, I found a lot of my free time being filled by learning math for personal enjoyment just to see how crazy it can get.

Vocational Education

Zach Dykstra, child of Shane & Jennifer Dykstra, plans to attend Kirkwood Community College.

Top 3 achievements: 3.0 award, Academic All Conference Recognition, Football All Conference Honorable Mention (Center).

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience I'll remember forever is when I was first learning to weld. I was taking welding because I thought it would be fun and I would use it out on our farm. When I started welding I thought it was really fun and easy and

I really liked it. That feeling has stuck with me throughout the years and every time I go to weld I get that feeling and it makes me happy.

Young Journalist

Ella Penca, child of Kimberly Klooster-Penca, plans to attend Eastern Illinois University.

Top 3 achievements: Accepted into NHS for two years, Illinois State Scholar, Vice President of Key Club.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom experience I'll remember forever was writing articles for my town's newspaper. Our school offers a community involvement class where students get the opportunity to shadow a career that they may be interested in pursuing. For my second semester of community involvement, I chose to observe what being a journalist for the newspaper is like. Each week, I worked with a journalist and wrote an article about an event going on around my school. The article would then get published into the newspaper the following week. As a person who loves writing, this was an incredible experience. It was also a great way to promote my school, as I was able to inform the community on school activities and student achievements that the newspaper doesn't always discuss. It was definitely one of the coolest things I've ever done, and I'm grateful that my school gave me that opportunity.



Penca

MID CITY HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Academics

Jedediah Miller, child of Monic Miller and Shawn Miller, plans to attend college after high school.



Miller

Top 3 achievements: Top GPA in Class of 2021, Maverick of the Month, Youth Leadership Team.
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In US Government, Mr. Callaway gave us a pizza party. In order to get the party we learned the process of how a bill signed by the president can be challenged and make its way to the Supreme Court. This was special because Mr. Callaway never throws parties, so we felt we earned it.

The Arts

Apryl Taylor, child of Jayme Lannon-Taylor and Allen Taylor, is undecided on her plans after high school.



Taylor

Top 3 accomplishments: Senior Portfolio day at the Figge Art Museum, Teacher Assistant, Emerging Excellence with the National Art Educators of Iowa.
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I was first shown how to draw a nose and that has helped me make many different faces.

Humanities

Rachel Kalahan, child of Kristy Kalahan and Kenneth Kalahan, is undecided



Kalahan

for 2 years.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One thing I will never forget about my time at MidCity is how appreciated I felt by the teachers and staff members. The teachers are so willing to get to know the students on a wider scale, letting the students talk to them about problems or simply a conversation, while also being able to help with different accommodations in order to get the class work done. I remember several times when I talked to a staff member about mutual interests, whether it be a band we both liked or a world movement that was occurring. The level of understanding and care that was shown for the students is something I'll never forget.

Leadership

Laila Dorantes, child of Lindsey and Luis Lugo, is undecided on her plans after high school.



Dorantes

Top 3 achievements: i-Jag, MVP Student Voice and Future educator's club.

What's something you learned that you will take

with you after high school? I remember being part of the Educator's Club and getting the opportunity to attend a big college fair and get ideas of where to go in the future. I was being prepared for my future. Entering high school was a huge difference from what I was used to, then having covid affect us was a major turning point in my life. I was able to continue my education and succeed thanks to all my teachers at Mid City, that were there to face the world and learn with us. Mid City helped me achieve not only academic skills but life skills as well that will always help me in life. I learned that I can be anything I want if I just give it my best.

Math/The Sciences
Miyonna Powell, child of Gara Powell and Sedrick Hall, plans to attend Scott Community College.



Powell

Top 3 achievements: early graduate, iJAG, 4.0 in junior & senior science courses.
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I have a lot of classroom experiences I'll never forget, but the one that stuck out more is when Covid hit and we had to do online from home. It was very hard and stressful but I managed to still go to my classes and do all of my work, all my teachers were so helpful and helped to the best of their abilities and I really appreciate them for that.

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Anahi Olarte McBunnette, Alexis Agan, Katelyn Albrechtsen, Brant Apa, Evan Banker, Tamyra Bates, Kylee Baty, Adrian Berry, Dozjanea Bogguess, Ethan Boyd, Kardez Butler, Kiana Carey, Shamara Cooper Hicks, Molly Davison, Laila Dorantes, Makenna Driver, Allison Fuller, Riley Gordon, Jaydan Gottsche, Zachary Hatfield, Takiyah Hawkins, Giah Hill, Tabitha Hoyer, Alyssa Johnson, Jaylyn Johnson, Jaylyn Johnson, Mya Jordan, Rachel Kalahan, Katelyn Kurtz, Olivia Manning, Abigail McCarty, Faith McCune, Jayden Messmer, Jedediah Miller, Kourtney Miller, Ashley Moeller, Abigail Moore, Samantha Morse, Makaylee Nelson, Jayde OMalley, Haley Pickeral, Miyonna Powell, Antonio Ramirez, Elizabeth Rieck, Austin Rockwell, Maelynn Rogers, Khalil Rush, Joseph Sam, Gabriel Santarsieri, Christopher Shadrack, Ariana Solorzano, Hope Steininger, Kaleb Stellerrecht, Aaron Taylor, Apryl Taylor, Dartarrius Terrell, Kobe Thompson, Mekhi Torres, Damarius Townsend, Tristan Wasson,, Jayme Watson, Caytlin Wilford, John Wilkens, Terryona Williams

Vocational Education

Damarius Townsend, child of Shantia Morgan, plans to attend a trade school.

Top 3 achievements: Taking every Foods class offered at Mid City, taking extra classes to graduate on time, juggling work and school.
What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My Foods teacher had an impact on me because she has high expectations yet still made the classes fun and helped me find a passion for cooking. Another thing I learned that I will take with me after high school is how to be independent but still accept support and guidance from people around me.



Townsend

Young Journalist

Caytlin Wilford, child of Beverly Wilford and John Wilford, is undecided about her future plans.

Top 3 achievements: Honors English courses, iJAG, Teacher Assistant for several different classes.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My favorite learning experience is how to clearly and confidently written paragraphs/Essays. How to write and communicate with people around you; or talk to people around the world is a very important skill to have. Writing is one of, if not the most useful skill to take from School. Because, you can use it for as long as you live.



Wilford

Pleasant Valley

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imagination where we were split in teams and made our own countries. It was like Settlers of Catan. It was fun having to work together and negotiate with other people and discover the other teams. It was a fun experience and very different from everything else that was in the school.

