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CYBEARS SHOWCASE NEW EXPANDED OUTREACH, ROBOT AT IOWA, MINNESOTA REGIONALS

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The 5041 CyBear Robotics team presented their largest season of outreach and team growth for a shot at winning the Impact Award, the most prestigious award in the FIRST Robotics Competition.

The award recognizes a team that reflects sustained excellence and impact within the FIRST community, in its own community, and beyond. Senior Katey Lenocho and juniors Lillian Waters and Aizlyn Marsh took on this endeavor. The group presented in front of judges at both regional competitions.

Senior mentor Matthew Cain said, “We went through a lot of firsts again this year, especially in regards to awards submissions. We are putting ourselves out there as an exemplar of FIRST and FRC in ways we have not before.”

While the CyBears did not receive the Impact Award, the team did host their largest season of outreach in their 12 years of existence.

Members of 5041 volunteered their time to help mentor students in the middle school Lego League program which held its largest season of student enrollment and advancements in ten years.

The CyBears also began hosting camps for local Girl Scout troops, as well as troops from Tipton, to help the scouts earn their robot badges.

During the summer of 2024, the team showcased their robot and promoted FIRST at the Cedar County Fair and the Iowa State Fair, both for the first time. To expose FIRST to younger ages, the CyBears traveled to Longfellow Elementary School in Iowa City to show off the robot to celebrate the school’s reading of *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown.

Starting in the summer of 2025, 5041 CyBear Robotics plans to host STEM summer camps; full day camps to teach students from kindergarten to seventh grade about STEM learning. “We are expanding our participation into neighboring communities of West Liberty and Tipton for both our Lego League and FRC programs,” Cain said, “We have our first ever STEM summer camps in June. We are expanding our outreach to over six Girl Scout Troops this spring and summer.”

The Iowa Regional took place at the University of Northern Iowa’s UNI Dome in Cedar Falls from Wednesday, March 26 to Saturday, March 29. Wednesday served as a day for all participating teams to arrive at the dome to set up their pits.

Thursday consisted of all practice matches. This day gives teams a feel of the playing field and allows teams to work out any problems that may arise.

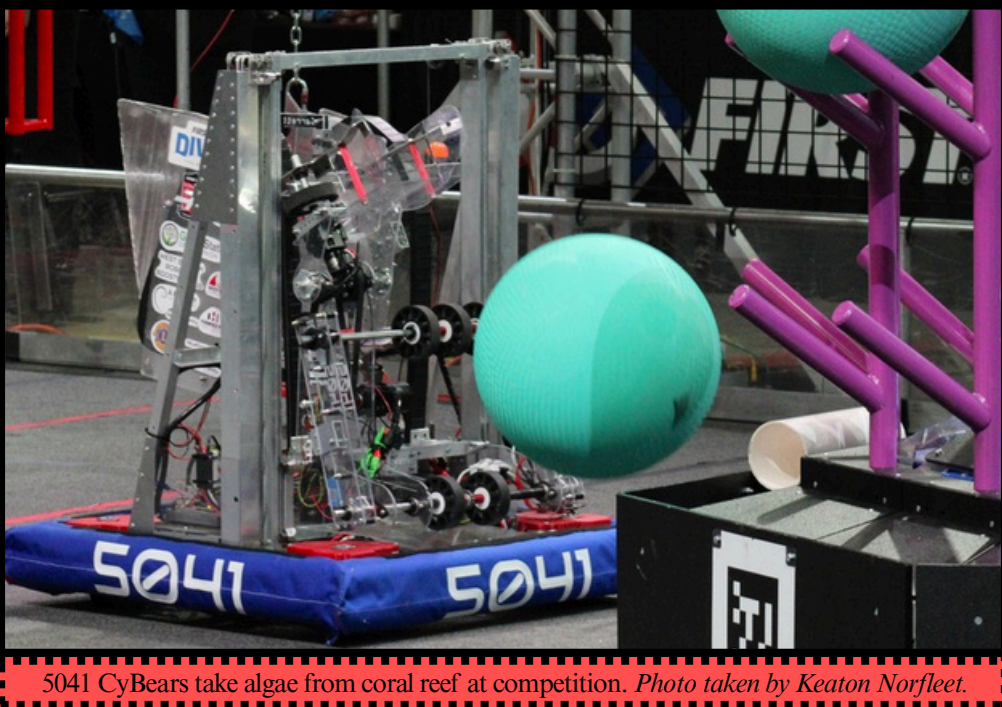
Senior Seth Cantrell said, “During the competitions, I got the chance to hang out with other people who put lots of effort into various different parts of their respective robots and get the chance to see how they went about designing their robots. I also got to watch these robots in action performing a few different jobs in a multitude of various different ways.”

Qualification matches began on Friday after the opening ceremonies. The CyBears competed in six matches on Friday, ending the day in Rank 28.

On Saturday, the competition opened for public viewing. The CyBears competed in their final three matches and landed in Rank 17 by the end of qualifications.

At this time, all teams send up to three student representatives down onto the field for alliance selection. The CyBears selected drive team members Keaton Norfleet, Lenocho, and Waters as their representatives.

For alliance selection, the top eight ranked teams become alliance captains. These captains will choose a team that they want to join their alliance.



5041 CyBears take algae from coral reef at competition. Photo taken by Keaton Norfleet.

A chosen team can graciously accept or respectfully decline the invitation, however, if the team chooses to decline, they can not be selected by another alliance. After the top eight teams selected their first team, the representatives decide together who will be their third choice.

Though the Cybears did not get picked to be a part of an alliance, they were eligible to participate as a backup robot should another team’s robot break and is unable to participate in a match.

By slim odds, a team on alliance three began malfunctioning and dropped out of their next match. The CyBears took their place and played in playoffs Match 6 and lost, officially knocking them out of the competition. Junior Gray Baker said, “This year felt like a huge step up for me morale wise, and work wise. I enjoyed being on the team a lot more, and I interacted with more people too. I overall knew more and liked being on the team a lot. It felt like less of an obligation to be there and more of a treat.”

Just a week after, the CyBears competed at the Granite City Regional. The regional took place at the River’s Edge Conference Center in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

During their seven qualification matches on Friday, the CyBears faced several issues with their robot throughout the day, sending the team into the lower ranks. After their final match of the day, the team ended in Rank 24. Saturday held the team’s three remaining qualification matches, as well as the finals.

Junior Kellen Dykstra said, “Before our competitions, I assisted whoever needed help at the time, mostly working on the robot and helping load the robot with coral when the drive teams were practicing. During our competitions, I was a human player for one of our drive teams.”

At the beginning of their final qualification match, a game element fell into the robot, causing a crippling malfunction that almost toppled the robot. At the end of qualification matches, the CyBears placed in Rank 30. The CyBears did not get chosen for an alliance.

Cain said, “We went through some important learning experiences about what does and does not work in our team structure and processes. I think we have a lot of good ideas to come into the next season about how we can be a better team.”

The 2025 FIRST season, “DIVE”, showcased the highly anticipated water themed game, “REEFSCAPE” for the FIRST Robotics Competition. This year’s game challenged students to construct a robot capable of manipulating two game elements, a piece of PVC pipe called “coral” and a rubber playground ball called “algae”, and capable of climbing a deep or shallow cage.

To score points, coral can be scored on an alliance’s “reef” on their side of the playing field, while algae is removed from the reef and into the “processor”, where a human player can move the algae to the “barge”.

At the end of a match, robots race to their barge to either park or climb on a deep or shallow cage. The alliance with the most points wins the match.

Using parts from robotics vendors such as AndyMark and REV Robotics, or fabricating their own original pieces of hardware, the CyBears created their robot in roughly six weeks.

Builders formed three major teams: intake design, elevator design, and climber design. Each team created prototypes of their designated function and improved each iteration until settling on their final designs.

An additional team worked to create bumpers for the robot. Bumpers are required on all robots to prevent damage from hard hits, while also distinguishing a team’s number and alliance.

To operate the robot during a match, the CyBears put together two drive teams that would alternate between matches.

The drive teams consisted of Norfleet and junior Rey Watt as coaches, juniors Wyatt Chapman and Waters as robot system operators, Lenocho and junior Ewan Arlen as drive train operators, senior William Hayes and freshman Eli Garrett as human players, and Dykstra and freshman Hunter Hamer as technicians.

“As a drive team coach, the types of responsibilities I take on are going to talk with the other drive teams of other robotics teams,” Watt said, “I go to the other team’s drivers and talk about strategies and what would work best with the way all our robots are designed. We find and plan out ways to get points and help each other.”

Waters said, “As a systems operator on the drive team, I make sure all systems on the robot are running right. Also make sure I am always ready to go out for a match, and talk to judges when they come around.”

Apart from the robot, 5041 CyBear Robotics took on multiple new projects this year.

Sophomore Anthony Heitzman said, “I got to learn a lot of new skills and become a more active part of the team while meeting a lot of cool people this year that I would’ve otherwise never met. I did a lot of different work this year. On the technical side I primarily worked to design and fabricate individual parts for the robot and got to help drive team practice as a human player.”

Using the old West Branch Middle School the team built a practice field that the drive teams used for testing the robot’s systems. Senior Mentor Jerome Garrett carried out this project.

The team also created two new videos. Their robot reveal video, which showcased the robot’s functions and capabilities, as well as a new safety animation created by Lenocho, which the team submitted for the Safety Animation Award.

The safety animation is a short, less than 40 seconds animation submitted by teams from all over the nation. The winner’s safety animation is played during competitions and other FIRST Robotics events.

Along with the new media, a large group contributed weeks of work to producing a video game. The game, ReefEscape took the combined effort of senior Eli Hansen, who created and coded the game with C#, senior Elliot Hinkhouse, who helped design the game, Hayes, who managed the project, and Lenocho, Dykstra, Watt, junior Logan Heick, and alumni mentor Jade Gongora, who all created art for the game.

The game featured an underwater Coral Kingdom under attack from toxic algae. CyBear must travel to the dark depths of the ocean to defeat the algae and the Kraken to save the Coral Kingdom.

“I was the director of our new video game, ReefEscape,” Hayes said, “I provided ideas of gameplay, descriptions of artwork, and spoke many times with all members of the team working on the game alongside me about any changes needed and questions they had. It was a fun experience with this being the first time I had ever worked on a video game and I’m very proud of the amazing feedback we received from the many teams that tried our game out.” The team’s current Safety Captain, Norfleet, appointed freshman Katelyn Banaszak as the new Safety Captain for the 2026-2028 seasons. Banaszak received training throughout the season to help prepare her to lead the team in her new position.

This year’s leadership council is composed of Lenocho, Norfleet, Cantrell, Waters, Marsh, and Arlen. The purpose of the council is to bring members and elements of the team together to form a unified whole, and members of the council hold responsibilities not authority.

During the build season, designers took advantage of their 3D printers and CNC machine for the fabrication of their own parts that students designed with Onshape.

Cantrell said, “I got to explore various opportunities and exercise my skills in various things from CAD software design, to designing a method to scout information about other teams’ robots. Outside of the competitions we got to express our creative ideas and craft unique engineering masterpieces.”

The CyBears also received off-season success, being named the grand champions of the inaugural Clash in the Corn off-season competition in West Des Moines back in September. The team welcomed seven new members to the team; freshmen Alex Reardon, Brody Reardon, Banaszak, Emma Revis, Lizzy Eckert, E. Garrett, and Hamer.

