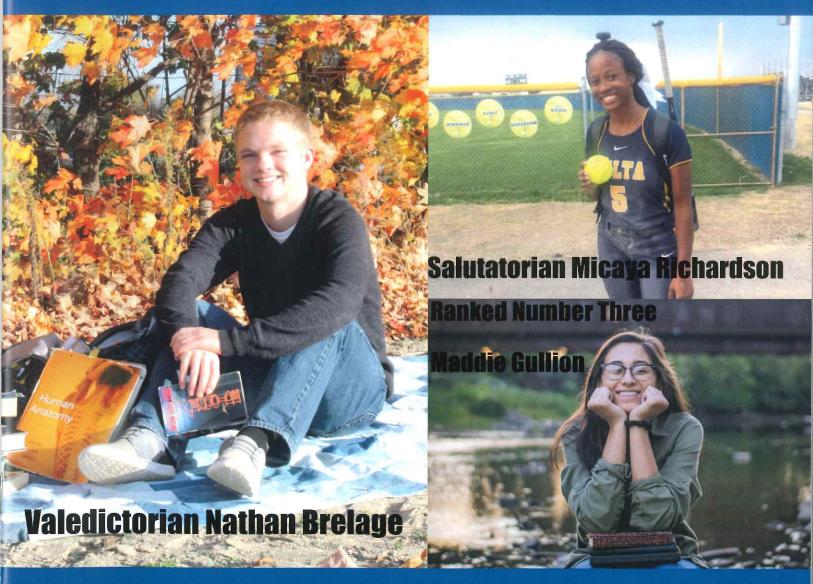
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**Top of the Class** 

#### **Seniors Give Advice to Their Freshmen Siblings**

By Chloe Joly

A memory that senior Hayley Greiner has with her sister, freshman Ally Greiner, is one time in middle school when Ally had her friends over at their house.

Hayley made a snarky comment to her sister, which resulted to Ally throwing a Barbie accessory at her. It hit Hayley in the head and she felt a huge pounding in her head. When she looked at her hands, she saw that they were covered in blood.

Hayley had to hold her head over

a sink for 20 minutes and get stitches on her face. She said the stitches looked like a huge spider on her forehead.

Now the sisters get along better and Hayley is looking out for Ally.

Hayley's biggest struggle as a freshman was to find the right group of friends. Now that her sister Ally is a freshman, too, she has advice for her.

"Try not to take everything in high school so seriously," Hayley said. "You have to make sure that you are working on building good friendships, keeping your relationship

with God, and stay on task with things, but not letting that overtake your life so you get super stressed all the time because that's just

not going to get you anywhere."

Something that freshman Molly Hunt learned from her brother, senior Jared Hunt, is that she had to socialize so that she could make the most of her school vears with her friends.

Jared has good advice for his sister, which is to keep track of the quality of people she is hanging out with.

"Make sure that you show the same values as they do and that you hold them to that standard, because high school is where you are going to make a lot of lifelong friends and you need to have good lifelong friends," Jared said.

Freshman Abbie Harris had an obsession with chocolate and sugar when she was a baby. One day, her sister, senior Mad-



die Harris, and her mom heard a loud noise coming from the kitchen. When they went into the room they discovered Abbie on the



Jared Hunt (left) with his sister Molly Hunt. (Photo Provided)





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Wade Wright Family Owned & Operated floor crying because she spilled sugar all over herself.

Apart from her love for chocolate and sugar, Abbie also loves art.

Abbie wants to be an artist, and her sister Maddie encourages her to do so by telling her to not dream small. Maddie said that Abbie should not give up just because people tell her that she cannot do it.

She should focus on studying and doing homework on time, so that

she can get into a college in California and achieve her dream.

"(Abbie) needs to focus on academics, even though she wants to go into art, because she can't get into the art school that she wants to go to without good grades," Maddie said.

When they were little, senior Blake Smith and his brother, freshman Trenton Smith, were riding bikes in their yard. Trenton stopped in front of Blake and Blake crashed. Blake said he did not get hurt, but everyone thought it was funny.

Trenton, at the beginning of the school year, had trouble finding his classes. Since Blake also had trouble finding his classes and being on time as a freshman, he showed Trenton how to get around the school.

Blake's advice to his little brother is

to never give up and to stay

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drugs.



Zach Tweedy (top) with his younger brother Jameson Tweedy. (Photo Provided)

freshman was to be consistent with homework.

Zach likes to hang out with his little brother Jameson.

"He's cool to be around, and he's not really a lot like me. He's more like my older brother, so it's not just like hanging out with a smaller version of myself. It's a good contrast when I get to hang out with him," Zach said.

Zach's advice to Jameson is to do his homework and avoid making teachers mad.



Jadon Henry (left) having a good time with his sister, Taylor Henry. (Photo Provided)

graduating.

Luke's advice to his brother is that he should not hate the fact that we all have to start being little freshmen wishing we were seniors. Luke said Jakob should focus in school and graduate.

Freshman Taylor Henry said she likes going to the ball diamond and playing baseball with her brother, senior Jadon Henry.

Jadon's biggest struggle when he was a freshman was to keep up on homework and get used to high school.

"Just do well in school and work hard now so that your life is easier," Jadon advises his sister. "Don't do stupid things that would get you in trouble."

Senior Charlie May and freshman

Provided)

Jared May are competitive with each other when it comes to sports. Charlie said they are always trying to do better than the other.

Charlie advises his brother to enjoy the time he has in high school because it goes by fast.

"Be involved in high school. Try to get out and do some-



Luke Schliessman holding his little brother Jakob Schliessman. (Photo Provided)

with his.

Senior

Luke Schliess-

freshman Jakob

Schliessman,

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Jakob is look-

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Charlie May (right) and Jared May enjoy

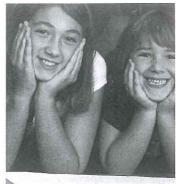
growing up and playing ball together. (Photo

man taught

his brother,

During the first semester of the year, senior Michael Marling and freshman Cody Marling were playing dodgeball in the gym during

SRT.



Tara Haney (left) and her sister Olivia Haney. (Photo Provided)

They were the only two left on one side against the whole other class. Michael got hit so he got out. He was cheering on his brother when Cody got hit hard in the face with a dodgeball, which knocked off his glasses. Michael said Cody was okay, but it was

funny.

Michael's biggest struggle as a freshman was to fit in.
Something Cody learned from his older brother is that he had to work harder in school and athletics.

Michael advises his brother to stay away from drugs, be himself, and not let people control who he is.

Senior Tara Haney and freshman Olivia Haney get mistaken for each other because they look and sound a lot alike.

Tara's biggest struggle as a freshman was making the transition to different

homework styles and teachers, and adapting to the new environment.

Something that Olivia learned from

> her sister is to not procrastinate and take time to



Maddie Harris (left) and her sister Abbie Harris. (Photo Provided)

thing new because you might look back and regret something that you never did," Charlie said.

Another piece of advice from Charlie is to try to not let senioritis take over your life like it has

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make sure she is doing things right.

"Get involved as much as possible in school, clubs and activities. Take homework and school in general seriously because it builds your future and it impacts everything," Tara advises her sister.

Tara said that you have to be serious when you are working on things, but have fun at the same time.

# IWills

Lexi Adams ~ I will CV better luck during 7/11. I will TM to finally get away. I will MS a good, new locker buddy. I will ST, LK, HP, GM, and GM a wonderful rest of high school. I will DK to always fly Southwest.

Nikita Adams ~ I will my constant lint rolling TT.

Bailee Allen ~ I will KH my role as the BB on the soccer team.

Carter Anderson ~ I will IG my varsity locker.

Breanna Arey ~ What I would leave for the underclassmen is to always stay on top of your work. It may suck now, but you will appreciate it when you're older and can say you tried in high school.

Melissa Baker ~ I will my rolling chair to BL.

Brendan Bow ~ I will my parking space to BM. I will my Omstead paper writing ability to GM. I will my Academic Team tenure to CC. I will my football management ability to TC, LB, ZF.

Nathan Brelage ~ I will CB and AB a legacy of hard work, respect, and success.

Raigan Brooks ~ I will miss seeing MD, KD, and TC every day. I will miss always getting into something with MR.

Isabella Brown ~ I will AK to stay strong, be confident, and surround yourself with love and positivity.