Sydney Zabel, child of Ted Zabel and Diane Zabel, plans to attend Scott Community College to play soccer, and then Iowa State University to study Family and Consumer Sciences Education.



Zabel

Top 3 achievements: Invited to be the student voice at Human Services Regional Advisory Council, Earned 39 college credit hours during high school, Achieved Academic Excellence and Honor Awards.

What's something you

learned that you will take with you after high school?

I was blessed to have had many wonderful learning experiences at PV, although my best learning experience was from the Intro to Education course I took my senior year of high school. During the course, I had the opportunity to complete 40 observation hours in an 8th grade Family and Consumer Science classroom at PVJH. My time spent student teaching at the junior high was an experience I will never forget. I learned about the different classroom management styles teachers use, how teachers create lesson plans, and most importantly how to be adaptable and patient when a plan doesn't work how you thought it would. As teachers, our first goal is caring for our students and helping them achieve their own goals in life. I hope to take all the lessons I learned throughout high school with me into my future job as a Family and Consumer Science teacher.

Young Journalist

Jayne Abraham, child of Elena



Abraham

Abraham and Sunday Abraham, plans to attend either Harvard University or Stanford University.

Top 3 achievements: 1. Editor-in-chief of Spartan Shield online newspaper. 2. Runner-up Iowa Journalist of the Year 2022. 3. 9-time Best of School Newspapers Online (SNO) awarded writer.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One of my greatest privileges as a student is leading my high school's online newspaper, the Spartan Shield, as Editor-in-Chief. After working as copy and opinion editor of my school's print publication over the course of my junior year, I developed a passion for journalism. Recognizing this passion, my newspaper adviser offered the position of Editor-in-Chief of the online publication to me, and I whole-heartedly accepted. Building and leading a team of writers has taught me invaluable

lessons about leadership. Learning the importance of selflessness and collaboration, I have seen articles and writers go from good to great and witnessed how powerful shared passion can be. I hope to extend this type of collaborative work into my future academic pursuits, applying the critical skills with which this experience has equipped me.

Allisa Pandit, child of Rad Pandit and Shila Pandit, plans to attend University of Iowa to study journalism and businesses on the pre-law track.

Top 3 achievements: Editor in chief of the Spartan Shield print publication, two-time executive team member of Pleasant Valley High School's student council (Spartan Assembly), and third place for Iowa High School Press Association Designer of the Year.

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



Pandit

As a sophomore, I enrolled in my school's publications class, hoping to find a new medium to express my passion for politics and writing. After joining Honors Journalism last semester, I was able to take my writing online. When rumors first spread about PV being sued over a racist TikTok made by two students, I texted my adviser with interest. Within a week, I'd scheduled interviews with administrators, held video conferences with the plaintiffs, contacted the Iowa District Court for Scott County for the case petition, worked with an attorney to understand the case's legality, and interviewed students who had faced previous racial discrimination. Following the article's publication, we received emails from around the country, nearly 200 shares on the article's Instagram post, and constant discussion around the school. This classroom experience allowed me to understand the true power of journalism and encouraged me to continue studying journalism in college.

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Academics

Samuel Schroeder, child of Jay and Julie Schroeder, plans to attend Iowa State University.



S. Schroeder

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My most impactful high school learning experience was the worldview class that I took in my junior year. In this class, we learned about the many different systems of ideas that people hold and how this impacts their views on a variety of fields. We first learned about each system, its history, core tenets, and major works and supporters. After this, we examined each worldview's approach to and ideas about a range of academic fields, from theology, philosophy, and psychology to biology, economics, politics, and several others. This class was so impactful because it prepared me to respectfully interact and dialogue with people who have different ideas and opinions than me. Because I understand where a person is coming from and why they have certain opinions, I can have a more productive discussion with that person and find common ground instead of engaging in meaningless arguing.

CLASS OF 2022

Juliet Brewer, LilyAnna Champlin, Joseph Gibson, Kara Hughes, Carolyn Raymon, Caleb Schroeder, Samuel Schroeder, Emily Spykstra, Anna Stivers.

The Arts

Juliet Brewer, child of Mari Brewer and Larry Brewer, plans to attend University of Iowa to study marketing.



Brewer

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience I will remember forever happened just a few months ago as Covid seemed to be the head of debate everywhere. My class began a conversation about Covid vaccines which quickly turned into a twenty minute debate. It was led by the students as our teacher had left for a short time. Rather than enjoying our free time, my class split up into two teams and led a debate regarding whether or not Covid vaccines should be mandatory. It was our decision to debate with each other as the teacher was unaware of our discussion

until her return to the classroom. It was a civil debate where everyone respected each other which was encouraging to see how calmly my classroom would react to opposing opinions. Each of us had different opinions but we have been taught how to share them in a way that others will want to listen and learn. It is exciting to see how mature this student led discussion was and it gives me hope of a bright future for each of us.

Humanities

Carolyn Raymon, child of Ann and Tim Raymon, plans to attend Ashbury University.



Raymon

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? At Morning Star, we students participate in harknesses "student guided discussions" in almost every class. My favorite harknesses, however, happen in literature, especially modern and American literature. I remember discussing how "To Kill a Mockingbird" highlights societal ills, how sin affects society in "The Scarlet Letter," and how Edgar Allan Poe analyzes death and the human psyche in his various works. In these discussions, everyone has a chance to share their opinions without fear of judgement. I believe

that, by participating in harknesses, I have learned skills to help me discuss heavier topics with people I meet in the future. To be able to think critically and discuss civilly is incredibly important in any field of work, and my classroom experiences have helped me achieve those skills.

Leadership

Kara Hughes, child of Kent and Dawn Hughes, plans to attend Grace College.



Hughes

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? At Morning Star, Harkness discussions (student lead discussions with limited teacher involvement) are commonplace in the classroom. While they are done more often in classes such as literature or history, they are also present in science and math classes. Having the ability to discuss a variety of topics in an open-ended way has changed how I look at problems and potential solutions. In many cases, students must come to class with questions ready for discussion which allows for greater conversation as each question is examined. There have been many times my class has dove into deep topics and made connections our teachers had not thought about. Throughout the years of Harkness, I have

learned to better articulate my thoughts and make deeper connections with the topic, whether discussing a reading or a question. My class always made Harkness fun while still ensuring a good academic discussion.

Math/The Sciences

Caleb Schroeder, child of Jay Schroeder and Julie Schroeder, plans to attend Purdue University.