As with every year, new members mean that veteran members are leaving. The CyBears will let go of seniors Cantrell, Hansen, Hinkhouse, Norfleet, Hayes, Lenocho, Caleb Reardon, Kayla Garrett, and Zayden Waite.

“Robotics this year was a blast for me,” said Hayes, “From engaging with teams from different parts of Iowa and neighboring states to seeing the amazing atmosphere the Minnesota regional presented for us and all the teams there. While we had some issues this year with our robot, it never got me down being there and experiencing such a unique opportunity to engage with these events. I had a lot of fun with the team this year and I’m happy to say it was worth the time with it being my last year on the team. Each year has attached great memories and plan to cherish them as I graduate.” As the CyBears 2024-2025 season draws to a close, the CyBears are rapidly preparing for the 2025-2026 season “AGE”, an archeology inspired season about uncovering the artifacts of those who came before us.

Cain said, “The robotics kids are some of the best and I am so proud of the work they did this season and are continuing into the offseason!”



Spotlights



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CAITLYN HARRISON

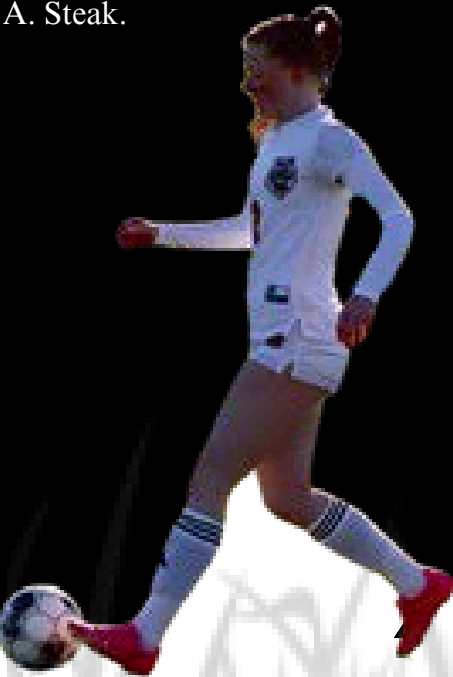
Q. Why do you like playing soccer?
A. I love playing soccer because it's the perfect mix of competition and teamwork. I enjoy the challenge of pushing myself and always trying to improve and win as a team.

Q. How long have you played soccer?
A. I have been playing since elementary school. I started out with Kickers and went to ISC for about a year before high school.

Q. What position do you play for soccer?
A. Center Back.

Q. What is your favorite part about soccer?
A. Winning!

Q. What is your favorite food?
A. Steak.



TIMMY HOSIER

Q. Why did you decide to play soccer this year?
A. I've done it every single year.

Q. Why do you play soccer?
A. Somewhere to go to calm down.

Q. What position do you play?
A. Center Back.

Q. How is the season looking so far?
A. Not as good as the previous year.

Q. What is your favorite movie?
A. Black Panther.

Q. What is the hardest part about soccer?
A. Losing.



ROMY SPRINGENSGUTH

Q. Is golf different from when you played in Germany?
A. Not really, the courses are bigger but the game and the rules are the same.

Q. What is your goal for this season?
A: Shooting under 44 in a tournament.

Q. What is a challenge for you in golf?
A. I let things get into my head and it's hard for me to not focus on what's going on around me.

Q. How do you beat that challenge?
A. My coach and my friends help me and remind me to focus on my game.

Q. What is your favorite memory of golf?
A. Spending time with my teammates



PAXTON TISINGER

Q. How long have you been doing golf?
A. 4 years.

Q. What is your favorite memory?
A. Making it through sectionals by one stroke junior year.

Q. What is a goal you have for the season?
A. Break 80 in a tournament and make it to state.

Q. What advice do you have for freshmen?
A. Try it if you haven't. It's fun, you meet good people, and you can skip school.

Q. What is something you are proud of?
A. Breaking 40 last year and being on varsity for the last 3 years.

Q. What was something that was hard to learn?
A. To stay humble.



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Sports

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TRACK TEAMS ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN THE POSTSEASON

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Co-Editor-in-Chief

Postseason track and field started early for two individuals and one relay team who competed at the Drake Relays in April.

Alyssa Pierce competed in the shot put, finishing 12th with a throw of 38-foot-3 inches. (quote from her)

Brandon Pedersen finished 20th in the 100m dash with a time of 11.02 seconds. He qualified for the event by meeting the blue standard of 10.8, automatically securing his place among Iowa's elite sprinters.

Pedersen also anchored the 4x100m relay team, with teammates Cooper Gates, Keaton Gates, and Connor Rios. The group earned an at-large bid to compete and they placed 72nd overall in a highly competitive field with a time of 44.48 seconds.

Head Coach Taylor Larson said, "Drake was a good learning experience for the kids that competed. They definitely had some jitters, but that experience will serve us very well going forward into Districts and hopefully State."

The teams returned to compete in the River Valley Conference Championship, delivering several standout performances despite tough competition.

The boys' team finished 6th overall

with 50 points.

Pedersen led their sprint efforts, claiming 1st place in both the 100m (11.2) and 200m (22.15) dashes.

His time in the 200m broke both the meet and stadium records. Pedersen anchored the 4x100m relay alongside C. Gates, K. Gates, and Rios, and placed first in 43.53 seconds, also breaking the meet and stadium records.

Nolan Staker contributed points with a 4th-place finish in the 400m hurdles (57.97) and another 4th-place spot in the 110m hurdles (16.02).

On the girls' side, the team placed 7th with 41 points, with mid-distance and relay efforts leading the way.

Alyssa Pierce earned a first-place finish in the shot put, throwing 40 feet and 6 inches. The 1600m distance medley relay team of Olivia Becker, Addi Schultes, Lexi Skay, and Grace Hamann placed 3rd in 4:19.75.

Hamann also took 2nd in the 800m (2:20.67) and finished 4th in the 400m hurdles (1:08.57).

The 4x200 relay team of Rena Holmes, Skay, Schultes, and Becker earned some points with a 4th-place finish in 1:50.56.

With the conference meet behind them, the teams now turn their focus to districts and the road to state, many with hopes of competing at the 2025 Iowa High School Track & Field Championships on May 22-24.

TICKET PUNCHED!

**13 EVENTS QUALIFY
FOR THE STATE MEET**



GIRLS QUALIFIERS

DISTANCE MEDLEY:

**BECKER, SCHULTES, SKAY,
HAMANN**

**HAMANN: 400MH, 800M,
1500M**

PIERCE: SHOT PUT, DISCUS

BOYS QUALIFIERS

4X100: C. GATES, K. GATES, RIOS, PEDERSEN

**SHUTTLE HURDLE: LINCOLN NABER,
XAVYER BOONE, TY STOUT, STAKER**

**4X200: CONNER CAPPER, C. GATES, K. GATES,
PEDERSEN**

PEDERSEN: 100M, 200M

NABER: 400M

STAKER: 110H



CO-ED SHUTTLE HURDLE HONORS BELOVED COACH BRAD WARGO AT CHAD GATES INVITATIONAL

Halia Gade
Staff Writer

Both boys and girls competed in the special co-ed shuttle hurdle event at the annual Chad Gates Invitational meet.

This shuttle hurdle is in memory of Brad Wargo who unexpectedly passed away January 15, 2021 at the University of Iowa. Wargo started as a volunteer for the team, then later became a full-time assistant coach for six years.

During those six years, he coached with the current WBHS boys' track coach, Taylor Larson. Larson said, "He was always there and always put in way more time than ever needed and expected."

During his time coaching, Wargo led a shuttle hurdle team to the Drake Relays and helped multiple shuttle hurdle teams qualify for state, one becoming a finalist and runner-up. His son, Hunter Wargo even won state in the 110 high hurdles his senior year. H. Wargo also qualified for the Drake

Relays in the 110 high hurdles twice, and even became a finalist one year.

"As a coach, he inspired, motivated and held his athletes to a high standard. He enjoyed coaching his sons and getting to know each and everyone of his athletes," said Barb Wargo.

Wargo's legacy leaves multiple individual and school records in place for his athletes. Wargo always thought a co-ed shuttle hurdle team would be cool, so to honor him when he passed away, West Branch created one. This year Kennedy Simpson and Amber

Wolf ran for the girls. Ty Stout and Nolan Staker ran for the boys. They ended up getting second overall. Teams did not receive points for this event.

Wargo's wife, Barb, always tries to attend the event in honor of her husband and to support the teams competing.

B. Wargo said, "The co-ed shuttle hurdle event is the perfect way to honor Brad. He always wanted to include this fun event because it would create a positive environment and promote camaraderie between the athletes."

RECORD BREAKING NIGHT FOR WBHS SOCCER - TUESDAY, MAY 6 VS WAPELLO

**GRACE HAMANN SETS NEW SCHOOL RECORD
FOR NUMBER OF GOALS IN A SINGLE GAME**

7 GOALS



Hamann makes her way down the field. Photo contributed by Natalie Essington.

**BOYS HAVE A LIGHTNING START TO THE FIRST
HALF**

**-7 GOALS IN THE FIRST 10
MINUTES (FASTEST SCORING
STRETCH IN WB SOCCER
HISTORY)
-UP 9-0 AT HALFTIME (SCHOOL
RECORD FOR FIRST HALF GOALS)**



Reese Gingerich approaches a free kick. Photo contributed by Dawn Johnson.



BOYS GOLF FIGHTS WEATHER TO DEFEAT DURANT 210-158

Halia Gade
Staff Writer

Wind caused challenges for the WBHS boys' golf team, but they still beat Durant 210-158 at their dual.

Monday, April 14 at the home dual on the Cedars Edge Golf Course, sophomores McGavin Smith, Bryce Anderson, and Sawyer Jefferies, junior Reese Gingerich,

and seniors Paxton Tisinger and Ethan Miller all competed. Smith won the dual overall with a score of 37.

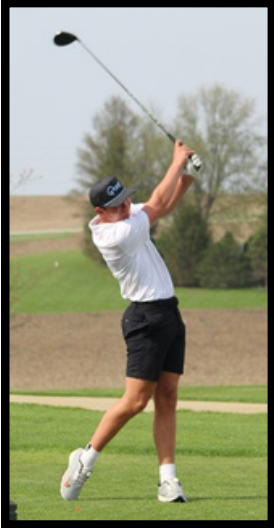
Tisinger got an eagle on hole six. An eagle is a score that is two strokes under par for a hole. Miller shot a 44.

"I did not do very well because I started my first three holes rough. I did really bad with the holes where wind was in my face and I hit

it out of bounds because of it" said Miller.

Gingerich shot a 45, he also faced many challenges with the wind. Gingerich said, "I had to figure out aiming points due to the wind, hold for it pushing my ball and account for my shot shape."

Due to the bad weather at practice, they are better equipped to handle wind and challenges that arise during competition.



Sawyer Jefferies practices his swing. Photo contributed by Finley Rushton.



Olivia Thomas prepares to putt. Photo contributed by Tori Vikel



WBHS GIRLS GOLF TEAM WINS AT LAST HOME MEET

Cameron Waters
Staff Writer

The WBHS girls golf team won against Wilton at their last home meet at the Cedars Edge Golf course. They won 241-212 at the meet on April 21.

This year there are five players for the roster. Senior exchange student Romy Springensguth, junior Adelyn Hetrick, and sophomores Kaylynn Stein, Olivia Thomas, and McKenna Worrell.