Camryn Campbell ~ I will TM to now being the most tan and best at makeup. I will MM the "best year of your life" and all the happiness in the world. I will DB and EB captains of the "thick thighs." I will BG and AT the best friendship throughout the rest of their high school career and even after.

Mackayla Campbell ~ I will JT my minions.

Dacia Case ~ I will JB to jam out to our song Fergalicious in the school parking lot every day. I will BC my parking spot. I will TS taking over best back spot.

Kassandra Chrich ~ If you want to be popular, join a sport! Also don't forget to be the change you want to see in the world.

Katey Compton ~ I will KH my role as golf mom on the golf team. I will NP (not) any of my clothes because she takes forever to return them. I will AM my fabulous cheerleading and tumbling abilities.

Cheyann Cox ~ I will leave the laughs we all shared.

Makenzie Cox ~ I will CC to make amends with all

the teachers that I have made upset over the years.

Luisa Daut ~ I will leave my lunch table to RK, hopeful that she will still have C-lunch in her junior year. I will leave Miss Z my favorite art class. I will leave OH, BM, KW, BE, AB, and LB an empty seat at their table. Forever thankful I got to sit with them in my art classes. I will leave my place as swim manager to one of the exchange students next year to help/support KF. There has been another generation of "exchange student swim manager." In the end I will leave Delta to everybody, especially the future exchange students. Delta has been an amazing school for me, full of great personalities.

Andrew Dunnuck ~ I will leave the library lounge. Take care of it and it will take care of you.

Nikki Evans ~ I will AB and JB a great last two years of high school.

Hayley Greiner ~ I will my constant tardiness to 1st period to AG.

Maddie Gullion ~ I will AG my parking space (but not my car.) I will LD the role of team captain - be loud! I will BM my spot in the 500. I will NP and AW my awesome mentor abilities. I will JF and NG the environmental club, and I will CC and AH the Spanish club. I will the locker bay to CG.

Jonah Haley ~ I will my amazing ping pong skills to TD in hopes he will one day beat me. I will JW my ability to get an ace in Rainbow.

Emma Hawkins ~ I will some lucky junior soon to be senior my slightly-less-than-new calculus textbook. I've fixed a few mistakes for you.

Tara Haney ~ I will OH some of my clothes that I'm not taking to college and to keep the Haney sister reputation alive!

Maddie Harris ~ I will all the underclassmen the location of the secret bathroom, juniors and seniors the blessing of being able to procrastinate on a final paper and get an "A+", and seniors the blessing of being able to pass our lord and savior Biff Wilson's government class.

Rachael Hiatt ~ I will CR my bassist skills.

Michael Himes ~ I will BS a busy tennis-theatre schedule and jorts. I will JF a fruit salad.

Aubrey Holten ~ I will JH my place here... eventually. I will MH all the library decorations - even all the butterflies.

Chloe Joly ~ I will BS my French skills. Use them well.

Malachi Koch ~ I will the legacy of "The Belt," cheeky shenanigans, and the sport of cross country in the hands of the upcoming seniors: CO, RF, GM and others worthy of this sacred power. I will leave the stage open to all who wish to step out of themselves and do something spectacular.

Chloe Kresja ~ Another locker for an incoming freshman to use.

Tanner Lambert ~ I will WW and BP bullpen cleanup duty.

Jasmine Lykins ~ I will SE, AM, LM, GB, TS, and HW a great senior year of cheer. I will JB my ability to stay quiet.

Inna Malyshevska ~ I feel like freshman and sophomores don't really appreciate the time at high school. When your senior year comes to an end, you start realizing how much you're going to miss your daily routine in high school. All your friends, football games, homecoming weeks, dances and many more other things will suddenly become just a memory, so don't waste your time in high school and enjoy every single moment.

Charlie May ~ I will KO senior editor of Eagle's Eye magazine. I will JM a great high school career. I will AT the right to annoy JM whenever.

Jessica McNeil ~ I will SF and KH the pole by my locker so they can sit there every morning like the last 3 years.

Lexi Meacham ~ I will AT the mishaps of the hair room, RW and NC my sick dance moves, and RM the extra space I'll be leaving behind at home.

Makenzie Meeks ~ I will leave more room for Jordan at the locker bay. I will leave them the love of the library. I will leave underclassmen my frustrations and fears of senior year, that they will soon know.

Kat Mesaros ~ I will HG, RH, and all new members the makeup crew and everything the seniors have laid groundwork for the Delta Troupers. Remember to work hard and make past Troupers proud.

Trenton Miller ~ I will leave my Omstead seat to the next underclassman that decides to write tons of papers.

Landon Morgan ~ I will JF my parking spot.

Michael Morris ~ I will BB my intramural basketball skills. I will JA nothing.

RJ Padgett ~ I leave JA the legacy of "rope gang." My international domination to BB. I leave JF my art skills.

Abbie Parton ~ I will JS my ability to never do math homework, yet still manage to pass the tests (along with my ability to take killer notes.)

Luke Prince ~ I will MC my superior taste in music. I will CO my shield. I will ID the cross-country team tent. I will GM my star gazing glasses. I will SC and NH the keys to success. I will BT my car. And finally I will KW and AD my first born child.

Kyndall Pursley ~ KH to be the best SH for BA.

Micaya Richardson ~ I will MD all of my farting.

Noah Richardson ~ I will leave my practice spot to JT. I will leave my locker to a random 8th grader. I will never give any advice to underclassmen.

Parker Robillard ~ I will BS the ability to grow facial hair and JA my ability to play tennis.

McKayle Royal ~ I will GB and LM my spot in front of the Blue Crew at football games.

Nathan Royal ~ I will DM my jersey number 79. May it bring him good luck and a lot of pancakes.

Taylor Showalter ~ I will MG my chair in the library. I will AS my ability to make relationships with teachers. I will my work ethic to MW.

Ruth Smith ~ I will the environmental club to JF

Keep the club alive please.

Audree Speicher ~ I'm hoping that I'll leave a legacy of determination behind for those younger than me. I want them to not be afraid to go for what they want and enjoy.

Shae Stanley ~ I will AP to be the better cousin at Delta, since I'm leaving.

Brandon Sutton ~ Do unto others as I would want done unto myself.

Alex Thomas ~ I will HCB the ability to get a haircut. I will HM my DrD skills. I will SE Ia poulet Ie feu. I will BB my RP legacy. I will MM Rodney's legacy. I will JW the ability to get an ace in Rainbow.

Andrew Torres ~ I will RS my silver tongue and luck.

Chandler Tucker ~ I will my swimming locker to DG. I will my leather pants to DG. I will lane 1 in the pool to CO.

Devyn Turvey ~ I will HM my humor and ability to make jokes even when times suck.

Mackenzie Turner ~ I will hope my work ethic gets through to my baby brothers. (JTT)(JET) I will leave my ability to forget my books to no one because it sucks.

Jacob Van Pelt ~ I will WW and BP raking the bull-

pen mounds.

Sommer Wallace ~ I will AA my spot at striker. I will KW to be the fastest on the soccer team. I will SW to be the best chem lab partner.

Calandra Weaver ~ I will my ability to survive four years of French to my sister.

Morgan Whitmer ~ I will HG the dressing room playlist. I will MG the alpha position and the mom title. I will NG what little patience I have left. I will ZT my hair tie. I will RK my prom date. I will CC my love for RENT.

Naomi Wilson ~ I will leave the underclassman with dealing with situations of what to become of them in the real world. Be nice to people in any grade who can be homosexual, crazy, and transexual.

Nate Williams ~ I will leave the manga section me and Mrs. Hummel started (graphic novels).

Thordia Wilson ~ I will my ability to ride the express train during third period to the next loving most kind hearted and hilarious person who is willing to be Mrs. Hummel's next TA.

Patrick Wolfe ~ I will CD my ability to leave five minutes early.

Brice Wuthrich  $\sim$  I will TJ my Tiger Woods like golf skills.

#### Annual talent show was a success

#### By Holley Cash

Not everyone will discover that they have a talent. A lot of people discover their talents at a young age like singing, dancing, and even magic.

Senior Naomi Wilson was the fourth performer at the talent show on Friday, April 21. Wilson played Moon-

light Sonata on the piano.



Wilson

Wilson has had the thought of doing the talent show ever since elementary school. And this year she finally had the chance to.