C. Schroeder

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One of my favorite learning experiences was building cars powered by a mousetrap in my Junior physics class. The class was paired into teams and given a list of requirements and materials. We were then tasked with using what we had recently learned about forces and torque to create a car that would travel the furthest distance. What I loved about the experience was getting to put what we had learned into practice while working together. We built our first design, then assessed its flaws and using what we knew, iterated to create a better design using what we had learned. It was a great experience getting to put what we learned into practice and working together to accomplish a goal.

ORION HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Academics

Margaret Nedved, child of Peter and Sarah Nedved, plans to attend Iowa State University.



Nedved

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One of my fondest high school memories takes place in the chemistry room. It was the week before Christmas break, and my chemistry teacher decided we needed an experiment to get in the holiday spirit. We were currently working on a crystals unit, so she taught us how to make snow globes. We each picked out two holiday-themed figurines and set to work creating the benzoic acid solution that would eventually form crystals. Up until then, I had never given much thought about how snow globes were made. However, this experiment was the turning point in my decision to pursue chemistry as a career in the field of chemical engineering.

The Arts

Sophie Selander, child of Michele and Jeff Selander, plans to attend Parkland College.



Selander

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I received the Arion Award for my leadership in the band. I was nominated and accepted to sing with the Bradley Honor Choir. I interviewed and was accepted to be the Band and Choir section leader.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In English, we had a semester long research project over any global issue. We created a website and posted blogs about our own research every week to create more awareness over the topic we chose. With this initial project, we were required to create an action project to actually make

CLASS OF 2022

Addison Awbrey, Jayde Bainter, Denzil Battin Jr, Cora Bent, Helana Bergstrom, Vaughn Bernhardt, Brayden Broderick, Thea Brown, Ryan Bussard, Anne Carlson, Tirrus Comer, Brianna DeMay, Haylee Denney, Sawyer Engstrom, Courtney Farwell, Kasey Filler, Joseph Foley, Emmalyn Foster, Seth Gardner, Logan Gass, Madison Greenwood, Hunter Gustus, Joshua Hamilton, Owen Hink, Quinn Hoftender, Catherine Johnson, Luke Johnson, Derik Jungwirth, Gretchen Kerker, Luke Kohn, Spencer Lacy, Gabriel Laleman, Christian Lapsey, Zoe Larkins, Lauren Larson, Leah Manning, Gracie McHenry, Jared Mohr, Maddix Moninski, Avery Monson, Dathan Moore, Margaret Nedved, Timothy Nissen, Logan Noard, Isabelle Nordstrom, Alec Noyd, BreAunnika Payne, Chloe Rittenhouse, Toby Roberts, Kade Scharpman, Bianca Schnerre, Leah Sears, Sophie Selander, Hope Seys, Kaylee Shenaut, Damion Sowers, Chance Stropes, Benjamin Sundberg, Sydney Swope, Nathan Tapscott, Ava Terry, Britani Trujillo-Macias, Hayley VanDuyn, Amaya Versluis, Bradley Wade, Mackinzie Washburn, Abby Watson, Payton Weaver, Elle Weber, Walker Werkheiser, Elizabeth Wilbur, Kaitlyn Wilburn, Bryant Wittenauer, Ashlin Zufall

a difference towards our topic. I chose to research more about body image since it was an issue I have personally struggled with since a young age. I created an Instagram account to reach a younger audience that might be experiencing negative body image. After introducing my topic and opening my account up for people to have someone to talk to, many people responded to it. I was trusted by multiple people to share their experiences with me. It was very heartwarming and eye opening to see how much of an impact a school project could have.

Humanities

Catherine Johnson, child of Maribel Torres Lassuy, plans to attend St. Ambrose University.



Johnson

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I believe that our education is mostly impacted by the people who teach. It's hard to think back on one specific memory that sums up my schooling career, but our English course, taught by Mr. Andrew Lister, has allowed us to see the world in a different point of view. We have learned so

much about diversity; much more than you would get in any other class. We learned about race and sexuality, which are very taboo topics in such a small community. Being forced to put ourselves in the shoes of others was the most impactful part of my education and can be used as we go onto bigger and better things.

Leadership

Madison Greenwood, child of Michelle and JR Greenwood, plans to attend Augustana College.



Greenwood

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? There have been so many memorable classroom moments throughout my high school experience. Regardless, one that stands out the most would have been during my senior year English class. Throughout the semester, we focused on various topics about the world around us. Some of these topics included race, gender, and sexuality. During these units, we read narratives, had discussions, watched documentaries, and

learned about the struggles of people outside of ourselves. It was a lesson in awareness and empathy for me. While this is no singular event, these units created a learning experience for me that was so unique and irreplaceable. I was reminded how to put myself in the shoes of others and be mindful of issues that may not directly affect me. This is something I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

Math/The Sciences

Chance Stropes, child of Chad and Leigh-Ann Stropes, plans to attend Iowa State University.



Stropes

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My most memorable learning experience was dissecting a cat in Anatomy. Most of the class was a little uneasy at first, but we were able to get used to it. Looking inside and seeing the different organs was really cool especially due to its similarities with the human body. Getting to do the dissection myself is something I won't soon forget, especially because of the smell.

Vocational Education

Quinn Hoftender, child of Tim and Heather Hoftender, plans to attend Black Hawk College.



Hoftender

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Business has been an interest of mine from the first day I stepped through the

doors of Orion High School. The business department headed and operated by the one and only Mrs. Wegerer has been a second home for the entirety of my high school career. My all time favorite class was Business Law where we learned the basics behind laws that regulate business in the world. The class only had three students in it which made the lessons much more personable to me. As the son of an attorney, law is in my blood which means that this class was meant for me. It combined two of my favorite passions: law and business. Without this class I would not be in the academic position I am today. This class grew my love for business and helped me decide my future college plans.

Young Journalist

Kasey Filler, child of Chip and Jill Filler, plans to attend Capri College.



Filler

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? There have been a great number of learning experiences I've had in Journalism throughout the three years I've been involved. Before, I knew nothing about how to make a yearbook or take pictures. During my first year the student that was the leader of our yearbook sought out to teach me how to design yearbook spreads so I could take over when he graduated. Designing yearbook spreads and implementing our theme for the year is something I enjoy a lot. Over the course of the three years I've been in class I've also learned a lot about photography. Meg McLaughlin came into class to teach us about photography and some techniques that she uses when taking pictures. After she came in I've remembered everything she told us and I love taking pictures at events that can be put in the yearbook. I'm so happy I decided to take journalism because I've learned so much.

PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Academics

Braxton Morhardt, child of Rodney and Carrie Morhardt, is undecided about her future plans.



Morhardt

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One time in National Honor Society I had the opportunity to help put together and run a blood drive. This was very educational because I learned that even with blood drives there are so many people who are still in need of certain types of blood. This influenced me to start donating and in doing so I have received a red cord to wear when I walk across the stage at Graduation in May.

The Arts

Lillian Isenhour, child of Tammy and Andy Isenhour, plans to attend Carl Sandburg College to play volleyball.

Top 3 accomplishments: 1000 points



Isenhour

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? When our old science teacher used to bring food to school weekly just for fun. Pie day was my favorite!

Humanities

Kyle Kitteringham, child of Janelle and Daniel Kitteringham, plans to attend Clinton Community College.



Kitteringham

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? When we did pun day in Mrs. Nelson's class.

Leadership

Karly Detterman, child of Jenny and Jay Detterman, plans to attend Clinton



Detterman

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? "I will forever remember the time when my class was reading the book "To Kill a Mockingbird". At the end of the book, my teacher had everyone pick a character. After we selected this character, we had to dress up as them and bring in a food dish to represent this character. This was an amazing learning experience, while also having fun!

Math/The Sciences

Jeremiah Wauford, child of Jon Wauford and Ivalyn Wauford, plans to attend Iowa State University.



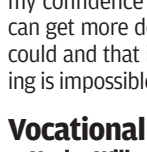
Wauford

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

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? A classroom learning experience that I will remember forever is still taking place right now and has been since the start of my senior year. I am taking Calculus online with no teacher and only assignments and videos to look off of. While it has been a hard experience I think that it has boosted my confidence and made me feel like I can get more done than I thought that I could and that if I work hard at it, nothing is impossible.

Vocational Education

Kaylee Wilkens, child of Jeremy Wilkens and (the late) Rebecca Wilkens, plans to attend Clinton Community College.



Wilkens

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

I will remember is the end of my Spanish 3 class when we got to bring food in for a final project. I learned a lot about foods from a different culture that day.

Young Journalist

Domenic Niles, child of Bradley Niles and Lyudmyla Lyashenko, is dual enrolled at Clinton Community College and plans to attend college after.



Niles

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In middle school I went to the Camanche public school. There, in social studies, we got to play a very interesting war game that I still remember today. It incentivized several different stratagems but I never got to see any pop up because my class could never get anything done on time. It is still the most memorable classroom experience I've had.

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QUAD CITIES CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Academics

Emily Gaudreau, child of Paul and Angie Gaudreau, plans to attend Eastern Gateway Community College.

Top 3 achievements: Eagle Award, Honor Roll (6 years), Newspaper (2 years).

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

A classroom experience I will never forget is my whole pre-calc year. This has been one of my favorite classes I have been in. Mr. Nesseler has made this class very fun and enjoyable. We watch math videos from Mr. Collin's and we all love how he roasts people and the facial expressions he makes. It has been a fun year and I know I will miss it.

The Arts

Jaylee Richter, child of Jay and Shirley Richter, plans to attend Western Illinois University in Quad Cities.

Top 3 accomplishments: 1. Student Council Vice President. 2. Drama. 3. Choir

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

My Chemistry teacher once told us a story that years prior, the fire department had received a call from a woman saying that her adult son had fallen in the bathtub and she couldn't get him up. When they arrived at the scene, they realized that he had been stuck for so long that cockroaches were living with him in the bathtub! At this point, I don't remember what that lesson was on, but I do remember that memory. It taught me

CLASS OF 2022

Benjamin Andrews, Andrew Atkins, Taylinn Brenner, Hailey Briggs, Faith Broomhead, Olivia Galanius, Emily Gaudreau, Sam Houston, Philippine Malve, AsiaBlue Mislei, Charlie Paradiso, Jaylee Richter, Veronica Sage, Bo Scheerlinck.

what type of teacher I want to be one day. Someday, I want to go above and beyond only teaching the base material of the class, but instead making it interesting and engaging for those listening. It taught me that I want to use the time that I have with the people around me to connect with them and make an impact on my world.

Humanities

Taylinn Brenner, child of Cory Brenner and Misty Kassabaum, plans to attend Western Illinois University.

Top 3 achievements: Honor roll 6 years in a row, most improved award in Volleyball, and a co-leader at a school fundraiser event 6

years in a row.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Amongst all the memories and classes I've taken, one classroom experience that stands out to me the most is my time in Cultural Geography. Studying the vast amounts of cultures, religions, peoples, and places always seemed to fascinate me. One of my favorite projects we did in the class was the in depth study on the real story of Pocahontas. As the truth unfolded before me and I learned

more not only about a well-known Native American figure but more about their culture, and how it has affected the world today, I fell more in love with Social Studies and the class as a whole. Never before had a project impacted me the way this one did, and it's something that's stuck with me throughout most of my Highschool years to follow. This is my first memorable experience of falling in love with Social Studies.

Leadership

Charlie Paradiso, child of Sheana & Luke Golofsky, plans to attend University of Iowa to major in psychology.

Top 3 achievements: Getting 2nd team all conference for basketball, Winning the Fulton Unity 2021 tournament (Basketball), Winning the position of student body president.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? The classroom experience I learned the most from was in this year's speech class. Our class had to give a speech on our favorite person. This gave us the opportunity to talk about someone who we deeply care about for a few minutes. While I didn't learn anything you'd typically learn in a school environment, I saw sides of my classmates I had never seen before. To see people not hold back and let out how they actually feel about someone was a humanizing experience. It was eye opening and reminded me of how everyone has more going on then what they show. The speeches were endearing to say the least and taught me to listen more. It made me realize once you let someone talk about something they love without judgment, you truly begin to see that person's unique brilliance.

Math/The Sciences

Sam Houston, child of Brian and Corrie Houston, plans to attend Pensacola Christian College.

Top 3 achievements: Academic Honors Society, Nominated for Christian Character Award in the NICC conference, maintained a 3.7+ cumulative GPA.

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

My most memorable learning experience was during my sophomore year. I had a study hall where me and a few of my friends would sit down and play chess. At the time I was still a very new player whereas my friends were not. I was probably beaten hundreds of times before actually starting to win consistently. I enjoyed the game so much. Me and the guys in that class all joined the chess team and we played in some tournaments. It was such a great time and the memories I made with them will stick with me forever.