This is Thomas' second year playing golf. Thomas holds the best score on the team with a 48 for 9 holes.

"My goal for this season is that I want to be able to shoot under 100 for 18," said Thomas.

This year also brings a new head coach for the team. This is Angie Miller's first year as head coach although she worked as the assistant coach for some years.

There are many parts of coaching

that Miller likes.

She said, "My favorite part of coaching golf is to watch the girls grow, and better themselves. I want them to enjoy their time out on the course and want to continue playing the sport after they are out of high school. I love connecting with them, helping them achieve their goals, and laughing with them."

The girls golf team is tied for fourth in the River Valley conference.



Student Life

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WBHS STUDENTS ARE WELCOMED TO A "NIGHT OF A THOUSAND LIGHTS" AT PROM

Evan Highly
Staff Writer

WBHS juniors and seniors enjoyed a "Night of a Thousand Lights" at this year's annual prom. The junior class determined the theme with the help of new staff member Jodee Byrd.

Promenade, an event held before prom with the purpose of giving the students an opportunity to take photos, was held at 4:00 PM in the auditorium, students could take photos in their suits and dresses at Prom-enade.

Emcee, Pete Swisher, introduced the couples as they walked onto the stage in the WBHS auditorium.

Promenade ended with a senior class photo as well as a junior class photo.

In previous years, students would then attend a meal at the school. This year, the school did not provide dinner due to the majority of students not wanting it to continue.

Junior, Oliver Trepanier said, "I'm already going out to eat anyway, so it doesn't matter. I like that the tickets cost less."

After the dance, students could attend After Prom. Activities took place at North Dodge Athletic Club. Students could participate in swimming, volleyball, basketball, tennis, pickleball, blackjack, obstacle course, casino games, and bingo. A hypnotist, Joe Kidd, kept many students entertained.

Kidd is not only a hypnotist; he is seen on television and streaming platforms like Amazon Prime.

"I was hypnotized. It worked pretty well. I slept well afterward," said junior Lincoln Naber.

Junior, Cooper Gates, expressed that it did not work for him.

The final event of the night brought students back to the gym for prize picking. Starting with seniors and juniors in groups of five, students could pick prizes from the prize tables. Prizes included: tool sets, microwaves, coolers, suitcases, household items, crock-pots, massage guns, heated blankets, Blue-tooth speakers, headphones,

Bag board sets, toaster oven/air fryers, a Nutri-Bullet blender, car emergency kits, and a small safe.

Each attendee received a \$10 gift card and juniors could receive a \$25 gift card. There is a raffle for large prizes at the end of the night. This year's prizes consisted of a 40" TV, a stick vacuum, and a grill. Senior Ian Nelson won the grill, Senior, Katey Lenocho won the vacuum, and junior Sophie Oaks. won the TV.

Oaks said, "At first I didn't believe I got it because I thought it was only for seniors. When I got it, I was happy."

After the prizes are all given out, the night ends with students leaving.

Miley Shields, Nora Ziehr, Jordan Waters, Romy Springenguth, Sophie Oaks, and Keegan Hansen.
Photo contributed by Miley Shields.



Kellen Dykstra, William Hayes, Keaton Norfleet, Eli Hanson, and Elliot Hinkhouse.
Photo contributed by Keaton Norfleet.



Keaton Norfleet and Jade Gongara take couple photo.
Photo contributed by Keaton Norfleet.



Romy Springenguth, Miley Shields, Nora Ziehr, Keegan Hansen, Sophie Oaks, and Chason Maier.
Photo contributed by Miley Shields.



25 STUDENTS AND 4 TEACHERS RETURN FROM SPRING BREAK COSTA RICA TRIP

Naeomi Shimon
Staff Writer

After two years of planning, 25 students from WBHS and teachers Annie Popkes, Abby Noelck, Matt Cain, and Chris Reed took an exciting trip to Costa Rica. Students enrolled in Spanish 3 or 4 could test what they learned in Spanish classes by talking with locals in Costa Rica. Students traveled there during the week of spring break, March 15 through March 23.

Planning the trip is a long process and starts two years in advance. Noelck and Popkes book everything for the trip, including the activities the students will be able to participate in. Everything is planned out very carefully to ensure everything goes according to plan. Students had to provide documents such as papers including their parents' signatures and their passports to attend the trip.

Popkes said, "Costa Rica is an affordable and exciting place to travel to because it has many fun activities high school students can enjoy."

Students shared that the food was good and different from what they usually have in Iowa.

Senior Miley Shields said, "The food in Costa Rica was good but was different than what I expected."

The students experienced a lot of different places there because they moved to four different hotels during their trip.

Costa Rica's climate is tropical and there is a lot of wildlife to see and experience being around. It's a huge change compared to Iowa, which makes it even more interesting and exciting.

"It's a completely different environment, and it's great for students to experience something new," said Popkes.

The activities they did included hiking, seeing wildlife, zip lining, enjoying a beach day, visiting national parks, and completing a service project.

"The kayaking was fun. It was a cool environment to see. The weather was great. There was a platform once we got far enough that had a slide and a diving board. Everyone was having fun and bonding," said Shields.

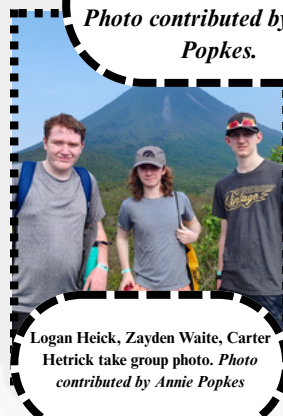
The trip allowed the students to have fun with peers for a longer period of time, in a new environment which was something they couldn't have done it Iowa with school, sports, and other activities that might be going on.



Costa Rica 2025 group pose at waterfall.
Photo contributed by Annie Popkes.



Costa Rica 2025 group photo preparing to zipline.
Photo contributed by Annie Popkes.



Logan Heick, Zayden Waite, Carter Hetrick take group photo. Photo contributed by Annie Popkes.



Nate Hills, Josh Zoulek, Tate Lynch, Lincoln Naber, and Nolen Staker take group photo. Photo contributed by Annie Popkes.



Xddi Schultes, Saylee Gingerich, Lauren Keeler, Adelyn Hetrick and Layla Samuelson take a group photo. Photo contributed by Annie Popkes.

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A HEARTFELT FAREWELL: BELOVED HIGH SCHOOL BAND DIRECTOR IS LEAVING

Cassie Swisher
Staff Writer

Sam Ogilvie, West Branch’s high school band director of 5 years, will not be returning for another year as he and his wife will be moving out of state for her career pursuits. The news came mid-way through February and took the band community by surprise.

In his fulfilling five years at West Branch, Ogilvie invested heavily in the band program. He recently received over \$41,000 in a grant for new instruments and worked with Beth Wirtanen on a new instrument cleaning system. He also greatly expanded the instrument stock at West Branch, making renting instruments much more possible for students.

Reflecting on his time at WBHS, Ogilvie’s favorite memories mostly consisted of taking students to the RVC Honor Band and auditions. “It’s been really rewarding,” he said. As for his future plans, Ogilvie couldn’t share any specific goal in mind. “I have no idea where my life is going to take me. I am looking at teaching jobs and so far there’s been one. I could eventually look at getting a master’s degree and that could change my trajectory.” However, he is confident in pursuing a future with music in mind.

The final concert with Ogilvie on May 1st showcased Hymnsong by Philip Bliss, Affirmation by Randall Standridge, and Lion King by John Higgins. Out of all the music he taught over the years, one did stand out to him.

I’m bringing back Affirmation for a

reason, and also I’m just a Randall’s Standridge fan. I just had a lot of fun with Palette.” Palette is a multi-phase color song performed last spring. Ogilvie provided lots of artistic opportunities for students as well. For the rendition of Disney’s “Lion King” they performed in the May concert, he offered students to come and design a light show for it.

“Just think about how you invest in relationships with the people around you. I have been so fortunate to have built some relationships within our community. I think it’s just a good awareness to have because of how we think, how we behave, how we act, it impacts the people around us and we should have a positive impact if we can.”

- Sam Ogilvie.



Q: Do you have a favorite “season” of band?
A: I’ve worked really hard on Jazz band the last 5 years and I’ve really grown a deep love for that. It’s such a fun style of music that opens a lot of different opportunities and pathways to explore different types of music.

Q: What’s a remarkable music piece you’ve taught?
A: I’m bringing back affirmation for a reason, also I’m just a Randall’s Standridge fan. I just had a lot of fun with Palette.

Q: Do you plan on still teaching music? If not, in what other ways are you hoping to alter your career path?
A: I have no idea where my life is going to take me, I am looking at teaching jobs so far there’s been one.

I could eventually look at getting a master’s degree and that could change my trajectory.

Q: One thing you are looking forward to in Ohio?
A: My favorite ice cream brand is based out of Cincinnati Ohio and so it’s called Graeter’s.

Q: One last parting piece of advice for students, band or life related?
A: Just think about how you invest in relationships with the people around you. I have been so fortunate to have built some relationships within our community. I think it’s just a good awareness to have because how we think, how we behave, how we act, it impacts the people around us and we should have a positive impact if we can.

Q: What’s your dream marching band show?
A: I want to arrange music to do the Disney Happily Ever After night show because it ends with Go the Distance from Hercules and I was scheming with Mrs Arlen about pyrotechnics. Dance beats like Earth Wind and Fire are on my radar. I liked a Latin inspired show like JLo and some others and just like that kind of Groove.



BILL GELHAUS WRAPS UP FINAL YEAR OF TEACHING AFTER 17 YEARS AT WBMS

Caitlyn Harrison
Co-Editor-in-Chief

After nearly 40 years of teaching, with 17 of those years being at West Branch Middle School, Mr. Bill Gelhaus touched the lives of many. At the end of this year, he will retire, marking the end of an incredible career dedicated to education. His teaching journey started in an unexpected way through martial arts. As a certified taekwondo instructor, he discovered that he really enjoyed teaching. That experience led him to return to college and earn his teaching degree. Since then, he stayed motivated by the opportunity to share his knowledge with each new group of students who enter his classroom. His dedication and love for teaching left a lasting impact on the school community.

when there were a few that exploded and hit the ceiling. Of course, dissecting to conclude our 6th-grade life science was memorable, along with hatching chicks during the last days of school.

Q: What advice would you give to new teachers who are just starting their careers?
A: My advice to new teachers is to be prepared for all kinds of days. Some will fly by and leave you wishing for more time, while others may feel like they’ll never end. If you find that you do not love coming each day, then you have found the wrong occupation. Your positive enthusiasm will show through to your students and make their days shine.

Q. What are you excited about with this new chapter in your life?
A: I grew up on a farm and raised my family doing it. I would love to get back in the tractor or combine and help out someplace. Going to sporting and school events for my grandchildren will keep my wife and I very busy for many years to come.

Q: What are your plans for post-retirement?
A: I have no set plans for retirement other than moving to our new home and getting things settled in it and



Bill Gelhaus smiles for a picture in his classroom. Photo by Naeomi Shimon

doing a lot of landscaping in the next few years to make it feel like ours. I may do some substituting in nearby school districts, especially where my grandsons will be attending middle school. I look forward to giving them some grief when Papa shows up.

What have you enjoyed most about teaching at WBMS?