Many family members usually go and watch, but not only

was her mom and dad there senior Adam Gibson was also there.

"She did fantastic," Gibson said. His favorite act of the talent show was Wilson on the piano.

Wilson has thought about making a career playing the piano. She thinks she did well overall during her performance.

Senior Abbie Parton was the second performer. She sang Beautiful Thing by Grace Vanderwaal.

"I've always loved singing and I've never been in choir or anything. I think being in the talent show is the only

times that I can kind of express my talent," Parton said.



Parton

Parton would not like to make a career out of singing. It's something that she might enjoy, but she's never had voice lessons. She doesn't want to think about being in

that type of business.

"It's not a very secure path, and I would rather do engineering" Parton said.

Senior Conner Davis lights up the show in his own way by being one of the emcees.

"I feel like we did a good job, besides the one incident with a couple of guys who danced a little inappropriately," Davis said.

There were a couple funny skits

that the performers liked. He did one over Mr. Omstead.

Conner said it seemed people did enjoy it, and it seemed to make the performers less nervous as it warmed the crowd up.

He had to write scripts, get costumes and make a PowerPoint to prepare. It took about a month or two before the talent show to make sure they were prepared to actually do it.

"I did the PowerPoint and wrote most of the scripts, me and a couple other of the emcees," Conner said.

He worked with Lexi Adams, Reagan Jones, Raigan Brooks, Devyn Turvey, and Parker Robillard. He felt that they did a great job and they worked hard.

"Parker pulled off the low cut, even dressed better than anybody I've ever seen, so kudos to him," Conner said.

Conner said that if he had to pick a best it would have been Morgan Gardner singing. She forgot to turn on her microphone and everyone still heard her. But he thinks everyone did a good job overall.

# Friends Forever

# These Delta students tell how they have been friends forever

#### By Kenzie Reed

Senior Parker Robillard has a very close bond with his twin brother, senior Alec Robillard..

"Parker and I have been best friends for 18 years, two months, and nine days and counting," Alec said.

Parker said it's nice to have Alec as a brother because they can talk about anything. Their dad taught them to not just be brothers, but best friends as well. They became close in middle school.

They bond sometimes, but one of Parker's special memories with Alec would have to be one time at their house when Alec hit him with a baseball bat.

"Probably not a special memory for him, but we were playing baseball outside and I was mad at him for some reason and I threw the bat at him and hit him right in the eye, split open his eye," Alec said.

"Our brotherhood and friendship altogether is better than most people's," Parker said.

Alec likes having Parker as a brother and a friend because he's always there. They live together, so whenever he wants to do something Parker will go with him. Alec said both of his parents contributed to them becoming friends.

Alec hangs out with different groups of people than Parker. Parker hangs out with more of the tennis people

and Alec hangs out with others. They still hang out together, despite their differences.

"We aren't similar at all actually. That's why I think we get along so well. We don't look similar or act the same," Alec said.

They are different because of the different people they hang out with and Alec talks more than Parker.

"We came out of the womb together and right when we looked at each other, I knew we'd be besties forever," Alec said.

Senior Blake Smith gave insight on his friendship with fellow senior Michael Folkner. Smith has known Folkner since pre-school. Folkner said the best part about having Blake as a friend is that he knows he can always go to him, depend on him and he understands him.

Folkner affects him positively by

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pushing him to be the best no matter what.

"When we were kids, we would always get in trouble at my house because we would always get on the four wheelers and mess around and my dad wouldn't like it, but we were like 12," Smith said.

Carter Anderson chose Jesse Hart as one person in his life that he has been friends with the longest. He said he has known Jesse since he was born but really since fifth grade. "Once I was born we shook hands and started mowing yards together," Anderson said.

Matthew Redmon chose Lauren Paxson as one of his closest friends. They have known eachother for five years.

"She was hanging out with one of my other friends," Redmon said. That's how they became friends.

Paxson chose Redmon, too, and said she has known him since sixth grade.

"We had a lot of the same friends, and we pretty much stopped being friends with all of them but stayed with each other," Paxson said.

Nic Cline
picked Donte Adams, whom he has
known since seventh grade. Their
friendship started by a
simple casual conversation.



Senior twins Alec and Parker Robillard take a picture before going to prom. (Photo provided)

Linsey McCowan chose Alexis
Meacham. They have known each other for
about 16 years or so. They have known each
other before preschool. They became friends
because their parents were picking up their
sisters from an after school movie and Lexi
and Linsey played house. They both wanted
to be the cat so they ended up pretending to
be cats.

Micaya Richardson and Raigan Brooks chose each other as best friends. They have known each other for seven years. Their friendship started because they played

basketball and softball together.

Jasmine Lykins picked Nikki
Evans, and Nikki also picked Jasmine for the
same reasons. They have known each other
from seven to eight years. Their families
were always friends. They went to the same
summer camp, so going to school together
made them talk to each other more.

Taylor Robinson chose Bruno Torres and McKayle Royal and have known them for 17 years. They went to the same babysitter and school.

Jaycee Whitesell picked Olivia Freeman. They have known each other for six years.

"She told me I was pretty the day I met her," Whitesell said.

Adam Gibson picked Trace Hernly. They have known each other since

seventh grade. They both like the same Subway sandwich (Italian BMT) and it helped them become friends.

Luisa Daut chose Inna Malyshevska, her Ukraine friend, as her closest friend. She has known Inna since the beginning of this year.

Inna asked her if she was a foreign exchange student, too, and that started their friendship.

Even though Alec chose Parker as his best friend, that wasn't really the case for Parker. Parker chose Michael Morris, whom he has known him for seven years.

"I tripped him in the hallway and we have been friends ever since," Parker said.

Sam Huston picked Andrew Torres. He has known him for eight years. They met in the third grade when Sam moved to Albany Elementary.

Abbie Parton chose Jennifer Taylor, whom she has known for 12 years.

"We both had no friends in Sunday school and were also mildly bored," Parton said. They also went to Royerton Elementary together.

Michael Marling said, "All my friends are in my head." That is not meant for any criticism, it just means he sometimes keeps to himself, which isn't a bad thing.

A. Robillard

#### A Moment Can Change Your Life Forever

#### By Emily Warner

People go through a lot of moments in life. They call it a life changing moment. Almost everyone has something to lead them on their path of life.

Senior Bailee Allen had her life changing moment in soccer. Allen played on a travel team since she was little and also on a regular team. The teams have different benefits. The benefits that Allen had was being "allowed to get closer to different people."

Since she has known her travel team from when Allen was younger, it has allowed her to become friends with more people at school.

As she came into high school she had that bit of nervousness of "how they are going to treat you and is it going to be ok?"

"The team wasn't rude or annoying and that made me realize that high school isn't horrible," Allen said.



Senior Mackenzie Turner poses for a picture at prom. (Photo provided)

As Allen got farther in high school she has changed throughout the years.

"Your coaches can only help you so much," Allen said. "You have to be able to push yourself farther."

She feels like senior Kendall Pursley has stuck by her side because

they have been playing travel together since elementary. Both Allen and Pursley started off high as varsity soccer players. They were able to work through the struggles as teammates.

Her life changing moment took a little bit of time because not everyone was at summer training so she didn't really know where she stood. When practice actually started, it didn't take very long for Allen to figure out where she would fit in. She was also able to build quick relationships with people in order to work with them better.

Allen's freshmen year "the team was solid" but it was difficult to walk in and think that she was taking spots, but it worked out good for her because Allen really enjoyed it.

Senior Parker Robillard had his life changing moment while playing tennis. "It

taught me better character and to treat people with better respect," Robillard said.

The person that stuck by his side is Coach Cleland.

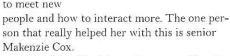
"He is like another parent," Robillard said. Robillard feels like he can go to Coach Cleland whenever he has a problem.

Some moments aren't happy in the beginning, then turn into something amazing. For senior Mackenzie Turner, her life changing moment was her transferring from Southside to Delta. Her experience with this was not good at first.

"I felt really isolated my first few months," Turner said.

as the school year progressed, she learned how to meet new

Then



"Her (Cox) being her true self really helped me be more myself," Turner said.

Earlier in the school year Kat Mesaros got into a car wreck leaving the school.