Vocational Education

Faith Broomhead, child of Stephanie and Steve Broomhead, plans to attend Western Illinois University.

Top 3 achievements: Volleyball, High Honors Award, Newspaper.

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

Last year in chemistry class we learned about babies, more specifically pregnancy and birth. Now you may be wondering, why are you learning about pregnancy in chemistry? The simple answer, chemistry

class was not always chemistry class, it was a time where we could talk freely and ask all kinds of questions and Mrs. Wolf always answered them. I will always remember what I learned that specific day because it was the first time that we had really talked about all of the gross, real parts of birth and pregnancy in a classroom setting. Even though I did not like chemistry as a subject I loved the class and I will forever be grateful for the things that it taught me.

Young Journalist

Hailey Briggs, child of Stacey Christen and Jon Briggs, plans to attend St. Ambrose University.

Top 3 achievements: Student Council Secretary, Newspaper Designer and Editor, Basketball.

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

after high school? During my freshman through my junior year, my English teacher at the time would give us weekly brainteasers to attempt to solve. She would divide us into groups and we would get a sheet of paper to come up with an answer. Sometimes, these riddles would be super easy and the answer would come to us right away, but other times the solution was not so easy and we would not even be able to come up with anything! One of the brainteasers I remember distinctly was "What five-letter word becomes shorter when two letters are added to it?.....SHORTER!" Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, she continued to post the weekly brainteasers to the online learning platform. My classmates and I would comment with each other and come up with a response, it made e-learning more fun and engaging, at least for me, and I will never forget it.

RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Academics

Michael Benoit, child of Jason and Gena Benoit, plans to attend Luther College.

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, National Honor Society Scholarship Recipient, IHSA Academic All-State Nominee.

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

One of my most memorable classroom experiences occurred throughout high school. Over the course of three years I took four classes with Mr. Campbell. His science classes were especially well known for being extremely difficult. However, throughout the four classes I have learned more about what it takes to be a successful student, and how to truly know when you are learning. I started out in his basic chemistry class and was immediately shook by the difficulty of the class. In fact we were given a quiz the second day of school, which I did not do very well on. Since that quiz I completely turned my mentality to learning, I would always stay completely engaged in the class, making sure I was ahead of schedule and fully understanding the subject. It is from Mr. Campbell's teaching, and rigorous courses that I was able to succeed in every aspect of my life.

The Arts

Kyan Stuart, child of Nikki and Joel Stuart, plans to attend Illinois State University.

Top 3 accomplishments: Choir Rookie of the Year, Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Scholastic Achievement Award, and Three Rivers Conference Academic All Conference Award.

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

School has always been easy for me, but the arts were where I excelled. I have been in band and choir since 5th grade and involved in theater since freshman year, but my best learning experience comes from my Calculus class. Calculus is nothing like anything you have ever done, it is something completely new. The beginning of the year was probably the hardest part of the class because I

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Myalin Beckett, Michael Benoit, Dillin Bruner, Jordan Bull-Welch, Joshua Buzard, Zachary Duke, Tucker Dwyer, Ava Engebretson, Luke Engebretson, Abigail Erickson, Sofia Fornero-Green, Parker Friant, Jackson Gaines, Ella Garrett, Zachary Hardin, Breanna Holderman, Lena Hollowell, Ty Hubbard-Jones, Gage Hugart, Noah Huizenga, Micah Ibarra, Caleb Jennings, Cole Jennings, Evan Kinkade, Kennedy Klundt, Kylie Klundt, Taylor Kohrt, Mary Li Li Kwasek, Annalysa Lee, Zachary Lee, Gracin Lennon, Kyle Lewsader, Kaylee Lindley, Clara Loneragan, Allie Lorfeld, Noah Loy, Caden Ludin, Max Maring, Hannah McKoon, Andrew Meloan, Aidan Miller, Aisha Miller, Brylei Minor, James Moorhusen, Chase Neff, Benjamin Nelson, Nathan Newberry, Cameron Overton, Carson Page, Alexander Perez de Tejada, Braden Peterson, Jessee Pinson, Sarah Prigge, Samuel Rasmussen, Cailin Reiman, Reece Richmond, Aidan Rivas, Brady Rogers, Sydni Rozeboom, Allison Schillinger, Ryan Showalter, Krystal Silva, Kye Smeltzly, Jesse Smith, Alan Stickler, Brandon Stone, Brooke Strayhall, Kyan Stuart, Nellie Stuart, Ashton Sutton, Eden Swails, Riley Tady, August Thompson, Michael Vaughn, Nicholas Vaughn, Carter VenHuizen, Drew Watson, Samuel Willems, Addison Winger, Emma Ziegler, Nolan Ziegler

had to get used to doing Calculus. The first test I did not do so well on, missing almost half of the questions. After I talked to my teacher, who is the best teacher I have ever had, about why I missed some of the questions, he told me this which I will never forget, "In life, you will experience difficult things, but it is how you approach them that decides whether you will succeed at it or not."

Humanities

Ryan Showalter, child of John and Colleen Showalter, plans to attend University of Iowa to study engineering.

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, Illinois Principals' Association Leadership Award, Sons of the American Revolution Good Citizens Award.

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

I will always remember the overall environment of my senior year calculus and physics classes. My classmates and I, along with the awesome Mr. Campbell, created a strong and healthy relationship within the classroom. We would collaborate and learn about very interesting topics within his classes, and we could all depend on each other's support through thick and thin. No matter how frustrated or upset we got, Mr. Campbell supported us until we could teach the topic ourselves. My favorite memory

of him involves all the science jokes he cracks during class. He would always shout "gravity" whenever someone dropped something in class, and his tone would always make the embarrassment go away. Despite all our struggles and worries about senior year, I found a safe space in those classes and will remember them for the rest of my life, so, thank you, Mr. Campbell!

Leadership

Ashton Sutton, child of Mike Sutton and Holly Sutton, plans to attend Illinois College.

Top 3 achievements: Presidential Leadership Award winner, All-Conference for Academics, IHSA State runner-up and third place team for golf, and David Marx Good Kid Award winner.

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

A learning experience that I will never forget is my time in Mr. Campbell's science and math classes. He is by far one of the best teachers I've ever had. He knows how to answer questions but still makes you think through them. He is also one of the only teachers that have focused on getting me ready for college. He tells us stories about what he did and college and what he was asked to memorize compared to what we're learning. This helps me because I'm going into the science field, and knowing

what he had to learn in college has helped me focus on specific lessons throughout the year. Mr. Campbell's class has had a significant effect on me personally and academically, and I will always have his life lessons to all back on, which I will never forget.