BG: “For me, WBCSD is just the right size in the student population that you get to know all students. I feel that there is great parent support, and with the new high school and middle school campus, it is a great place to work.”

Q: What will you miss most about teaching in West Branch?

BG: “I have so many great memories of teaching at West Branch. The staff and administration have been second to none. I will miss the young minds who come into my classroom to learn and share a story or two about themselves. I am positive being surrounded by young people has kept me feeling young, even if my age says differently.”

ANNUAL “SWEETS FOR SUCCESS” FUNDRAISER EARNS \$44,000 FOR MSWB

Anthony Heitzman
Staff Writer

Main Street West Branch brought in over \$44,000 from their annual “Sweets for Success” fundraiser on April. 11, 2025 at local wedding venue Little Lights on the Lane. The auction-style event took place both online and in person.

Executive Director Jessi Simon said the event has been a core fundraiser for MSWB for over 13 years and has always been a key part promoting their mission statement which is to, “Improve the social and economic well being of our community in the historic downtown by preserving and sharing our history and unique identity, attracting and supporting small businesses and engaging and connecting the community.”

During the live auction, community members could reserve

seating beforehand and place bids on another 50 desserts.

Before the event, community members could place bids on 50 different desserts. The highest selling item of the night went to a dozen cinnamon rolls from The Serving Cafe that came with a coupon for a month of free desserts sold for \$2400.

Overall, community engagement during the event was positive. Over 200 people attended the live auction, and all the desserts were sold out by the end of the night.

Many WBHS students also volunteered as part of the event. Students performed roles such as baking desserts for the event, setting up tables, or serving food at the buffet. Some students volunteered in order to earn colorful cord points while others volunteered as part of organizations like FFA or NHS. Senior Keeagan Hansen said, “I enjoyed watching the bidding and being able to work with my friends.”

CAIN HOSTS FIRST SERVICE DAY AS NEW NHS ADVISOR

Anthony Heitzman
Staff Writer

New National Honor Society Advisor Matt Cain led his first Service Day on Wednesday, April, 23, 2025.

Service Day is an annual event organized by National Honor Society where students choose places and activities to volunteer at both in and outside of West Branch. This year, students volunteered at locations such as West Branch Parks and Recreation, The Harvest Preserve in Iowa City, and the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site. Cain said that all but one of the locations participated in Service Day in previous years. This year NHS also collaborated with the group

Backyard Abundance which employed student volunteers to assist with invasive species removal.

NHS faced some challenges in planning the event this year’s changing of advisors. Cain assumed the position this year after the previous advisor Kristen Westpheling decided to step down in 2024. Cain said that he faced trouble due to being relatively unfamiliar with the experience and not knowing what to expect.

According to Cain, the event was relatively successful, saying that he was very proud of the volunteering spirit shown by students and of the work done by NHS members.



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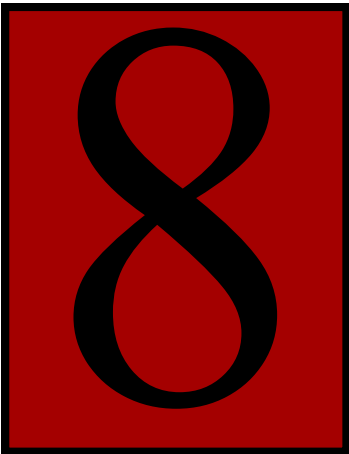
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Softball Schedule and Roster

May-
26th, Away vs Durant-7:00
28th, Home vs Central City-7:00
29th, Home vs Durant-7:00
June-
2nd, Home vs Mid Prairie-7:00
5th, Away vs Mid Prairie-7:00
6th, Away vs Camanche-5:00
9th, Away vs Monticello-6:30
10th, Home vs Camanche-7:00
11th, Away vs Tipton-7:00
12th, Away vs BGM-5:30
14th, Home tournament-9:00AM
16th, Home vs Regina-7:00
18th, Home vs Tipton-7:00
19th, Away vs Regina-7:00
21st, Away Tournament-11:00AM
23rd, Home vs West Liberty-7:00
26th, Home vs West Liberty-7:00
27th, Home vs Mid Prairie-7:00
30th, Home vs Wilton-7:00
July-
1st, Home vs Wilton-7:00
2nd, Away vs Clinton-5:00
3rd Home vs Anamosa-7:00

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Kendra Rarick
Cameron Waters
Zoey Wildman
Clancy Trepanier
Layla Hamilton
Madison Brand
Sage Horgen
Kai Senio



Baseball Schedule and Roster

May-
19th, Away vs. Tipton 5:00
20th, Home vs. Tipton 7:00
26th, Away vs. Durant 5:00
28th, Home vs. Lisbon 7:00
29th, Home vs. Durant 7:00
30th, Away vs. Calamus Wheatland 7:00
June-
2nd, Home vs. Mid-Prairie 5:00
5th, Away vs. Mid-Prairie 7:00
6th, Home vs Camanche 7:00
9th, Away vs. Monticello 7:00
13th, Home vs. Washington 7:00
16th, Home vs Regina 5:00
18th, Away vs. Mediapolis 7:30
19th, Away vs. Regina 7:00
20th, Away vs. Benton 7:00
23rd, Away vs. West liberty 5:00
26th, Away vs. West liberty 7:00
30th, Home vs. Wilton 5:00
July-
1st, Away vs. Wilton 7:00



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Miley Shields- Editor Farewell

Miley Shields
Head Editor-In-Chief

As this volume comes to an end, I began to think back about my years on the newspaper staff. Each year, students leave to pursue something more, and each year a new batch of students joins the staff.

I have grown more than I ever would have imagined in so many ways due to this program and I have been able to see the program grow with me. Over the past couple of years we have won awards for our hard work and the talent that all of these students possess. I first began my newspaper endeavors in my freshman year. I didn't know it then, but I had just joined something bigger than myself. I have been more involved in the community through journalism, making connections with those whom I interview as well as those whom I have worked alongside.

My freshman year I took Journalism 1. I decided to take the class because I was interested in writing and just another way to fill up my schedule but I never planned on taking Journalism 2. I am now so grateful that I took that step into Journalism 2. In the beginning, I was just a staff writer focusing on stories for the first two years of the newspaper. In my third year, I was the designer of page 12 as well as staff writer, and this year I was the designer of page 1 with the title of Head Editor-in-Chief.

Not only have I grown through the years but so has the program.

In 2023, we received our first award of All Iowa News Team of the Year and we again received it in 2024 these awards not only show accomplishment but also the hard work of the writers, designers, and editors making this paper what it is now. I wish the best for the staff in years to come and I am so glad I got the opportunity to work alongside all of you.

I have had so many fun memories in my time on this staff and so many memorable stories written, to pick my favorite isn't a hard task as I am most proud of my stories on Butch Pedersen.

Those stories weren't just meaningful to me but also to the rest of the community. Not only have memories been created through text, but also through the time spent with the staff, such as going to the fall journalism conference to creating social media posts with friends.

I would like to thank so many people, advisors Karina Krall and Kara Heick for the support of this program and the cause of growth of the paper. I would like to thank everyone on the newspaper staff for making the years on the staff so enjoyable, forming memories and text that I hope will last a lifetime.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow seniors for all the time spent together and I wish you all the best in wherever you go and everything that you do. You hold the power over your own life and make the best of it.



Keaton Norfleet- Editor Farewell

Keaton Norfleet
Co-Editor-In-Chief

As I find myself nearing the end of my fourth year, the reality that there won't be a fifth year is finally beginning to settle in. It's funny, one of the greatest lessons I learned during my time here wasn't from any of the classes I took, but rather, the years I've spent here. That is, time flies.

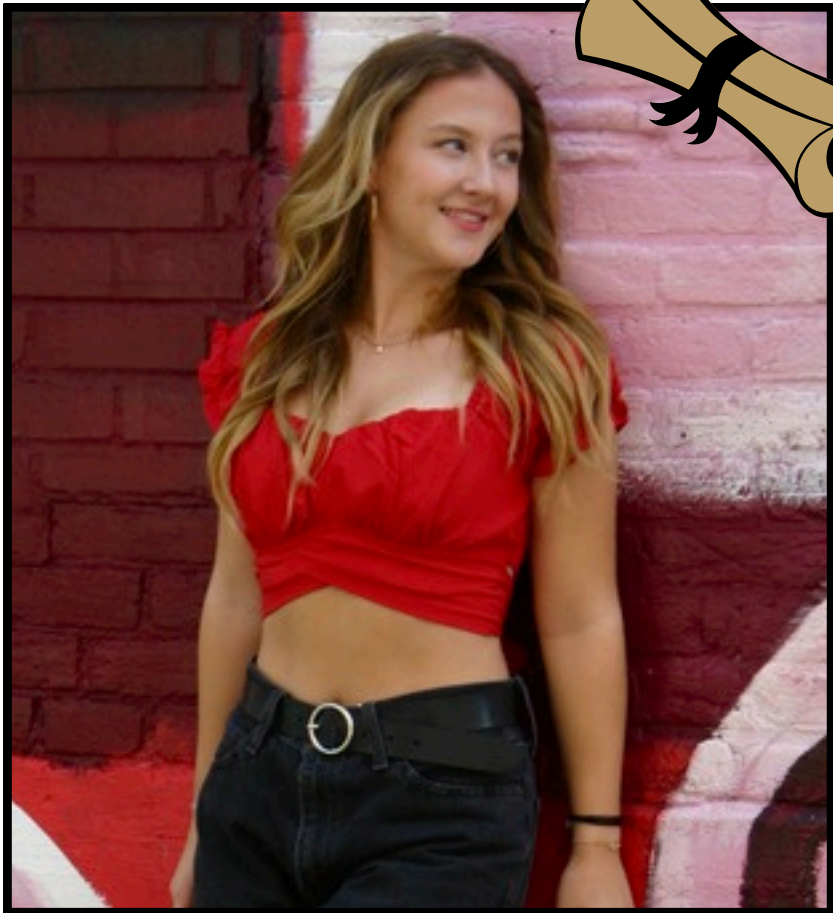
I joined Journalism 1 back in the first semester of my freshman year. My dad has been in the newspaper business since before I was born, and at the time, I had an elevated interest in journalism, even thinking that I might be able to make a career out of it. I have since realized that my calling lies elsewhere. Still, I wanted to try something different for my first year of high school, and I didn't realize back then that it would stick with me for the rest of my time here. Being a part of this wonderful team has been nothing short of extraordinary. As a part of this newspaper, it's been my job and the job of all of our writers, photographers, and reporters to capture and preserve the memories and experiences of students and staff here at West Branch High School. Being able to see the growth of the school has given me the opportunity to recall the growth of myself throughout these years. I am not the same person that I was during my freshman year;

I have grown more mature, I have opened myself to others, and I have taken steps in my life that I never would have expected to take. That growth reflects in the pages of each new issue.

The staff members of this paper that I get to work with every day are amazing people and are extremely talented at what they do. I am extremely grateful to have been able to receive the opportunity to lead and teach them throughout this year, and I wish them all the best in the next one.

I will always be grateful for every opportunity that this school has provided me. Every lemon before a show choir performance, every time my robotics team eagerly waited for the score at the end of a match, every article I've written, and every picture I've shot has all led me here to the end, and I will never forget these experiences that shaped me into the person I am today.