Senior Kat Mesaros puts final touches on sophomore Ben Slavin's face before a play. (Photo provided)

This wreck made Mesaros become closer with junior Payton Modglin and senior Raymond McQueary. This changed her life because it made her realize that she needs to be more careful, and this made her a better driver.

Another life changing mo-

ment for Mesaros was joining theatre. She got involved by butting into Conner Davis and Morgan Whitmer as they were talking

about getting ready for The Crucible. Every since that moment she has been involved with makeup.

This moment has helped her with future plans because she has considered to be a theatre education major. The people that have helped her get to and through this moment are Mr. Stevens, Mrs. Raleigh, Cameron Clevenger, her parents, and other people in theatre.

"Being in Delta Troupers has really opened my eyes to all the things that go into making a production," Mesaros said. She now realizes how much work

and how it is important to have a good teacher and a good director.

For Mesaros this year was her favorite year because she got to be the head of makeup for Fiddler on the Roof and for You Can't Take it With You.



Senior Emma Hawkins shows off her art skills next to her treasure chest on the circle room mural. (Photo by Emily Warner)



There will be Free Vocal Lessons this summer for Into the Woods. If you have any questions please see Cameron Clevenger or Mrs. Raleigh.

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as of April 15, 2017

By Gavin Wilson



College: Ball State University Major: Visual Communication/ Graphic Design Favorite class: All of my art



classes One thing that got me into my major: enjoy drawing and art in general, so graphic design is a way to make art and

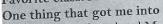
Biggest Regret: Being shy and nervous I'd like to thank: My parents

An interesting fact about me: I do karate at the Northwest YMCA



College: Indiana University-Bloomington

Major: Biochemistry Favorite class: Pre-Cal!



my major: Dr. Brand and Mr. Summers inspired me to pursue a path in science. Biggest Regret: Not running track I'd like to thank: All my teachers An interesting fact about me: I split my

head open in fifth grade on a steel beam at my church.



College: Purdue University Major: Athletic Training Favorite class: Any class with Orchard



One thing that got me into my major: Diana Selvey, our athletic

Biggest Regret: Not school appropriate I'd like to thank: Coy

An interesting fact about me: I don't remember now.

College: Purdue University Major: Pre-Pharmacy Favorite class: Bio 111 One thing that got me into my major: My brother, Bradley

Biggest Regret: Waiting until the last minute to apply to college.

I'd like to thank: My parents and coach-

An interesting fact about me: I don't like blankets.



College: Ball State University Major: Starting out with Pre-Dental

Favorite class: Eagle Zone

One thing that got me into my major: My obsession with pretty teeth.

Biggest Regret: Being too nervous as an underclassman.

I'd like to thank: My parents An interesting fact about me: I love dogs... and all animals.

College: Indiana University-Bloomington Major: Exercise Science/

Kinesiology

Favorite class: Anatomy or World History

One thing that got me into my major: Sports and my dad

Biggest Regret: Not spending more time with friends

I'd like to thank: All my friends, family, and teachers

An interesting fact about me: One of my adult teeth never came in, and I still have a gap there.



College: Purdue University Major: Agricultural Education Favorite class: Ceramics

One thing that got me into my major: 4-H and my intern.

Biggest Regret: I didn't go to more football games.

I'd like to thank: My parents and teach-

An interesting fact about me: I have shown sheep and pigs in 4-H for 10 years.

**Audree** Speicher

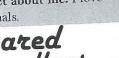


College: Ball State University Major: Archaeology Favorite class: Theatre

One thing that got me into my major: Rick Riordan's

books Biggest Regret: Becoming unconcerned with homework.

I'd like to thank: Family, parents, friends An interesting fact about me: I'm a giant mythology nerd.





College: Indiana Tech Uni-

Major: Web Development Favorite class: Ceramics One thing that got me into my major: My mom

I'd like to thank: My friends

An interesting fact about me: I like turtles





College: Ball State University

Major: Risk Management Favorite class: Pre-Cal

One thing that got me into my major: My own interest

Biggest Regret: Not trying harder my freshman year so I could have a higher class rank.

I'd like to thank: Parents



College: Indiana Wesleyan University

Major: Marine Biology/ Oceanography/Ecology

Favorite class: Mrs. Gor-

don's Spanish Class

One thing that got me into my major: Nathan Brosio

Biggest Regret: Not getting involved in Best Buddies sooner

I'd like to thank: Nathan Brosio

An interesting fact about me: I broke my first and only bone at 10 months old. It was my leg.





College: New York Univer-Major: Neuroscience and

Psychology

Favorite class: Theatre

One thing that got me into my major: Fan fiction inspired me.

Biggest Regret: Waiting so long to step out of my shell.

I'd like to thank: Mrs. Raleigh, Mimi Marquez, Elsa, H.G., and Z.T.

An interesting fact about me: I love to write. I'm working on two book series and four other individual novels.



College: Ball State University

Major: Pre-Med

Favorite class: P.E. Games

One thing that got me into

my major: Dr. Brand

Biggest Regret: Not playing football I'd like to thank: Parents, teachers, and coaches

An interesting fact about me: I can juggle.



Pandon

College: Covenant College Major: Cyber Security Favorite class: Pre-cal with

One thing that got me into my major: The job openings in that field Biggest Regret: Not doing my home-

I'd like to thank: Mr. Omstead and Mr. Seidner for accepting all my late assign-

An interesting fact about me: I rock climb and own over 4,600 Legos.



**Cedric** Hofstetter

College: Indiana/ Purdue University Fort Wayne Major: Civil Engineering Favorite class: Math 136

One thing that got me into my major: My little brother Atticus.

Biggest Regret: Not playing football junior year.

I'd like to thank: My parents and coaches An interesting fact about me: I've watched The Office more than nine times.



College: Taylor University Major: Chemistry Favorite class: P.E. 1

One thing that got me into my major: T.V. shows

Biggest Regret: Not using all my available absences in a semester.

I'd like to thank: My family and friends An interesting fact about me: I have two pet rats.





College: Mississippi State University Major: Kinesiology Favorite class: Foods class

sophomore year One thing that got me into

my major: My parents, and I want to help student athletes reach their full potential. Biggest Regret: Not taking advantage of the snack bar

I'd like to thank: Coach Z for introducing me into the Delta Football Family. An interesting fact about me: When I was 13, I met Christian Watford.



Calandra

College: Ball State Univer-

sity

Major: Undecided Favorite class: Block

One thing that got me into my major: I'm currently

unsure

Biggest Regret: I wish that I would've gotten more involved.

I'd like to thank: My parents

An interesting fact about me: I would like to write a book someday.

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# SENIOR MENTORS GIVE THEIR FINAL ADVICE

#### By Aubrey Holten

For the last 10 months, Freshmen Mentors have given advice and wisdom to the freshmen that they have taken under their wing. The senior mentors have guided their freshmen through their first year of high school as they have been navigating their last. After the last four years, the seniors have some parting wisdom left to give.

Senior Abby Shafer was part of the original group of students that had the idea for the Freshmen Mentor program. She enjoyed the meetings, but her favorite memory from Freshmen Mentors was the Kick-Off Day they held in the summer. They played ice breaker games, had some food, and were introduced to the group they would guide for the following year.

Shafer had leadership positions before, but with Freshmen Mentors,

there was more than just being in charge.

"Being involved in this made me feel like I had something to offer not only to myself or my class, but to my entire school," Shafer said.

Her hopes for the Freshmen Mentor program is for it to continue to grow and shape into a large, successful program. More mentors, more meetings, and more diverse activities are ideas she hopes will eventually become a part of the program.

Shafer believes that while the program benefits freshmen immensely, mentors also find themselves learning from their freshmen. Shafer learned more about her school in order to tell her group about it. She also learned the value of patience, and how important it is to listen.

She hopes her freshmen remember her final advice throughout their high school career.

"Don't be afraid to do what you want. High school is what you make of it, and if we can get our freshmen to understand that right off the bat, it will make their lives so much easier,: Shafer said. "It makes me wish I had gotten involved in something like this when I was a freshman, because I know I would have done some things different."

Though Shafer, who is on her way to Indiana University in the fall, had a good relationship with all of her group, she grew especially close to one student: freshman Kenzie Reed. She grew close to Shafer because they both are on the tennis team.

"She's really helpful and supportive. If you have something to talk about, she's always there," Reed said. "It's easy to talk to her, and we have gotten a lot closer since [Freshmen Mentors] started."