Math/The Sciences

Zachary Hardin, child of Holly Bender and Pinson Hardin, plans to attend the Florida Institute of Technology to study biomedical engineering.

Top 3 achievements: 1- Magna Cum Laude for having a high GPA. 2- Innovate Award, an

award given by my robotics team for innovative thinking named after the similar FIRST FTC Robotics award. 3- Certificate of Completion for my volunteer work on a videogame server because it helped me to realize the value of work.

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

A classroom learning experience I will never forget is taking my first Calculus and Physics tests of the year. I have two best friends and we always help each other out with math and science classes. I consider these people to be some of the smartest people I've ever had the pleasure of meeting. All three of us have both Calculus and Physics this year. One of them failed the Calculus test and passed the Physics test. The other passed the Calculus test and failed the Physics test. I somehow managed to pass both, but even I was disappointed with my grade. This experience taught me three very important things. 1- Everyone has their strengths. 2- Studying is extremely important. 3- If I want to do better, I have to work harder. Ever since that test day, I've been working hard and have found that I actually enjoy studying.

Vocational Education

Addison Winger, child of Kim Stoner and Sean Stoner, plans to attend Scott Community College.

Top 3 achievements: All American Nomination for Cheerleading (2021), Scholastic Achievement Award (2020-2021), Academic

Excellence Award Junior English (2020-2021).

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

My learning experience did not take place within a classroom but within a clinical. During my clinical, I met the sweetest woman. I was going around asking the residents if they needed anything, and she wanted a coloring page, one with Christmas trees, presents, and bows. I went to the activity room and got her a picture matching the description. When I came back with the coloring page the resident had tears in her eyes. She gave me a hug and said "Thank you! Thank you! I was not expecting you to come back, usually they don't come back." Her reaction made me want to make a change. Residents should not be used to not being seen, they should not be ignored nor forgotten. I strive to change this pattern and to make residents and other patients feel valued and happy.

Young Journalist

Abigail Erickson, child of Jen Erickson and Ron Erickson, plans to attend University of Wisconsin - La Crosse.

Top 3 achievements: Second Team Quad Cities All-Western (Volleyball), High Honor Roll, Honorable Mention All-three Rivers West

(Volleyball).

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

The learning experience that has been embedded into my brain, relates to the underestimated component of acceptance. Which did not come from one definite event, but from accumulative observations over the course of 4 years. I've learned to understand the importance of growth on a personal level, and how one should continually strive for self-improvement. Through experiences inside the classroom, and everyday life, it becomes inevitably apparent that each person has endured some sort of struggle. I have seen people be put down and shamed for things out of their control, or for aspects of their personality they are expressing. The power of kindness, and taking a step back to understand someone else's personal issues can lead to a learning environment that feels safe for all. The bottom line is being a good person who is willing to empathize with, and understand the point of view and experiences of others.



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RIVERMONT COLLEGIATE CLASS OF 2022

Academics

Nga Nguyen, child of Thao Truong and Tam Nguyen, plans to attend Lawrence University.

Top 3 achievements: AP Scholar with Honor, Iowa Governor's Scholar, University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Science Award.

Nguyen **What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I used to doubt my artistic abilities. The only art class I ever voluntarily took was the ceramics class in my senior year. At first, it was because my friends told me that the teacher made popcorn for the class every Friday. Now that I look back, I know what I took with me from that class was more than just popcorn and brownies. Every time we worried that we had messed up something, Mr. Christensen would tell us, "No, you guys are doing fine." With his endless support inside the classroom, he made me love what I thought I hated. Most importantly, I learned from him and my peers that everyone is creative in their own way, and there is no need to compare one with another to prove that.

The Arts

Lê Ngọc Đan Khanh, child of Lê Ngọc Minh and Dương Thị Que Phương, plans to attend Gettysburg College.

CLASS OF 2022

Rania Azougagh, Hamza Ben Sadik, Gannon J. Broderson, Aramays Gharibyan, Nayana Gowda, Hovhannes Karapetyan, Hiba Laghmari, Lê Ngọc Đan Khanh, Liu Junkai, Marcos Martinez Rodriguez, Oumaima Natchet, Nguyễn Thị Quỳnh Nga, Jannate Raddadi, Joshua Ben Rinke, Aidan Sterling Roach, Olivia Grace Schroeder, Ilias Tissint, Shannyn Kay Vogler, Wang Zihan, Weng Hongkai, Yang Haotian, Zhang Yuwen



Lê Ngọc

Top 3 accomplishments: Vice President of Stewardship Council; online Red Cross volunteer; social media post designer for Clean My Planet.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One day my math teacher taught me more than just a math formula. People around me have been talking about college life ever since I was a freshman, and the thought of college was honestly scary. It seemed like no matter how many "things to

know before college" videos I've watched, it was never enough. What if that generic advice wasn't true? I carried my questions around for a while until one Tuesday afternoon I just decided to bombard my math teacher with all of them. To my surprise, she answered everything. Slowly and with detail. Something about that casual conversation helped my overthinking brain to calm down a bit. She told me everything will turn out just fine, and life will go on. Am I still nervous about college? Of course, but now, I am also looking forward to it.

Humanities

Rania Azougagh, child of Mrs. Hayat Asaidi and Mr. Fouad Azougagh, plans to pursue a career in aviation.



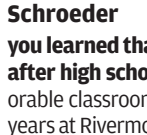
Azougagh

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? As human beings, we are unique. We are not all created equal. That is what distinguishes us, and we are not obligated to follow the crowd just because it appears to be the safest option. Don't be scared to try new things and don't allow what others think of you to keep you in a bubble where

you don't have an opinion on anything. You don't have to pretend to be someone you aren't. People may always have something to say about you, whether it's good or bad, and I know it's far easier to follow the road taken by the majority than it is to follow your own path. But that path, your path, is the right one.

Leadership

Olivia Schroeder, child of Matt and Leigh Ann Schroeder, plans to attend Augustana College to study Spanish with a minor in Religion.



Schroeder

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I have so many memorable classroom experiences from my 15 years at Rivermont, but my high school experiences in Spanish class with Mrs. Surma is a major reason why I want to major in Spanish in college. It is also why I chose to travel to Costa Rica over Spring Break for an immersion experience. Her style of teaching, how comfortable she makes students feel in her classroom, and how open she is to help students whenever and wherever has had a large impact on my life and education.