Thank you to everyone who has led me through this journey. To my fellow seniors, while I know it's a bit cheesy, I'd like to close with some lyrics from the song "Watch How You Go" by Keane, my favorite band. I feel they are an appropriate closing to our final year of high school, and a hopeful and optimistic look towards our futures. "Just say you'll watch how you go. Be gracious with your light, and may the years be kind now. Just say you'll mind how you roam. The things that we have shared will soon be left behind now."



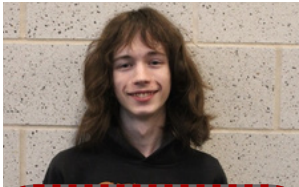
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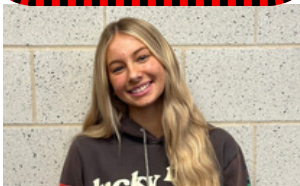
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FFA STUDENTS VIEW EXCLUSIVE “WORLD WITHOUT COWS” DOCUMENTARY

Raelyn Wilcher
Staff Writer

A group of 17 students from the WBHS FFA chapter attended an exclusive premier of the documentary “World Without Cows” on April 1. The documentary, written by two journalists, Michelle Michael and Brandon Witworth, who have won many awards. While writing the film, they traveled and visited places for about three years to

get insight and information from people who work with cows. The filmmakers met with many people to get a look at the impact the cows have on the world such as the social, environmental, and academic impacts.

Junior Madelyn Neuberger said, “My favorite part of the movie was when it showed that if you feed a cow the same amount of protein that 3 young children need, that cow can feed 17 children.”

Nueberger said, “The perspective of the movie was through the eyes of the farmers. Many people think that they do not have a purpose in the world and farmers are trying to prove the world wrong.”

The documentary is available for private screening, as well as places such as Cattle Con 2025, Chandler International Film Festival 2025, certain colleges, and environmental conferences.

In May it will be streamed around the world in places such as Brazil, Chile, Germany, India, Kenya, the Netherlands, Singapore, and the United Kingdom.

Neuberger said, “I learned that there are many more cows in India than in America, but America produces more beef because cows in India just roam the streets when they are done producing milk and beef.”

NEW NHS INDUCTEES



May 14th 2025 NHS welcomed 12 students into the organization.

Photo by Wyatt Chapman

Front row (L-R): Victoria Vikel, Cassie Swisher, Oliv Schlitz, Adelyn Hetrick, Whitney Spratt, and Rey Watt

Back row (L-R): Eli Farmer, Grace Hamann, Shay Kinsinger, Grace Vincient, Briley Kaalberg, and Kennedy Simpson

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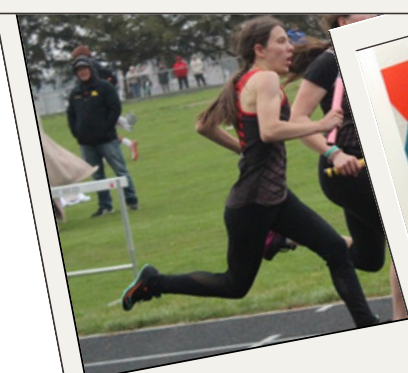
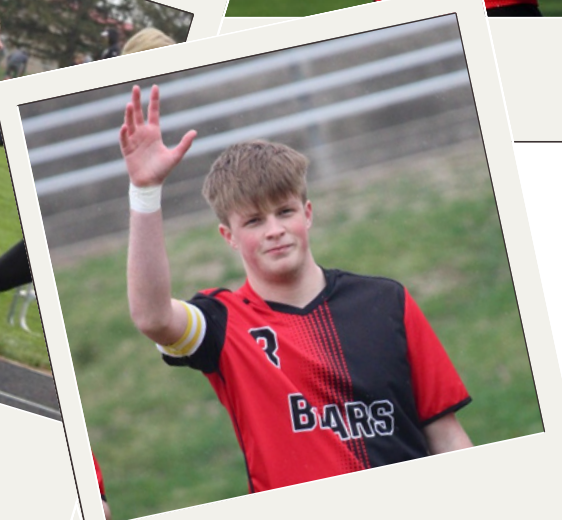
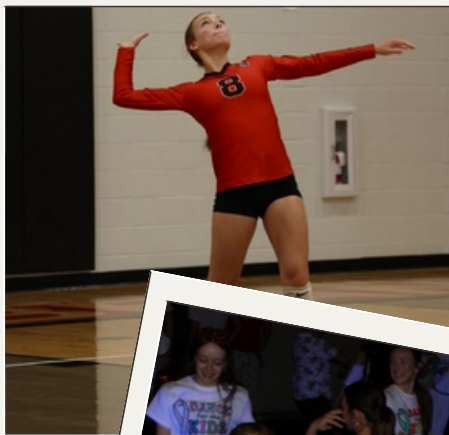
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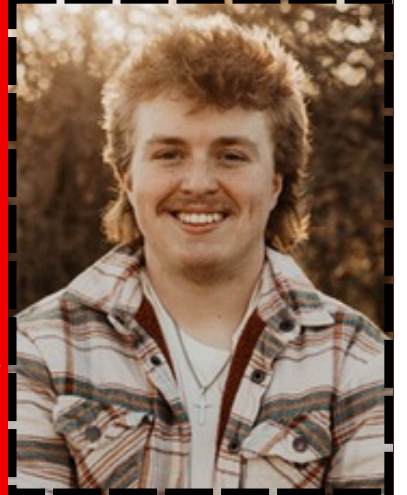
AVA ABDAGIC



What are your future plans? To attend the University of Iowa majoring in radiation science.
What is your favorite HS memory? My favorite high school memory is riding the bus home from a soccer game listening to the song "Unwritten" and my coach Jose Gongora was waving his flashlight in the air while we were all singing.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Nothing matters as long as you try your best. Be kind and compliment others even if it's just on the color of their shirt you never know what someone is going through.
What is your favorite quote? "No matter how dark it gets the sun is gonna rise again." -Grey's Anatomy
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to give thanks to my dad. I would like to thank him for taking on both parent rolls and for being there for me through everything and giving me everything to make me happy.

DAUGHTER OF VERNAD ABDAGIC

ANDREW BARNES



What are your future plans? Going to Western Welding Academy in Gillette, Wyoming.
What is your favorite HS memory? Going on trips with Mr. Robertson.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't dwell on the past. Focus on the future.
What is your favorite quote? "The best way to predict the future is to go and create it for yourself." -Eric Bailey
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Jodi Culver and Deb Cooper. I couldn't have asked for two better people to help lead me though the last four years.

SON OF TINA VITTOE AND ROGER BARNES

DAWSON BRICK



What are your future plans? Moving to Florida to work in agriculture.
What is your favorite HS memory? Spending time with friends sophomore year.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Enjoy every minute.
What is your favorite quote? "I don't regret anything I've done, as long as I enjoyed it." -Katherine Hepburn
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I'd like to give thanks to my friends for the great memories.

SON OF DARRALL AND NICKI BRICK

REED BROOKE



What are your future plans? Kirkwood for 2 years then transfer.
What is your favorite HS memory? 2022 football beating MFL to go to the Dome and also JV going undefeated that year.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Take all the easy classes.
What is your favorite quote? "Let me tell you this, the older you do get the more rules they're gonna try to get you to follow. You just gotta keep livin' man, L-I-V-I-N." -Wooderson (Dazed and Confused)
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My parents, friends, and teachers.

SON OF SCOTT AND ANGIE BROOKE

SULLIVAN BROOKE



What are your future plans? Go to Kirkwood for construction management.
What is your favorite HS memory? Beating Sigourney in football this year and going undefeated Sophomore year.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't worry about schoolwork unless you're failing.
What is your favorite quote? "There's a bar brother." -John Nestor
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My parents and the cool teachers.

SON OF SCOTT AND ANGIE BROOKE

ZEB BROWN



What are your future plans? I intend to go to Augustana College for computer science and then find an IT job.
What is your favorite HS memory? The Disney trip freshman year for band, all of it.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Start looking into college and scholarships now, it will save you a lot of pain.
What is your favorite quote? "What is life? Well you know, fleeting torment where we go. What comes next, when life subsides? Man his own fate decides." -The Peller
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Mr. Connor for being such an awesome and understanding teacher.

CHILD OF MANDA J. FRAUNHOLZ

JEREMY BUDREAU



What are your future plans? Kirkwood diesel program.
What is your favorite HS memory? Playing golf for school with my friends.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Good luck!
What is your favorite quote? "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." -Mae West
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I thank my parents.

SON OF TROY AND AMY BUDREAU

SETH CANTRELL



What are your future plans? Enter the Army National Guard and then attend college.
What is your favorite HS memory? FRC competitions.
What is your advice to underclassmen? If school feels easy, maybe in some classes but not in others, challenge yourself. If you aren't challenged, you aren't learning. If you aren't learning, you're not growing. And if you're not growing, you will be left behind.
What is your favorite quote? "The truth of the matter is I despise perfection. If something is truly perfect, that's it. The bottom line becomes there is no room for imagination, no space for intelligence or ability or improvement... Always strive to be better than anything that came before you but not perfect." - Mayuri Kurotsuchi (Bleach)
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My mom has always been supportive and made sure I could enjoy high school throughout.

SON OF CATHRINE CANTRELL

KALVIN CLEMENS



What are your future plans? To become an automotive restorer. My goal is to have a car I've restored be displayed at the Peterson Museum.
What is your favorite HS memory? Taking an automotive (non-West Branch) class for the first time.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Stay on top of your work, you never know when you'll be out on medical leave.
What is your favorite quote? "Let me tell you this, the older you get, the more rules they're gonna try to get you to follow. You just gotta keep livin' man, L-I-V-I-N." -Wooderson (Dazed and Confused)
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Mr. Peters for helping me discover my passion. I would also like to thank my family and Brenna for always supporting me.

SON OF JODI AND WES CLEMENS

COLE CROSTHWAITE



What are your future plans? Attend UNI for 4 four years in the business field.
What is your favorite HS memory? Our fresh-soph football team going undefeated my sophomore year.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Take as many college classes as you can while in high school because you don't have to pay for them.
What is your favorite quote? Success is earned one day at a time. Start by showing up." - Woody Allen
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My parents for guiding and supporting me for the last 18 years. I would also like to thank my teachers and coaches for helping me succeed both academically and athletically.

SON OF KEVIN AND DARLA CROSTHWAITE

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JARRETT ELLYSON



What are your future plans? Trade school.
What is your favorite HS memory? Having gym with Dylan and Lee.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't date girls from your school.
What is your favorite quote? "All this hate making me great." - Wylder Morehead
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Mrs. Gallagher and my friends and family.

SON OF JAMES AND JORDAN ELLYSON

RODRIGO JOSIEL ESPINAL MAYORQUIN



What are your future plans? Mis planes a futuro son trabajar en contruccion pero tambien tengo una idea de estudiar electricidad.
What is your favorite HS memory? Jugar futbol fue un bonito recuerdo y tambien compartir tiempo con amigos.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Que sigan cumpliendo sus metas y sigan mejorando.
What is your favorite quote? "No te preocupes siempre se feliz."
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Me gustaria agradecer a mrs. popkes por enseñarme a mejorar y practicar mi ingles y por ser una maestra muy buena y tambien quiero agradecer a mrs. gallager por ser una maestra muy simpatica con sus estudiantes y siempre le agradezco que me ayudo a mejorar en mis trabajos.