During their meetings, they

would discuss things relevant to freshmen: grades, schools events coming up, or clubs and sports to join. With Shafer, Reed felt like she could also go to her with problems too.

For Reed, the Freshmen Mentor program gave her a support system that she felt comfortable going to.

"It helped me understand what high school was like. I had someone to look up to and help me if I need it," Reed said. "We have someone to go to if we need help, someone that has been in our place and really understands."

For many students involved in the



Front row: Jonah Haley, Jacob VanPelt, Parker Robillard, Cedric Hofstetter, Nathan Brelage, Conner Davis. Second row: Micaya Richardson, Tara Haney, Ruth Smith, Abbie Parton, Jennica Hall, Maddie Gullion. Back row: Jared Hunt, Hayley Greiner. Senior Mentors not pictured here: Brendan Bow, Dacia Case, Natalie Furry, Libby Fox, Maddie Harris, Reagan Jones, Tanner Lambert, Charlie May, Kaitlyn Mesaros

program, the mentors and freshmen are in the same clubs or sports. This is true for freshman Ryan Van Pelt, and his mentor senior Jared Hunt, who were both on the swim team this year.

At first, Hunt joined the program as a resume builder; with college approaching fast, he wanted to seem more appealing to scholarship directors and admission counselors. He soon realized, however, that there was more to the program than just another club on the list.

"I have always been a pretty positive person, so I never really had any trouble with high school. Freshmen Mentors helped me see how it could change the freshmen's outlook," Hunt said. "If we had someone who was really negative about coming into high school and they had a mentor who was really positive, it shows them that there is chance for things to get better."

Hunt, who plans to attend Indiana University, enjoyed the Freshmen Mentor program, especially when junior Isaac Griffis performed in a skit for Valentine's Day. He also enjoyed seeing the difference he made with his mentees, and sharing his experiences with them. His final advice, however, is what he hopes they take with them for the years to come.

"Keep a positive outlook on high school," Hunt said. "Things might get monotonous at times, and you will get very bored, but take stock in the people you have around you, and realize the value that everyone has."

While Hunt took a bit to get reeled in, senior Conner Davis was rearing to go from day one, and freshman Zac Stanley could easily see that.

joined [Freshmen Mentors7 so I could help the incoming freshmen really get involved in high school and have a good high school experience," Davis said.

While Davis has many good memories with his mentees, especially his most memorable doesn't involve any of his freshmen.

"Last year, my junior year, we went to Mt. Vernon to see how their mentor program works," Davis said. "They told us so much, and we came away

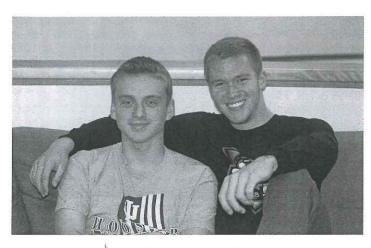
with so many good ideas. It really gave us so much inspiration and hope for the coming years."

Davis, who plans to go to Ball State next school year, has learned many

> things from the program, such as relating to people that are different than him. He hopes that his mentees learned from him also.



McKenzie Reed (right) and her Freshman Mentor Abby Shafer.



Ryan Van Pelt (left) and his Freshman Mentor Jared Hunt.

"Get involved, in every way, shape, and form that you can," Davis said. "Make the most of your high school career. Homework sucks, and 8-hour days suck, but it really is an incredible time in your life. Have fun and use the time you get."

These senior mentors have been passing on their wisdom for the past school year. However, their freshmen have a little advice for them as they move through the rest of their lives.

Reed hopes that Shafer continues to persevere.

"Just don't give up and keep working hard for what you believe in," Reed said.

Van Pelt hopes Hunt "takes all the positivity and all the encouragement he gave me and applies it to wherever he is going to college, and uses his talents for good."

Stanley wishes that Davis will continue to be a "fun, energetic, and down-to-earth dude."



Zac Stanley (right) and his Freshman Mentor Conner Davis

# Two Is Better Than One

# Three sets of twins discuss what it's like to have a twin

#### By Avery Harber

"A lot of kids when they are younger have an imaginary friend, but we had each other," senior Jennica Hall says, referring to herself and her twin, Mary Hall.

The Hall sisters have decided to stay together after high school and are going to the same college, Brigham Young University in Idaho. Mary and Jennica will be rooming together in a shared dorm. Their older sister, Shaylie, goes there as well.

Mary says she wanted to stay with her twin because they had been together their whole lives, and she thinks it would have been scary to go somewhere by herself.

Mary says she likes having a twin, because you have someone who is always there for you, and it makes transitions less difficult. The first days of kin-



Mary and Jennica Hall

dergarten, middle school, and high school can be scary, but when you have your twin with you, it isn't as intimidating.

Even though they're twins, they have many differences. Mary prefers mu-

sic, while Jennica prefers art and ceramics.

Jennica was born 12 minutes earlier, though Mary is a bit taller.

Something that some people see as odd is that they share a bed. When they were younger one of them would always move over to the other's bed. Eventually, their parents just pushed their two twin beds together and they have been sharing a bed since.

Whenever they go on road trips

together, Jennica lays her head in Mary's lap, and Mary lays hers on Jennica's back.

Alec and Parker Robillard

When Mary and Jennica were around the age of 2, their sister was being potty trained and she left the door to the bathroom open. Mary and Jennica walked in and started playing in the toilet water. Their mom found them and started yelling about how disgusting that was and that they shouldn't do that. Mary started bawling, but Jennica spit in her mom's face.

When the twins were younger and got angry at each other, they would yell at each other that they weren't invited to their birthday party.

Seniors Alec and Parker Robillard are sticking together and going to Ball State. They both say they love having a twin because you always have someone there to talk with. They both are very

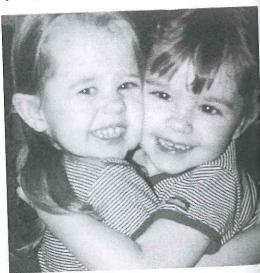
different, though they do share a love for tennis. They look different, but Parker says they looked similar when they were younger. Alec says he is more social than his brother.

A memory that both of them remember well was from when they were younger. They were fighting, though neither twin can remember what it was about, and Alec got mad and threw a baseball bat at Parker.

Seniors Allyssa and Aubrey Holten are fraternal twins, though they say many people can't even tell they are related at first. When they were younger, they hated each other and fought all the time. Once when they were fighting, Aubrey hit Allyssa with a peanut butter sandwich. After that, they warmed up to each other and became best friends.

Allyssa is technically the older one, being born three minutes earlier, although Aubrey says she acts like she's the younger one.

Allyssa was also very overprotective of Aubrey when they were



Allyssa and Aubrey Holten, age 2

younger. Once she "beat up a guy becaus he took a ball from her."

Their dad was tickling Aubrey when they were little, and Allyssa

thought he was hurting her, so she took a plastic snow globe and hit him in the head with it.

One time when Allyssa was picking up Aubrey from work, she kept inching the car forward to keep her from getting in. Aubrey had been having a bad day and after she kept doing it, she burst into tears.

Aubrey and Allyssa say that they

have a lot of differences, not just in their appearance. Allyssa is more sarcastic, and outgoing, while Aubrey is more reserved and loves reading. Allyssa also likes driving, while Aubrey does not. They both say they love having a twin.

"I don't think I would want it any other way because I have someone who will always be there for me," Aubrey said. The Twins Days festival is held in Twinsburg, Ohio every summer in August. It is a festival mainly for twins (or other multiples) and their families.



Mary and Jennica Hall at the Twins Days festival.





# Jack of All Trades Nathan Brelage rises to top of the Senior Class

#### By Charlie May



Brelage

High school has been described as the best four years of a person's life. Because of this, the students are told to get involved. Well, what if high school was five years of getting involved instead of four?

Nathan Brelage is ranked first in the senior class. However, this is his fifth year at the high school. He started coming to the high school in eighth grade.

"It was nerve-wracking, it was challenging, but I was up for the challenge," Brelage said. "It was one of those things where let's see what I can do."

Brelage has been involved in many extracurriculars throughout high school, including National Honor Society, Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy, Freshman Mentors, class president, and Student Council.

"I was interested in them," Brelage said. "It's been important to help people out."