Math/The Sciences

Hiba Laghmari, child of Jmia Kinani and Oussama Laghmari, plans to attend DePaul University to study aerospace engineering.

Top 3 achievements: I was a Math Olympiads finalist in my country. I've played soccer my entire life and would like to play in college. I founded a student council body that helped modernize my school.

Laghmari

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In 9th grade, Mr. Baroo, my math teacher, would assign to each chapter an A4 paper of 10 exercises and one bonus exercise that was the most challenging. I remember all my classmates and I would try to solve those 10 exercises as soon as possible, so that we could devote more time to the bonus exercise because the feeling of trying to solve that problem brought us such ecstasy. When we asked him why he assigned that exercise, despite the fact that no one could find the answer most of the time, he said, "Math was never about memorizing the formula and directly applying it; it is about being creative and seeing the patterns that connect all the algorithms." I never imagined math could be so pleasant and exciting until I met Mr. Baroo.

ROCKRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Academics

Jack Redlinger, child of Ryan and Alison Redlinger, plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis.

Top 3 achievements: High Honors, 2x Cross country captain, WYSE State Finalist in English.

Redlinger **What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** One memory I'll never forget is "white boarding" in my sophomore year chemistry class. The teacher would put us in groups and have us explain problems by applying chemistry principles. It was an interesting way to learn chemistry and kept me engaged in the class.

The Arts



Rogers

Sarah Rogers, child of Christopher Rogers and Jamie Rogers, plans to attend Black Hawk College.

Top 3 accomplishments: High Honors (Academics), Marching Band Drum Major, Being Cast in 11 school theater productions.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Sophomore year, the school hired our current band director. One of the first things that immediately clicked with me, was within the first month he was here. He said "I can't put in the work for you. Your section leaders, they can't put in the work for you. Only you can put in the work to make yourself a great musician." That has stuck with me, and it's something I'll never forget.

Humanities

Alexis Hoff, child of Barry Hoff & Tracy Hoff, plans to attend University of Tennessee.

Top 3 achievements: Academic High

CLASS OF 2022

Courney Belha, Bailah Bogner, Ayden Bopes, Kayla Brereton, Jaxon Brokaw, Alexander Brown, Andrew Brown, Shaun Brown, Samuel Buser, Kaelyn Causemaker, William Cole, Dylan Craver, Ashlynd Cushman, Erin Danner, Brayden Deem, Douglas DeKeyrel, Evan DeKeyrel, Daniel DeSmet, Rodrigo de Vera Cristobal, Jaeden Downing, Mason Duffey, Madelyn Fentress, Keaton Frere, Genaro Frison-Pena, Leighanna Fues, Carson Gauley, Chase Grey, Andrew Hall, Kaden Hall, Wyatt Harby, Colton Harkert, Madison Heisch, Tyler Hendley, Claire Henniges, Damonte Henry, Nathan Henry, Aaliyah Hesse, Aidan Heymann, Samantha Higgins, Lexi Hines, Alexis Hoff, Delaney Holbert, Abigail Hollerud, Ethan Hooks, Gianna Johnson, William Johnson, Jayce Kopp, Adam Krechter, Cole Kuster, Peter Lamp, Madison Leach, Hannah Lee, Aiden Leemans, Sydney Lesley, Finn Lohf, Jacob Longcor, Olivia Marquis, Preston Matlick, Kate Mayerhofer, Cole McCabe, Morgan McClain, Kierney McDonald, Sophia McHugh, Madison McVay, Erica Moel, Taylor Murley, Daniel O'Neill, Andrew Parchert, Damon Pearson, Brynn Peters, Jacob Peterson, Kaylee Petreikis, Nathan Petreikis, Rachel Preston, Jack Redlinger, Desiree Reid, Cade Reimers, Spencer Reinheimer, Elijah Rockhold, Lauryn Rogers, Sarah Rogers, Kaden Schweninger, Taylor Sedam, Connor Shaffer, Natalie Shaw, Emma Slattery, Lauren Slattery, Kaleb Spratt, Dylan Stepanek, Alyssa Stropes, Madysyn Summy, Nolan Thomas, Gregory VanDyke, Jessica Vargas, Tao Wade, Logan Watson, Sawyer Weinert, Jade Weller, Evie Wheatley, Brody Whiteman, Michael Wilson, Gianna Zampogna, Madison Zeck



Hoff

Honors, Illinois State Scholar, National Honor Society.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? In my 6th grade science class, we got to dissect a squid. While the smell was atrocious, I thought it awesome that we were allowed to do it. It was one of my first hands-on experiences in a classroom that I'll definitely never forget.

Leadership

Kaelyn Causemaker, child of Joe and Keesha Causemaker, plans to



Causemaker

attend Northern Illinois University.

Top 3 achievements: I am an Illinois State Scholar. I won a scholarship through ICCA for Cheerleading. I am a part of the Rockridge Choir who won the state championship my freshman year.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I will never forget my 8th grade year math class. I was taking Pre-Algebra at the time. We walked into class and our teacher told us we were going to watch a video. I didn't know what to expect since it was math,

and it surely wasn't what I expected. He played us a video called "Slope Dude" and I will never forget slope now because of it. It is a short video demonstrating how slope works, and now I will never forget slope.

Math/The Sciences

Kate Mayerhofer, child of Chad and Kelly Mayerhofer, plans to attend Black Hawk College.

Top 3 achievements: Member of National Honors Society, State Qualifier in WYSE, Illinois State Scholar.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One of the most memorable classroom experiences for me was a seemingly simple lab that we conducted in our physics class. We were told that we had an upcoming test, so we all frantically studied the necessary material. However, when we arrived to class the following day, we were surprised to find a massive cooler, hot chocolate mix, and various other ingredients placed around the room. We were instructed to make homemade ice cream and hot chocolate, which sounded relatively straightforward. Later, we were asked to write a paper regarding some of the innumerable scientific concepts associated with making ice cream and hot chocolate. This made me realize that every single aspect of life is an opportunity to learn, both academically and personally.

Vocational Education

Desiree Reid, child of Joe and Chris Reid, plans to attend Iowa State University.

Top 3 achievements: Illinois State Scholar, Top Individual in State FFA Horse Evaluation CDE, Reserve Champion Team at Eastern National 4-H Roundup.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? Being a part of our ag program has opened the door to many different opportunities.