SON OF MARIA FUENTES Y MARIO LOPEZ MIS TUTORES

MADELYNN FALCO



What are your future plans? I plan to attend Cornell College and study psychology. I also plan to play volleyball at Cornell.
What is your favorite HS memory? My favorite memory was my junior year of volleyball!
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't take anything for granted! Soak up every moment you can!
What is your favorite quote? "Keep your face towards the sunshine and shadows will fall behind you." —Walt Whitman
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank my family, my teachers, and my coaches for helping me through this chapter of my life!

DAUGHTER OF JENNIFER LONG

TATE FRANTZ



What are your future plans? To attend Kirkwood.
What is your favorite HS memory? Beating Sigourney in football senior year.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't do work if it's only a process standard.
What is your favorite quote? "Are you cool man?" - Slater (Dazed and Confused)
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Family and friends.

SON OF TIM AND TAMI FRANTZ

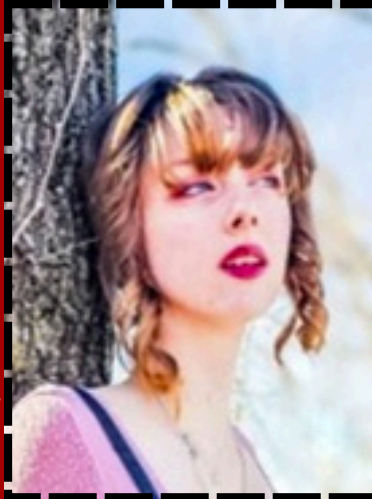
CAMILA (KARI) HERNANDEZ



What are your future plans? Seguir creciendo, aprender cosas nuevas y provechar cada oportunidad que se presente.
What is your favorite HS memory? Buenos momentos.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Aprovecha tu juventud, explora, establece metas realistas, cuida tu salud, cultiva relaciones positivas y busca tu felicidad. No te desanimes!!
What is your favorite quote? "Nuestros sueños pueden convertirse en realidad si los deseamos tanto como para ir tras ellos." -Walt Disney
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Gracias por apoyarme siempre, guiarme al buen camino y sobretodo ayudarme a cumplir mis sueños,

DAUGHTER OF LIZ WILDENBERG, ZONIA HERNANDEZ, VINICIO HERNANDEZ

KAYLA GARRETT



What are your future plans? Attend Cornell College with a major in art.
What is your favorite HS memory? Sweater Weather played at my freshman homecoming.
What is your advice to underclassmen? High school only happens once and will be over before you know it.
What is your favorite quote? "I encourage you to live with life. Be courageous, adventurous. Give us a tomorrow, more than we deserve." -Maya Angelou
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Friends who stuck by my side.

DAUGHTER OF JESSICA AND JEROME GARRETT

CADEN GREEN



What are your future plans? Going to Kirkwood for culinary.
What is your favorite HS memory? Fresh/Soph going undefeated in football Sophomore year.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't stress.
What is your favorite quote? "Get off your phone!" -all the teachers
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Ms. S and my mother always making sure I'm on top of work.

SON OF LINDSEY KLINKKAMMER AND BOBBY CLARK

LUCA HAHN



What are your future plans? My future plans are to work at the University of Iowa Hospital.
What is your favorite HS memory? Going to all of the fun activities throughout the years.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Give your everything to the goals you want!
What is your favorite quote? "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory." -Dr. Seuss
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My family. They have supported me through everything and they never stopped believing in me and my goals.

DAUGHTER OF BETHANY AND SOLOMON HAHN

ELI HANSEN



What are your future plans? Work as a UX/UI designer and go to college for music.
What is your favorite HS memory? Playing bass for Grease the musical.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't use your phone when bored in class.
What is your favorite quote? "I'm Batman" - Batman
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My parents.

SON OF HOLLY AND RICHARD HANSEN

KEEGAN HANSEN



What are your future plans? To attend Kirkwood in the liberal arts program then transfer to the University of Iowa and major in English.
What is your favorite HS memory? My favorite high school memory is going to Taco Bell before finals at our Fort Madison show choir competition during my junior year.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Try your best with everything you do and always make time for having fun.
What is your favorite quote? "Fill up your own cup and let them fall in love with the overflow." -Harry Styles
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to give thanks to my friends and family for always being there for me and supporting all my decisions. I also want to thank my sister for always listening to my rants. Lastly, I want to thank Mr. Reed for always being my number one supporter and for always making me laugh.

DAUGHTER OF CHELSEA HICKS AND RYAN HANSEN



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TEAGYN HARTZ



What are your future plans?

Go to Capri College.

What is your favorite HS memory?

Making it to State for wrestling.

What is your advice to underclassmen?

Don't be like me and keep up with your work.

What is your favorite quote?

"Lay brick and talk." - Ben

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Jodee C. and my parents.

DAUGHTER OF TRACEY AND JOSH HARTZ

NATHAN HILLS



What are your future plans? Attend DMACC for Fire Science and Technology.

What is your favorite HS memory?

Beating Sigourney-Keota in football this year and going undefeated in Fresh-Soph football my sophomore year.

What is your advice to underclassmen?

Try as many new things as you can.

What is your favorite quote? "The space goes down, down baby, down, down the roller coaster. Sweet, sweet baby, sweet, sweet, don't let me go. Shimmy, shimmy, cocoa pop. Shimmy, shimmy, rock. Shimmy, shimmy, cocoa pop. Shimmy, shimmy, rock. I met a girlfriend - a triscuit. She said, a triscuit - a biscuit. Ice cream, soda pop, vanilla on the top. Ooh, Shelly's out, walking down the street, ten times a week. I read it. I said it. I stole my momma's credit. I'm cool. I'm hot. Sock me in the stomach three more times." - Josh and Billy (Big)

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My parents, teachers, and coaches.

SON OF MATT AND JEANNA HILLS

WILLIAM HAYES



What are your future plans?

Pursue psychology and become a psychiatrist.

What is your favorite HS memory?

Every robotics trip since my sophomore year.

What is your advice to underclassmen?

Use your free time to gain more free time. (Get your schoolwork done)

What is your favorite quote?

"You fell over the edge, punk." -Maine from Cyberpunk (Edgerunners: Episode Two)

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why?

Teachers, staff, and fellow classmates assisting me when I needed advice, help, and someone to laugh with.

SON OF TABITHA AND JOSH ARMBRUSTER

ELLIOT HINKHOUSE



What are your future plans?

Cyber security major.

What is your favorite HS memory?

Spending time with friends in classes.

What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't get caught on your phone, don't use it.

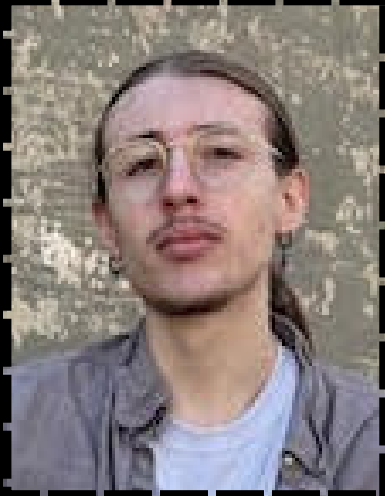
What is your favorite quote? "Raise your words not your voice for it is rain that grows flowers and not thunder." - Tralero Tralala

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why?

My parents and friends.

SON OF JON AND SARAH HINKHOUSE

DRAKE HOSCH



What are your future plans? I plan to go to Kirkwood to get my general education done then transfer to a more specialized school.

What is your favorite HS memory? Homecoming sophomore year.

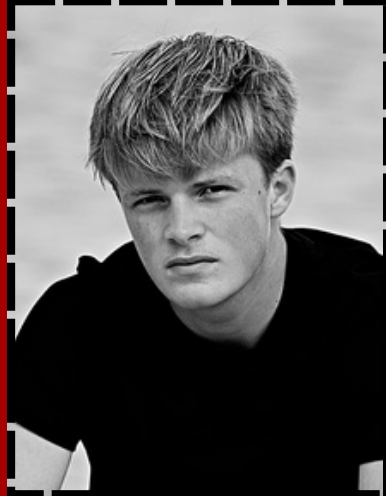
What is your advice to underclassmen? It's alright to not be super popular I know I won't see really anyone after we graduate so their's no point in fixating on being the most popular or having a million friends the most important thing is your school work and home work and make sure to nip any detention time in the butt as soon as you get any.

What is your favorite quote? "Fear is the mind-killer. Fear is the little death that brings total obliteration. I will face my fear. I will permit it to pass over me and through me." -Frank Herbert (Dune)

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Mrs. Gallagher and Margaret. Mrs. G has always been a light in the dark for me whether it was positive reinforcement or just saying what needed to be said, she has always helped me focus and prioritize what needs done. Margaret has helped me carve out so much detention time and not make me hate doing it. Her warm smile will bring joy to you on a simple walk past her through the hallway. She has always been kind and supported me.

SON OF NICK AND CAROL HOSCH

TIMMY HOSIER



What are your future plans?

Going to Simpson College to play soccer.

What is your favorite HS memory?

P.E. sophomore year.

What is your advice to underclassmen?

Pay attention.

What is your favorite quote?

"The more you sweat in training, the less you bleed in battle." -ChatGPT

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why?

I want to thank Ms. S for helping me.

SON OF ANDY AND BECKY HOSIER

RAYNIN HUBER



What are your future plans?

To be a forensic nurse or forensic psychologist.

What is your advice to underclassmen?

Don't procrastinate. If you have the time to get it done, do it.

What is your favorite quote? "Spend a little more time trying to make something of yourself and a little less time trying to impress people." -The Breakfast Club

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Margaret, Mr. Connor and Ms. Cooper for always being a friendly face. Ms. Schwickerath for all of it. Ms. Noelck for creating bonds with each of her students. Mrs. Gallagher for understanding the difficult days. Mr. Jordan for his patience and encouragement. My friends for sticking with me through everything.

DAUGHTER OF LEAH AND LARRY BROCKERT. SHAWN HUBER

TALAN HULTINE



What are your future plans?

Going to college.

What is your favorite HS memory?

Basketball.

What is your favorite quote?

"Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than the ones you did do." -Mark Twain

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Ms. S is the best!

SON OF LISA ENGLISH

MARCUS SAINT JAMES



What are your future plans?

I plan on going to college to pursue music.

What is your favorite HS memory? My favorite memory was when I got to join the rest of the band.

What is your advice to underclassmen? I failed 10th grade Bio and passed it after 11th grade (I'd be on my phone the entire time). PLEASE stay on top of your assignments! You don't want to be anxious about possibly failing your classes, be put in summer school, or be held back.

What is your favorite quote? "They say people in your life are seasons and anything that happens is for a reason." -Kanye West (Heard 'Em Say)

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I thank Mr. Ogilvie and the HS band for making me feel welcome and motivating me to commit to music.

SON OF MIKE AND OLIVIA JAMES

DAWN JOHNSON



What are your future plans? Attend the University of Iowa with a major in Psychology and a 2nd major in Criminology, Law and Justice. I plan to continue my education in Psychology as well as Criminology, Law and Justice until I receive my PhD. I plan to work as a Criminal Psychologist with a law enforcement agency.

What is your favorite HS memory?

Band camp lunch with all my friends.

What is your advice to underclassmen?

Be confident and yourself. Ask for help when you need it.

What is your favorite quote?

"Holy crap, you're human. You should be scared."

-Minho (The Maze Runner by James Dashner)

Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why?

Mrs. Taylor. She is always there to listen or give advice when you need it or just to chat.