Athletically, Brelage was involved in JV tennis his freshman year and then switched to soccer. He said his reasoning for the switch was he felt like he had more friends on the soccer team and that he grew up playing soccer. His favorite memory from his athletic career was scoring his first goal against Muncie Central this year in the sectional with 19 seconds remaining to tie the score.

Outside of school Brelage enjoys many hobbies including 4-H, reading, competitive dancing, soccer, video games and hunting.

Brelage says his family members have their squabbles and bickering, but most of the time it's a healthy environment and they have a lot of fun.

Around home Nathan Brelage's mom, Pam, describes him as fun yet serious, laid back and helpful. His dad, Andy, describes him as helpful and fun loving.. However, they each have a word to describe him.



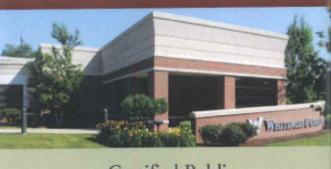
Mrs. Brelage said.

"Nathan has repeatedly shown his strength by doing things that are outside the norm. He dances because he loves it, even though it is not typical for boys in the area. He has stepped into many leadership roles and has tried to encourage others to also be leaders. He has worked hard to achieve his goals. Most of all, Nathan has continued to be kind and has served others selflessly. He has done what is right even though the right thing is not always easy, and that takes strength.



Nathan Brelage poses for one of his senior pictures. (Photo Provied)

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Nathan is one of my

role models."

#### On Deck

#### Micaya Richardson currently ranks second in the Senior Class

#### By Kaitlyn Overla

There are 217 students in the Class of 2017, and Micava Richardson currently ranks second. On top of everything she does, she has managed her time well enough to be this high in the class

"I have to put my schoolwork first, because with all the clubs, basketball, softball, and work, it is really hard to make time for it," Richardson said "I have to stay up late sometimes and get up in the mornings and work before school."

During her senior year, she is taking four dual-credit classes: Economics 101(Ivy Tech), English 103/104 (BSU). Math 125 (BSU), and Anatomy 101/102 (Ivy Tech).

She encourages other students to "take as many dual-credit classes as you can," and added that those classes have gotten her excited about heading off to

college.

But it has not been one of these dual-credit courses that has been her favorite. Throughout her entire high school career, Richardson's favorite class was child development because she likes to learn about kids. She hopes to someday work with them.

She said Dr. Lance Brand's anatomy course has been her class with the most difficult material to learn.

Dr. Brand said he admires "her positive personality, she's smiling and giggling, you know. Yucking it up and having a good time. ... She is still able to maintain a strong academic performance at the same time."

It hasn't been easy for the busy Richardson.

"I had to study really hard,"

she said. "I like to get good grades, and I want to be the best that I can be, so it pushes me to work hard," she said.



Senior Micaya Richardson defends a player from Wapahani. (Photo Provided)

Richardson plays softball, too. Her favorite position is shortstop. "I have so much space. I like how much area I have to cover, and I can go a lot of places to get the ball, because I am

the main one in the field. They always

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By Kaitlyn Overla

## Maddie Gullion is within grasp of Salutatorian



Senior Maddie Guillion takes a selfie. (Photo Provided)

When informed of how close she is to catching Micaya Richardson as salutatorian of the Class of 2017, Maddie Gullion was in shock. She said she had accepted her position as third among the more than 200 graduates, but now she wants to do whatever she can to make a late push to become saluta-

Guillion poses on a bridge during torian. her senior photos. (Photo Provided)

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parents have played a huge part in devel-

Maddie said. "I am a reader, and my love of words came from my mom. I didn't get my dad's affinity for math, but I did get my work ethic and my drive from him."

Dr. Darin Gullion, assistant superintendent for Delaware Community Schools, said that when he looks at his daughter he sees a "strong, independent, socially-conscious young woman."

Dr. Gullion added: "She

cares for other people and social justice. That's what I'm most proud of in her."

A few years back Maddie became a vegetarian, then she became a vegan. A vegetarian diet excludes meat, poultry,

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Maddie Guillion (top left) takes a picture with both swim teams before a meet. (Photo Provided)

and seafood; a vegan diet eliminates anything that is made from animals including honey.

"For me it is a sustainability issue. I am really passionate about the issues of the food industry as it stands, like the water consumption related to beef production, and animal cruelty, slaughter house...

"I plan on being vegan until I see the industry making a change toward sustainability and more humane treatment of animals," Maddie said.

Dr. Lance Brand, anatomy teacher, said Gullion is a free spirit.

"She doesn't worry much about

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what other people think. That is a trait you don't often see in high school students. It is a trait you see more in adults," Dr. Brand said.

She plans to attend Earlham

College in Richmond, Ind., and to pursue a double major in creative writing and Spanish with a minor in environmental studies.

"Maddie is a little more on the creative side, in terms of her talents, and in her writing skills. It is one of her loves," Dr. Brand said.

In her future she would like to adopt dogs, travel, start a vegan blog, and to become a published author. Gullion for the last two years has entered and won

several National Scholastic Writing contest awards. She went to New York City in the summer of 2016 and has the chance to go again this summer to be honored.

Maddie describes her senior year as overwhelming, yet exciting. She has maintained a high grade point average through her high school career which has led her to be in the top three in her class.

"It's a huge accomplishment. It is obviously not something that everybody gets, but I worked really hard to get here, so I know I deserve it," she said. "I really think it all goes back to freshman year. You give yourself a good starting point, then you'll be fine the rest of your high school career."

She sometimes compares herself to her freshman brother, Anthony.

"He does not have to work nearly as hard as I do and he makes straight A+'s. It just comes more naturally to him," she said. "I think logging on to PowerSchool and seeing his grades and then my grade, it's a little bit of a push."

As Gullion heads off to college she will continue to push herself to do the best she can.



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# Say 'Captain of the field'." As to being captain of the field, she likes to remain in control. That is why she is point guard, a position she is comfortable playing in basketball. "I like being in control of the game. I usually always Jason May Ins Agety Jason M May, Aget

"I like being in control of the game. I usually always have the ball," Richardson said.

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With all the academics and sports, everyone needs some free time. In Richardson's free time with her friends she enjoys shopping and going out to eat at places like Steak 'N' Shake as well as watching Netflix.

To relax, she watches TV with her mother and they often talk about the day's events. Her parents are her inspiration.

"They always want my twin brother and I to be the best that we can be," Richardson said, noting that her parents have made many sacrifices for their children.

"My mom went back to nursing school and that was a really tough time for my family, and that inspired me to be a nurse practitioner. I would say they have inspired me because they have done so much and they are so successful in their lives now," said Richardson, who will study nursing at Ball State University.

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# Never Forgets

Lexi Adams ~ I'll never forget when JL made JH and I sleep in a bathtub. I'll never forget when CV and I got lost in Paris. I'll never forget all of my fights with JH and slow dancing to a rap song. I'll never forget Spanish III, and I always knew DS would win over HM. I'll never forget when SM and I went to Chicago. I'll never forget when Mikey's Bikey broke down with LD and MK. I'll never forget when RB and I didn't get pulled over.

Nikita Adams ~ I will never forget when TK yelled at me for crying out in pain when KB hit me with a golf ball because I was "disturbing others."

Bailee Allen ~ I will never forget when KH, KP, and I "decorated" our coach's house.

Carter Anderson ~ I will never forget my locker combination.

Melissa Baker ~ I will never forget when we were writing business letters in MC's class. AC told MC that she had a big (and then he hesitated a long time) address. Everyone about died laughing, including MC. It became a class joke.

Brendan Bow ~ I'll never forget when LF and I took an impromptu trip to Canada. I'll never forget trying to fix a strand of lights for homecoming decoration and accidentally creating a fire hazard with TC and LB. I'll never forget being out on the sidelines during Friday Night Lights with my team. I'll never forget all the useful life skills learned in SS's classes.

Nathan Brelage ~ I will never forget when my entire physics class received cookies from our teacher because I got the lowest score on a physics quiz.

Raigan Brooks ~ I'll never forget the countless memories MR and I have made. I'll never forget after years of friendship still shocking TH with what I do or say. I'll never forget when LA and I ran a red light after stopping at it with a cop behind us. I'll never forget the roadtrips to watch MR play basketball and softball.