Reid

I have been able to explore all aspects of the agricultural industry and have found my place in the industry. I have developed as an individual and have developed leadership skills I never could imagine I would have. One thing that still stands out was the one time I was tasked with teaching a group of fellow classmates about one of our contests. I was tasked with explaining the rules and had even set-up a practice with someone who was experienced in the subject. When we competed in the competition we placed sixth in the state, and I will never forget the feeling of knowing I helped us get there.

Young Journalist

Bailah Bogner, child of Josh and Sarah Bogner, plans to attend Illinois State University.

Top 3 achievements: 2021 Undeclared 2A IHSA Softball State Champion, Illinois State University Presidential Scholar, National Honors Society

President.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? My experience as the editor of the Yearbook Committee is something I will never forget. I've learned so much about leadership, responsibility, and teamwork through the capture. It feels like a family, and we love to capture our school's story every year. Creating the yearbook has allowed me to explore my creativity in countless ways through photography, graphic design, and writing. We have duties and deadlines, which is the perfect practice for life after high school. I know that the class has shaped me into a more successful person, and it's all thanks to the incredible people a part of it.

WILTON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022

Academics

Mallory Lange, child of Michael and Hansi Lange, plans to attend Muscatine Community College.

Top 3 achievements: Governor's Scholar Award, Talented and Gifted Program, National Honor Society.

Lange **What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** I will always remember the time where I wrote an entire paper over Frida Kahlo for my college Art Appreciation class. This paper took a lot of time and effort in order to do research and understand the life of Frida Kahlo. I had originally read a book over Frida Kahlo in my Spanish 3 class which inspired me to choose her as my artist to write over. After doing research and writing notes, I finally got my paper finalized and put together after a couple of days. I loved learning about Frida Kahlo and her life.

The Arts

Anna Marine, child of Michelle and Daniel Marine, plans to attend University of Iowa.

Top 3 accomplishments: IHSSA All-State Speech performer, Iowa Auxiliary Legion Girls' State Auditor, State 4-H Civic Engagement award winner.

Marine **What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school?** A classroom learning experience I will never forget is when we cut open a charging block in my physics class. There were only two of us in that class, and we were learning about circuits.

CLASS OF 2022

Jayden Anderson, Connor Bierman, Courtney Bishop, LeSane Bitterman, Ryan Bowers, Ella Caffery, Ryan Cerveny, Blake Conklin, Grant Conway, Daelyn Cooling, Samantha Cowles, Gabriella DeVore, Lucas Dora, Kelsey Drake, Lucas DuRocher, Felicity Evans, Neshia Freeland, Payton Ganzer, Jacob Garcia, Alexa Garvin, Joshua Garvin, Jonathan Glover, Briggs Hartley, Jackson Hull, Abram Jirak, Carl Kleppe, Mallory Lange, Harley Law, Dylan Longlett, Tyler Mach, Anna Marine, Joann Martin, Kailee Martin, Dylan Miller, Steven Ocasio, Gage Oien, Mason Ormsby, Benjamin Orr, Kylee Pleggenkuhle, Carly Puffer, Rosemary Quintanilla, Gavin Reid, Cedric Robinson, Hunter Rummells, Gavin Schnepfer, Journey Schroeder, Taylor Schult, Austin Shafer, John Shafer, Peyton Souhrada, Brynna Speed, Michael Tate, Nolan Townsend, Madelyn Wade, Britney Webb, Karson Willey

I wanted to know what a resistor was, and my teacher's example was of the resistors and transistors in charging blocks. Since there were so few of us, we were able to decide the path we wanted to take in class. That day, it just so happened to be cutting open a charger. We used two pieces of a 2x4 as a clamp so we wouldn't cut ourselves with the hack saw we had decided to use to get into the block. We then proceeded to almost start a fire whilst trying to melt rubber off of the electrical components. Despite all the chaos, I can now say that I know how chargers work.

Humanities

Nolan Townsend, child of Frank and Kristi Townsend, plans to attend Mount Mercy University.

Top 3 achievements: National Honor Society, All RVC conference baseball, and 25 on ACT.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? I had a class where we were talking about World War 2 and how they had changed their strategy. They went through the line and



Townsend

then took the enemy's out from behind. This is something that led into the game we played which is called risk. We played this board game and it thought us a lot about strategy. This showed us how smart people that develop

these plans are.

Leadership

Abram Jirak, child of Jeff Jirak and Alissa Jirak, plans to attend Muscatine Community College.



Jirak

programming all the challenges that I faced trying to learn the code and how it worked.

I would try and fail lots of times, and this made me very frustrated. However with the help of my teacher and friends I was able to make one of my biggest projects ever. This really felt amazing, the pure joy I felt when I finally was able to get the code to work was indescribable.

Math/The Sciences

Taylor Schult, child of Tara Oien, Roger Oien and Kevin Schult, plans to attend Mount Mercy University.



Schult

Top 3 achievements: State Speech Participant (1 rating), Americorps Student Leader, FFA President.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? This year I had the opportunity to take Physics. There were only two of us in this class, so it was very self-led. As the quarter comes to an end we are wrapping up our lessons, specifically electricity. Because it is such a small class, we got the chance to take apart an electrical block. I will never forget trying to cut through the plastic covering with a saw. I was able to learn how charger blocks work, as well as enjoy an interesting hands on experience.

Vocational Education

Ryan Cerveny, child of Darren and Kristy Cerveny, plans to attend Kirkwood Community College.

Top 3 achievements: MCC President's List, Honor Roll, 4-H Vice-President.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? One classroom learning experience that I will remember forever is the Vietnam reenactment my junior year. My Modern US



Cerveny

History teacher turned his classroom into a war zone. Dark blankets covered everything and it was almost impossible to see. We entered the room in small groups crawling on our hands and knees looking for a piece of paper that contained enemy intelligence. As we looped through the classroom searching there were loud bangs going off around us. We didn't find the paper but enjoyed this learning opportunity. This experience helped me visualize what a war zone may have been like.

Young Journalist

Joann Martin, child of Clarissa and Mike Martin, plans to attend Simpson College.

Top 3 achievements: Honor roll, all academic conference, and 3 time state volleyball appearances.

What's something you learned that you will take with you after high school? During my senior year of high school, I took a war class learning about WWII, The Cold



Martin

War, Vietnam, and others. History has always been something of interest to me. This class allowed me to learn and have a fun time doing it. During this class we took notes, ate MREs, dug a fox hole, and even had a simulation of Vietnam. This simulation of Vietnam will be something I will never forget as I looked forward to it after seeing my brother do it his senior year of high school as well. This class was something that peaked my interests and kept me engaged in what I was learning.

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