DAUGHTER OF MARGI AND JAMES BOLES

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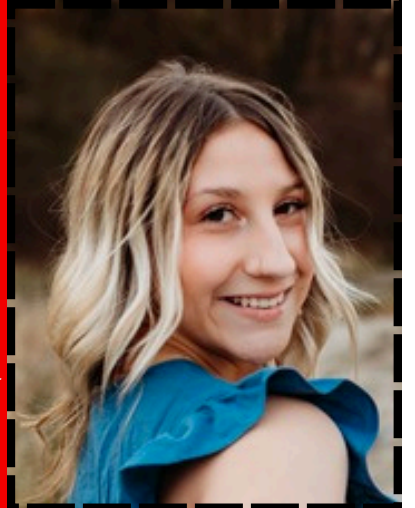
JOSH KROEMOER



What are your future plans?
Attend University of Iowa for a degree in Biology.
What is your favorite HS memory?
Winning best band at Pella my junior year.
What is your advice to underclassmen?
Lock in!
What is your favorite quote? "You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." - Mae West
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Friends and family.

SON OF CAMERON AND TAMMY KROEMER

HOPE KRUSE



What are your future plans?
To become a nail tech.
What is your favorite HS memory?
Sophomore year, when the freshmen and sophomores had a big friend group called "fiesta".
What is your advice to underclassmen?
Just do the work.
What is your favorite quote?
"Time to party!!" - Hope Kruse.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why?
Ms. Cooper- she kept school fun when I'd see her in the halls or in the Bear Den.

DAUGHTER OF MARYSUE MCKILLIP AND JERRY KRUSE

HANNA LACINA



What are your future plans?
Go to Iowa State for interior design.
What is your favorite HS memory?
Football games.
What is your advice to underclassmen?
Do your math homework.
What is your favorite quote?
"Go big or go home" -Unknown
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Teagyn has helped me get through high school and I don't know what I would do with out her.

DAUGHTER OF JILL AND AL LACINA

JULIANA LAING



What are your future plans? To become a photographer! I love taking photos of anything and everything.
What is your favorite HS memory? Getting ambushed during senior assassin. It's a blast trying to get people while also having to run away!
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't leave everything till the last minute, that's an easy way to fail.
What is your favorite quote? "Stay away from those people who try to disparage your ambitions. Small minds will always do that, but great minds will give you a feeling that you can become great too." —Mark Twain
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? All of my friends for keeping my head in the game and my parents for always being on my back when I didn't want to do anything.

DAUGHTER OF DENISE AND JASON LAING

KATEY LENOCH



What are your future plans? Attend Kirkwood
What is your favorite HS memory?
Going to robotics trips and driving the robot late after school.
What is your advice to underclassmen?
You don't have to know everything. We're all in this panic boat together.
What is your favorite quote? "There's nothing more intimate in life than simply being understood." -Brad Meltzer
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why?
Thank you to all my teachers, I know I'm very quiet, so I never really go to share my appreciation for them.

DAUGHTER OF RAELENE AND CHAD LENOCH

JACKSON MARCY



What are your future plans?
Attend Kirkwood Community College For Business Management
What is your favorite HS memory?
Pancheros after games.
What is your advice to underclassmen?
Don't stress over it cause it doesn't matter.
What is your favorite quote?
"If you wait till the last minute, it only takes a minute to do" - Jackson Marcy
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why?
Myself and myself only

SON OF PETER & MARCY MARCY

PIPPER MAXWELL



What are your future plans? I am going to Iowa State to get my agricultural education degree and go from there.
What is your favorite HS memory?
This year's homecoming. It was just so fun with all my friends.
What is your advice to underclassmen?
Just get your work done and do not push it off.
What is your favorite quote? "The best way to predict the future is to create it." — Peter Drucker
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to give thanks to my mom and dad for never giving up on me and I would like to thank my friends for always being there for me.

DAUGHTER OF JAIME AND JAMES (JIM) MAXWELL

ETHAN MILLER



What are your future plans? Kirkwood CC
What is your favorite HS memory?
All the football games with my friends and going to the Dome sophomore year.
What is your advice to underclassmen?
Only do homework if you will need to redo it.
What is your favorite quote? "Well, all I'm saying is that I want to look back and say that I did I the best I could while I was stuck in this place. Had as much fun as I could while I was stuck in this place."
-Don Dawson
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My family for supporting me and my friends for making it a good time. Also all the cool teachers I had.

SON OF JOEL AND ANGIE MILLER

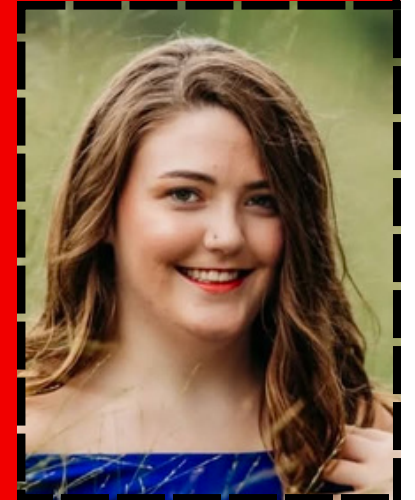
WYLDER MOREHEAD



What are your future plans?
Attend a traveling lineman school in Des Moines
What is your favorite HS memory?
Sophomore year science
What is your advice to underclassmen?
Travel as much as you can
What is your favorite quote?
"To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people exist, that is all." — Oscar Wilde
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why?
Mrs. Gallagher, She has been my favorite teacher since I've first had her sophomore year.

SON OF MAKENA AND COLT MOREHEAD

BROOKLYN NASH



What are your future plans? Continue to work as a nursing assistant at the U of I and attend the U of I Pharmacy Technician program to obtain my Pharmacy Technician certification.
What is your favorite HS memory?
Prom junior year
What is your advice to underclassmen?
Have fun!
What is your favorite quote? "How you do anything is how you do everything." -My dad
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why?
Certain teachers, my friends, the paras, (Especially Jodee Culver and Deb Cooper) and my mom.

DAUGHTER OF KERRI AND MATT NASH



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IAN NELSON



What are your future plans?
Go to NICC to play baseball and study business.
What is your favorite HS memory? Sweeping Regina in baseball.
What is your advice to underclassmen?
Do your homework and take Kirkwood classes; they're easy.
What is your favorite quote?
"Long road trips." -Wylder Morehead
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Mrs. Taylor. She says hi to me a lot and checks in asking how my day is.

SON OF LISA AND STEVE NELSON

KEATON NORFLEET



What are your future plans? I plan to move to Cedar Rapids and attend Kirkwood Community College and earn my degree in Advanced Welding Technologies, while also finishing my contract with the Iowa Army National Guard.
What is your favorite HS memory? Eating lemons before going on stage at show choir competitions.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Never undervalue yourself. Realize your potential, push yourself to your limits, and NEVER let anyone tell you what you aren't capable of.
What is your favorite quote? "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." - Ferris Bueller
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank all of my family, friends, and teachers that made this journey possible. I wouldn't be the person I am without all of you.

SON OF GREGORY AND ROBIN NORFLEET

BRANDON PICKETT



What are your future plans? Go to Kirkwood
What is your favorite HS memory? The senior slumber party at Dylan Schieles' house.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't vape
What is your favorite quote? "I am speed." -Lightning McQueen
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank Mrs. Donovan for always giving me a helping hand.

SON OF ANN AND JOSH PICKETT

ALYSSA PIERCE



What are your future plans? Attend University Wisconsin Lacrosse to participate in track and field.
What is your favorite HS memory? Going to state my freshman year and being with friends
What is your advice to underclassmen? Be kind always.
What is your favorite quote? "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life." —Steve Jobs
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My parents, coaches, and teachers for always pushing me to do the best.

DAUGHTER OF BRIAN AND SHAWN PIERCE

CALEB REARDON



What are your future plans?
Study CAD engineering
What is your advice to underclassmen?
Don't be a jerk to others just because you can.
What is your favorite quote?
"My name, my balls" - Eli H
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why?
Jodi

SON OF MIKE AND MONICA REARDON

LEE RICHARSON



What are your future plans? To work with heavy equipment or for an HVAC company.
What is your favorite HS memory? Attending prom with Larkin.
What is your favorite quote? You won't get anything in life unless you work for it.
-My dad and uncle
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My parents and sisters! Told you I could do it!

SON OF CHAD AND MEGAN RICHARDSON

CONNOR RIOS



What are your future plans?
To attend Kirkwood.
What is your favorite HS memory? Sophomore year science.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Do everything you can while it lasts.
What is your favorite quote? "Everybody got a shot but I'm a different caliber" - Maddux Rushton
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years? Family, friends, teachers, and coaches.

SON OF STACEY AND BJ RIOS

LAYLA SAMUELSON



What are your future plans? Attend Iowa State University to major in Animal Science
What is your favorite HS memory? My first national convention sophomore year
What is your advice to underclassmen? Freshmen: Don't act silly just because you can.
What is your favorite quote? Faith over fear. -Psalm 118:6
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank my parents for always supporting me in all of my activities and helping me with the occasional homework assignment. I would also like to thank Mrs. Thompson for always being a person that I can talk to and being a major influence in all of my success in FFA and in high school.

DAUGHTER OF SHAWN AND TONYA SAMUELSON

DYLAN SCHIELE



What are your future plans?
Attend Iowa State
What is your favorite HS memory? Going undefeated sophomore year and beating Sigourney Keota.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't do anything that doesn't have a rubric.
What is your favorite quote? "You know, every time someone rises up in this world, there's always gonna be someone trying to drag 'em down." — Jordan Belfort
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My mother. She always helped me.

SON OF LANCE AND JENI SCHIELE

MILEY SHIELDS



What are your future plans? To attend the University of Iowa and major in Chemistry with plans to receive a pharmacy doctorate.
What is your favorite HS memory? Playing the fishing booklet.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Be nice, be understanding, and have fun. This is everyone's first time at life, make the most of it. Don't let other people's actions affect your future. You are better than whatever they have to say.
What is your favorite quote? "It is never too late to be what you might have been." —George Elliot
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I would like to thank my parents, my friends, and Mrs. Cummings. These people have helped me figure out what I want to do in my life and how I can best do it. I really appreciate all of the support from everyone and I wouldn't be doing what I am without it.

DAUGHTER OF TIM SHIELDS AND MACHELLE BAILEY

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GARRETT SPEVACEK



What are your future plans?
To be a diesel mechanic.
What is your favorite HS memory? Going into the janitor's closet with Andrew to get supplies for a project.
What is your favorite quote?
"Bruuuuuuse" -Jackson Marcy
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why?
I would like to thank Mrs. Renoylds, Jodie, Mrs. Cooper, and Mr. Robertson.

SON OF TRAVIS AND ERIN SPEVACEK

ROMY SPRINGENSGUTH



What are your future plans?
Going to pilot school.
What is your favorite HS memory?
Playing sports, especially golf and basketball.
What is your advice to underclassmen?
Take every opportunity to travel and see the world.
What is your favorite quote?
"Exchange isn't a year in your life, it's a life in a year" - Exchange Organization EF
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why?
All the people I met during my year at WBHS who made my exchange year so great.

DAUGHTER OF SANDRA AND ALEXANDER SPRINGENSGUTH
HOST DAUGHTER OF JAROD AND MONICA TYLEE

RIANA STEWART



Congratulations Raina!