Isabella Brown ~ I'll never forget the time KO, the greatest English teacher ever, said that I was a great writer. I've worked so hard on every assignment that he's given since that day. I've been filled with so much confidence because of him. Thank you!

Camryn Campbell ~ I will never forget all the memories between DC, KB, KR, and SM and me. I will never forget all the trouble KR and I got ourselves into. I will never forget all the times EB and I finished last on stairs together...every time. I will never forget when SO willed me NM and now we're a year strong! Thx girl! XOXO

MacKayla Campbell ~ I will never forget the time over fall break that RH, GJ, and I took JT to work at 4 in the morning and went to IHOP after and saw maybe 20-25 cops all just hanging out there.

Dacia Case ~ I will never forget Taco Bell 1 a.m. runs with SM, KR, and KB. I will never forget changing the sign on Walnut and Royerton with SM and KR and hiding under my truck from cars, then peeing my pants. I will never forget getting stuck in the middle of my lake because the boat died then us girls pushed and swam it back to the dock (in the dark.)

Kassandra Chrich ~ I will never forget my first day here, I met my now boyfriend through a mutual friend. We've been together since the beginning of last year when I moved here.

Katey Compton ~ I will never forget when LA and I' went to the Coldplay concert because it was the best concert I've ever been to. I will never forget any of the concerts I went to in high school, most of them with KU.

Cheyann Cox  $\sim$  I will never forget the time I met my best friend EC in English class. I will never forget the ability of teaching I learned in the DHS preschool. I will never forget the ways my teachers inspired me to try my hardest, never give up, and to always do my best to pursue my dreams.

Makenzie Cox ~ I'll never forget when I ran cross country and CT pushed me to do my best and I got my PR.

Kelli Cross  $\sim$  I will never forget the time NF and I tried sneaking out during our junior year and then getting caught by my dad. The car starting and headlights woke him up.

Luisa Daut  $\sim$  I will never forget all the sleepovers I had with IM, TT, and RB. I will never forget spring break 2k17 in Florida with MK. It was one of the most unforgettable times in my exchange year. Shoutout to LA, CV, IM, MK, and many more for this awesome time. I will never forget my year in America, living with 2 great host families, my two host-sisters JF and MK.

Sydney Decker ~ I will never forget when NA got hit with a golf ball at practice and got yelled at for it. I will never forget obsessing over VT with MS our freshmen year. I will never forget cross country with NE, RF, and CO. I will never forget my senior basketball season with MR, SS, HW, CM, BT, and KH. I will never forget making RS and mad with LR.

Andrew Dunnuck ~ I will never forget the friends I made throughout the years and will remember the journey to the very end.

Matthew Fisher ~ I'll never forget all the times I said it would be someone else's problem, only for it to be my problem again.

Hayley Greiner ~ I will never forget the time when I baked cookies without flour... and set the timer for eight hours... I promise I have evolved since then.

Maddie Gullion ~ I'll never forget roadtripping with LF and BB. I'll never forget the day JS introduced me to DP. I'll never forget baking cookies with AG, TB, IB, MV, and KM. I'll never forget the meme team. I'll never forget block with MH.

Jonah Haley ~ I'll never forget when JH got the entire school banned from half the Internet including the proxy servers. I'll never forget when CB started crying on the bus to a tennis match because he had to pee so bad. I'll never forget playing dink 'em before every tennis practice with AT. I'll never forget playing ping pong and board games every weekend with AT, BW, CB, JB, and CT. I'll never forget when NB hit the go ahead hit in regionals. I'll never forget when JA and I played our hearts out against Carmel in state. I'll never forget after we lost to Carmel being together as a team in the huddle one last time.

Tara Haney ~ I'll never forget when MR, RB, and I would have a carry in during our sixth period study hall.

Emma Hawkins ~ I'll never forget the sweet and glorious relief I've felt after every final during the last week of school.

Rachael Hiatt  $\sim$  I will never forget the hunt for extension cords with JT for pep band.

Michael Himes ~ I will never forget Super Switch-Foot Car Fun Time with BB, LB, and occasionally MK. I will never forget teaming up with AT to convince RP that Tesla deployed Mecks in the Middle East. I will never forget being spud with BK, MK, and LM. I will never forget "Sunday Sunday Sunday?" with AT, BK, LB, MK, and BB.

Aubrey Holten ~ I will never forget all the nights driving and screaming along to the radio with AH.

Malachi Koch ~ I'll never forget all the hours spent running in the woods with people who were more family than just friends. Memories like seeing how far out I could run on the Cardinal Greenway and then taking breaks to play at the playground and spin until we were dizzy on the equipment and then back to the trail. I will never forget the passing of "tradition," energy, love, and the madness of theatre. I will never forget or regret the good memories and getting involved. I'll never forget Delta. I'll never

forget my home.

Chloe Krejsa ~ I will never forget Homecoming my freshman year. I had so many friends and the closeness we had was great. Having participated in homecoming week and just being included on the fun is something I won't ever forget.

Tanner Lambert ~ I will never forget the time when AG danced at the talent show. I will never forget winning back to back sectionals in football. I will never forget going to semi-state for baseball.

Jasmine Lykins ~ I'll never forget the endless fun in Europe with LA, CV, JH, and SW. I'll never forget the funny moments and great friendship with NE. I'll never forget both senior nights with NE, DC, MR, and TR. I'll never forget the constant procrastination in KO's class with NE, LA, and PR. I'll never forget jumping off of DC's roof and spraining my ankle. I'll never forget the Spring Break(s) with KU.

Inna Malyshevska  $\sim$  I will never forget my best friend Luisa at my house just hanging out in the hot tub. It was probably around 11 p.m. We got so hot that we started walking around my backyard. Suddenly, she smelled the boy's cologne so she was yelling for me to come and smell it. We were standing in that spot sniffing it for legit 20 seconds, quietly and then she said that it's the same cologne my crush wore. We looked at each other. However, we needed more adventures so we grabbed the forks and came back there, but the smell was gone. It was scary.

Charlie May ~ I will never forget going to semi-state in baseball my junior year. I will never forget winning sectionals in soccer. I will never forget my senior baseball season. I will never forget anything DB and I did or didn't do.

Jessica McNeil ~ I will never forget when I fell up the stairs, ripped my dress and had to wear gym clothes all day.

Lexi Meacham ~ I'll never forget the worst day of my life that occurred at this high school when I was locked out of the school after theatre rehearsal ended for over an hour in the cold at night and I couldn't leave because I forgot my keys inside. Oh and my phone was dead. On a more positive note, I'll also never forget when I was able to be in the talent show with ID. That was an amazing night for us.

Makenzie Meeks ~ I will never forget my first football game, my first homecoming, and my friends, the ones that I still have and the ones that I grew apart from. I will never forget the lessons that I learned and how the years of high school changed me completely, in some ways for the better and some for the worse.

Kat Mesaros ~ I'll never forget every inside joke, long shift at Taco Bell, and late night McDonald's run with HD. I'll never forget all the time spent in the dressing room and impromptu supply runs with MW. And let's not forget the time I hit RM and PM with my

car. I also feel as if it's necessary to mention all the summer nights with BS, SS, ND, CD, ZT, JR, and KP. Regardless of what happened I still cherish all these memories. I'll also never forget my foreign friends. Thank you all for making my high school experience wonderful with many amazing memories to look back on.

Trenton Miller ~ I will never forget the nights of cross country team bonfires. I will never forget playing baseball games till late at night. I will never forget "Friday Night Lights" at football games cheering with the Blue Crew.

Landon Morgan  $\sim$  I will never forget when JT and JR and I vacuumed up over 70 bees with a shop-vac at intern.

Michael Morris ~ I will never forget playing for DHS tennis throughout high school.

Seleste Musick ~ I will never forget when KB wouldn't let me touch her phone until I washed my hands. I will never forget having friends giving in may at DC's house.

RJ Padgett ~ I will never forget getting beat in intramurals at the buzzer by ES and the Typos. I will never forget being with the tennis team.

Luke Prince ~ I will never forget taking MC to prom, going to King's Island with AJ and TM, running with BT every track practice. I will never forget the time I passed out at lunch, making memes with MM, going to Steak 'n' Shake with the squad, the bus rides to and from cross-country meets. Finally I'll never forget all the friends I have made and the fun times I have had.

Kyndall Pursley ~ I'll never forget when BA and KH stole my car after a boys soccer game and I had to run after them in the parking lot.