DAUGHTER OF GARY AND TINA STEWART

WILL TIDRICK



What are your future plans?
University of Iowa
What is your favorite HS memory?
Dawson driving down the softball hill.
What is your advice to underclassmen?
Plan not to take difficult classes your senior year.
What is your favorite quote? "Wats for lunch" - Josh Kroemer asking teachers in Google Classroom at the bright 9:37 am.
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why?
Elliot Hinkhouse saved me from a burning building and then gave me a Ferrari.

SON OF ANDREA AND JOHN WALSH

PAXTON TISINGER



What are your future plans? Join the work force full time after graduation.
What is your favorite HS memory? Sectionals golf tournament my junior year.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Stay up to date with school work and have a good time.
What is your favorite quote? "Brothers don't shake hands, Brothers gotta hug!" -Tommy Boy
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? Parents and coaches for helping me keep my head up at hard times.

SON OF MIKE AND AMANDA TISINGER

ZAYDEN WAITE



What are your future plans?
I'm going to the University of Iowa for a degree in math.
What is your favorite HS memory?
Playing Pokemon with my friends.
What is your advice to underclassmen?
Pace yourself.
What is your favorite quote? "Knuckle deep within the borderline. This may hurt a little, but it's something you'll get used to. Relax, slip away" - track one off Tools' /Enemia
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why?
Probably my dad because he's a great parent.

SON OF MARC AND TABITHA WAITE

JORDAN WATERS



What are your future plans? I plan to attend Iowa State University to major in Architecture and obtain an undecided minor.
What is your favorite HS memory? The Disney and Costa Rica trips, Dance Marathon, Homecoming week this year and being crowned!
What is your advice to underclassmen? Be involved in school, be willing to try new things, and go out of your comfort zone to help you become the best you can be. :)
What is your favorite quote? "Bad days don't last forever, but neither do the good ones. Enjoy every moment." -Unknown
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? I want to thank my parents, all of my family and friends, and teachers/coaches that have helped me. Thank you for supporting me and helping me with everything; and my parents for raising me to be the best I can be and supporting me in everything that I do and my future.

DAUGHTER OF GABE AND STACY WATERS

CORBIN WEST



What are your future plans?
I plan to attend Kirkwood.
What is your advice to underclassmen?
Go to school.
What is your favorite quote?
"Ever-y strike brings me closer to the next home run." -Babe Ruth
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My mom, dad, and brother. They made it so I could finish strong and not give up.

SON OF JASON AND ALISON WEST

AMBER WOLF



What are your future plans? To attend Iowa State University and major in Ag Studies.
What is your favorite HS memory? My first National Convention, during sophomore year that I would not have gone to if Layla had not forced me.
What is your advice to underclassmen? Don't over-schedule yourself.
What is your favorite quote? "You're only here for a short visit. Don't hurry, don't worry. And be sure to smell the flowers along the way." - Walter Hagen
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why? My parents and Mrs. Thompson for always listening to me and encouraging and pushing me to get out of my comfort zone.

DAUGHTER OF BRAD AND AMY WOLF

ELEANOR ZIEHR



What are your future plans?
To attend the University of Iowa and major in nursing.
What is your favorite HS memory?
My favorite high school memories are smashing the Dance Marathon fundraising record, anything cross country related, and fishing blookets.
What is your advice to underclassmen?
My advice to underclassmen is to remember that high school is temporary. Try your best so you can look back on your years proudly.
What is your favorite quote? "A new command I give you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love another." - John 13:34
Who would you like to give thanks to for helping you through your HS years and why?
My parents for always supporting me, my upperclassmen friends for showing freshmen Nora the ropes, and Mr. O for his time at WBHS.

DAUGHTER OF SCOTT AND SARA ZIEHR



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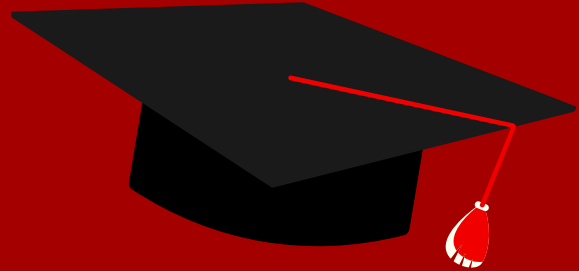
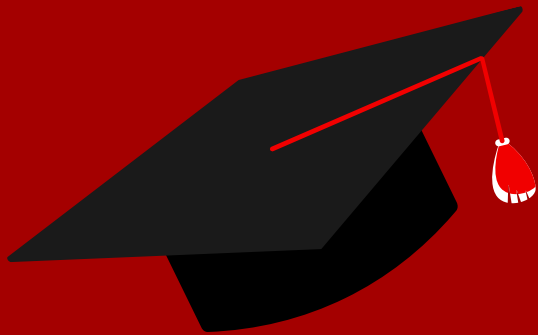
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SENIOR MATCH-UP

- A___ AVA ABDAGIC
B___ ANDREW BARNES
C___ DAWSON BRICK
D___ REED BROOKE
E___ SULLIVAN BROOKE
F___ ZEBULYN E. BROWN
G___ JEREMY BUDREAU
H___ SETH CANTRELL
I___ KALVIN CLEMENS
J___ COLE CROSTHWAITE
K___ JARRETT ELLYSON
L___ RODRIGO JOSIEL ESPINAL MAYORQUIN
M___ MADELYNN FALCO
N___ TATE FRANTZ
O___ CAMILA HERNANDEZ
P___ CADEN GREEN
Q___ KAYLA GARRETT
R___ LUCA HAHN
S___ ELI HANSEN
T___KEEGAN HANSEN
U___TEAGYN MARY HARTZ
V___ WILLIAM LEE HAYES
W___ NATHAN HILLS
X___ ELLIOT HINKHOUSE
Y___ DRAKE HOSCH
Z___ TIMMY HOSIER
AA___ RAYNIN HUBER
BB___ TALAN HULTINE
CC___ MARCUS JAMES
DD___ DAWN JOHNSON
EE___ JOSHUA KROEMER
FF___ HOPE KRUSE
GG___ HANNA LACINA
HH___ JULIANA M. LAING
II___ KATEY LENOCH
JJ___ JACKSON MARCY
KK___ PIPPER MAXWELL
LL___ ETHAN MILLER
MM___ WYLDER MOREHEAD
NN___ BROOKLYN NASH
OO___ IAN NELSON
PP___ KEATON SAWYER NORFLEET
QQ___ BRANDON PICKETT
RR___ ALYSSA PIERCE
SS___ CALEB REARDON
TT___ CONNOR RIOS
UU___ LEE RICHARDSON
VV___ LAYLA SAMUELSON
WW___ DYLAN SCHIELE
XX___ MILEY JEAN SHIELDS
YY___ GARRETT SPEVACEK
ZZ___ ROMY SPRINGENSGUTH
AAA___ RAINA STEWART
BBB___ WILL TIDRICK
CCC___ PAXTON TISINGER
DDD___ ZAYDEN WAITE
EEE___ JORDAN WATERS
FFF___ CORBIN WEST
GGG___ AMBER WOLF
HHH___ NORA ZIEHR

1. MY FAVORITE NUMBERS ARE 340 AND 426.
2. MY CARS NAME IS "BLUE MACHINE"
3. 2 TIME STATE QUALIFIER
4. THROUGHOUT MY 3 YEAR SCHOOL CAREER HERE I'VE ONLY MY HAIR OUT A WHOPPING 13 TIMES
5. MY PARENTS WORK AT THE SAME COMPANY
6. ONLY BOY SENIOR WRESTLER.
7. IN THE SPAN OF FOUR MONTHS I READ OVER 150 BOOKS
8. I WAS THE LEAD IN THE MUSICAL!
9. I'M THE OLDER ONE
10. I USE TO HIT THE DUMPSTER WITH MY HITCH SO IT WOULD MAKE A LOUD NOISE
11. MY DAD WAS A HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL COACH AT ONE POINT
12. I HAVE A COUSIN IN 9TH GRADE.
13. MOVED HERE JUNIOR YEAR FROM WEST
14. I FINISHED HIGH SCHOOL EARLY.
15. SPOT A TUBA
16. I'M THE YOUNGER ONE
17. KING
18. I MAKE COMICS FOR FUN
19. PREVIOUSLY OWNED TWO HEDGEHOGS
20. 6'0 NONCHALANT.
21. I'M THE CLARINET SECTION LEADER.
22. I WANNA BE A NAIL TECH
23. I HAVE EPILEPSY
24. NICEST TRUCK
25. LOOK THE SAME SINCE FRESHMAN YEAR
26. EVERYONE KNOWS IT'S ME BY MY CAR
27. ONLY CHILD
28. PLAT IN LEAGUE OF LEGENDS
29. SOCCER
30. I KNOW THE BEST WAY YOU CAN HAVE YOUR COLLEGE PAID FOR.
31. EVERYONE KNOWS MY CAT
32. I HAVE HAD A LOT OF TRUCKS
33. SUBTLE LIMP.
34. I LOVE CATS, BAKING, AND I AM OUR STUDENT GOVERNMENT TREASURER.
35. I WORK AT BRANCHOUT
36. I WORK EVERYDAY
37. (RAINA STEWART)
38. I HAVE TWO HOMES ON DIFFERENT SIDES OF THE WORLD
39. I'VE WATCHED CRIMINAL MINDS FULLY THROUGH 14 TIMES.
40. ALWAYS GOT A GATORADE
41. I PLAY THE BASS
42. I USED TO HAVE LONG HAIR
43. I WAS IN A HY-VEE COMMERCIAL WHEN I WAS 6
44. WRESTLING
45. I MOVED FROM BENTON
46. THE VICE PRESIDENT OF ART CLUB
47. YO SOY TIO DE UN ESTUDIANTE DE MEDIO SCHOOL
48. MY LAST NAME IS A COLOR
49. EVERYBODY WAS KUNG FU FIGHTING
50. HOMECOMING QUEEN
51. NO, I DO NOT STEAL THE CALCULUS ANSWERS.
52. HAS A CAT NAMED SQUINTS.
53. CAN'T BREAK 80 IN A GOLF TOURNAMENT EVEN IF HIS LIFE DEPENDED ON IT
54. RED IS FAVORITE COLOR
55. I AM AN EAGLE SCOUT
56. I'M VERY BASHFUL EXCEPT WHEN I'M AROUND MY BROTHER IN STUDY HALL OR GYM
57. DID GYMNASTICS FOR 13 YEARS
58. I AM GOING TO WORK AT THE GROOMSTATION AFTER GRADUATION
59. I HAVE A RED TRUCK
60. YOUR FAVORITE LOCAL BARISTA



ANSWER KEY

A:26, B:32, C:27, D:9, E:16, F:19, G:55, H:7, I:1, J:31, K:40, L:47, M:2, N:6, O:12, P:48, Q:46, R:14, S:41, T:34, U:3, V:33, W:17, X:49, Y:4, Z:29, AA:39, BB:54, CC:56, DD:21, EE:28, FF:22, GG:44, HH:58, II:18, JJ:24, KK:13, LL:43, MM:25, NN:23, OO:20, PP:30, QQ:42, RR:35, SS:15, TT:11, UU:59, VV:5, WW:36, XX:8, YY:10, ZZ:38, AAA:37, BBB:57, CCC:53, DDD:52, EEE:50, FFF:45, GG:57, HHH:40