Micaya Richardson ~ I will never forget when RB and I broke down on I69 at 10 p.m. after watching a PG movie. I will never forget all of our study hall parties with TH, RB, and RVP. I will never forget all of my memories with RB and the amazing friendship that we built.

Noah Richardson ~ I will never forget the feeling of wrestling at Fort Wayne semi-state. The crowd watching, coaches yelling, and all you have left is two matches and you've made it downtown. But I lost in the first round twice, but it still was an unforgettable experience.

Parker Robillard ~ I will never forget when MM had a pool party with SH, RP, and JB and that led to a monumental night.

Taylor Robinson  $\sim$  I will never forget when my prom date AG showed up to prom in a top hat, gloves, and a cane.

Kelsee Roe ~ I will never forget late night Taco

Bell runs with SM, DC, and KB. I will never forget writing on people's car windows with window paint with SM,DC, and KB. I will never forget CC and my handshake before each volleyball game. I will never forget painting up for football games with CA, JH, GZ, RJ, KB, SM, and AR. I will never forget senior spring break with KB. I will never forget making a dance up for anatomy with SM and KB. I will never forget playing Bingo on my 18th with SM and KB.

McKayle Royal ~ I will never forget the time AG danced at Bankers Life Fieldhouse. I'll never forget all the fun times with TL, TR, and JV and AG. I will never forget my junior year prom.

Nathan Royal ~ I will never forget when AH would score a touchdown and we would do our handshake.

Taylor Showalter ~ I'll never forget prom with all my amazing friends. I'll never forget constant laughter with MG.

Audree Speicher ~ I'll always remember HG's moments from freshmen biology: asking if you're able to inject wifi into yourself or if Egypt was in Europe. I'll also remember all my moments performing/helping in theatre.

Shae Stanley ~ I'll never forget the time HW and I got yelled at by a stranger at Beech Grove. I'll never forget all the fun bus rides MR, MO, KD, HW, and SD and I shared.

Brandon Sutton ~ I will never forget the empty feeling school gave me.

Joseph Tempest ~ I will never forget when HT came running over to BW and me just because he had a birdie putt. He was running with his golf bag and everything.

Alex Thomas ~ I'll never forget when BS stood outside, without shoes, in the rain, under a tree for an hour because he didn't know how to get back inside at Juille.

Andrew Torres ~ I'll never forget the night that CT and I rolled around all night and listened to "Mask Off" before it popped off.

Chandler Tucker ~ I will never forget the time AT locked us out of his car at the Riff Raff concert two hours away.

Mackenzie Turner ~ I will never forget my junior year during Homecoming! Cheering with the crowd and making new friends. Best school event I have been at in my three years at Delta.

Devyn Turvey ~ I will never forget when I lost my car keys at a track meet. After I left early and was dropped off at my car I realized I forgot them.

Sommer Wallace ~ I will never forget when NB asked me to be his girlfriend at a home football game. I will never forget when NB and I flipped the

hammock while he was trying to impress my family. I will never forget when SO and I signed up for Ag class because we thought it was foods. I will never forget when NB had \$300 stolen out of his truck when we were at Dance Marathon. I will never forget going on Spring Break to HI with HT. I will never forget having the two best sisters in the world, HT and VU. I will never forget falling in love with my best friend and high school sweetheart, NB.

Calandra Weaver ~ Senior Year was special because my sister was a freshman, so it was our first time to be in the same school since elementary. We're really close so we had a lot of fun talking and laughing together during the school day. I was a TA in her French class so we had fun joking around in there, too.

Morgan Whitmer ~ I will never forget when MG, LE. and I drove around Indiana on my birthday. I'll never forget taking BS to prom. I'll never forget cruising with ZT. I'll never forget the dressing room with CC, LM, KM, and others. I'll never forget making GM and JP cry over the tape in the dressing room.

Nate Williams ~ I'll never forget when we had the good snack bar.

Naomi Wilson ~ I will never forget how I met B and

MD during freshmen year. Also, I won't forget how I was stuck on the bridge in Downtown Muncie when there was a severe thunderstorm on a Sunday.

Thordia Wilson ~ I will never forget the time I got locked in the elevator when the power went out.

Patrick Wolfe ~ I will never forget seeing my dad at the high school all four years in school.

Brice Wuthrich ~ I will never forget 58-28 and 20-7

# Students Tell About Their **Unique Majors**

#### By Allie Todd

The most common careers for people to go into are business management, general psychology, and nursing, but like Robert Frost wrote, "I took the road less traveled by, And that has made all the difference."

These are some of those seniors who didn't take the same road as everyone else.

Senior Lexi Meacham wants to go to college at Ball State University to study dietetics and nutrition.

"I want to be able to have the knowledge to prevent a patient's current situation from getting worse and be able to help a person recover naturally. It's just a really great career for my mindset of how I would like to make an impact on people's lives," Meacham said.

Sometime in the future Meacham plans to move out of state and get her master's degree.

Sommer Wallace wants to study marine biology at Ball State. She

Wallace always been interested in the idea, and has known she wanted to be a marine biologist since she was a kid.

"I love animals and I love the ocean, so when you mix the two together you get Marine Biology," Wallace said.

In 10 years, Sommer's plans are to move to California to further her studying and to possibly become a research scuba diver.

Meacham

Audree Speicher plans to study archaeology at Ball State. Speicher got into archaeology in middle school.

"I started wanting to learn about the people that made

those and that's why I wanted to find all of the artifacts and learn more about ancient history," Speicher said.

Speicher hopes that through college, she'll have a lot

of opportunity to get to know more about her major and be able to do what she likes with her life.

In 10 years Speicher plans on having a career in archaeology. At some point she'll be able to travel and go to all the places she wants to study.

Speicher looks forward to broadening her horizons and is excited to have something different for the rest of her life.

Senior Lexi Adams plans on studying severe special education at Ball

State University.

"When I was six in the first grade, the special needs kids

came to Albany Elementary and I asked the teacher if from that day forward I could go in



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and hang out and play with them because I realized that they were never really at recess and so I didn't know if they made

> friends or not because I knew they were new," Adams said. "So every day in elementary school I would be with them, and then middle school hit, and I was there without them for a year until they came and so I was their peer tutor all

Speicher eighth grade year. Then all four years I've been in Best Buddies with them still, and senior year I'm now president of Best Buddies and I do lots of volunteering outside of school with people with special needs."

> In 10 years, Adams would like to live somewhere like Australia or Arizona because that's where there are a lot of alien and UFO sightings. No matter where she goes she will always have job security because special education teachers are in high demand.



Nathan's dad agrees, but uses a different word.

"Driven," Mr. Brelage said.
"Nathan is ambitious and focused on what is important to him. He is determined to succeed and is motivated to do his best.
He is focused on his goals."

His brother Cody describes Nathan as confident, saying that Nathan is sure about everything that he does. However his sister's description of him is different than the rest of the family.

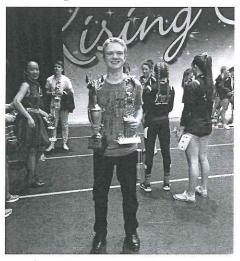
"As a brother he's annoying," Ashleigh Brelage said. "He's annoying just because he's a brother."

Both Nathan and Ashleigh dance at Premier Dance Academy and have participated in competitions together.

"She and I have a very fun duet this year where we kind of bicker on stage," Nathan said.

Nathan has been dancing competitively for 11 years, competing in tap and hip-hop.

"I grew up watching musicals like Singing in the Rain and CATS," Nathan said. "I would sit there and try to dance along with them."



Nathan Brelage celebrates his victory at a dance competition. (Photo Provided)

Throughout high school, Mrs. Brelage has seen her son grow more and more.

"He has gotten more comfortable with who he is, and he has become more responsible," Mrs. Brelage said.

"I want Nathan to find his passion," Mrs. Brelage said. "To do what he loves and to love whatever he is doing. I want him to be happy and to love the people he is with."

Nathan will be attending the University of Dayton to study mechanical engineering with a minor in biomechanical engineering.

"I didn't want to do engineering until I took physics," Brelage said. Nathan said that his internship at SRT Prosthetics & Orthotics definitely helped him in deciding a possible career.

Mr. Gary Seidner has taught Nathan in Geometry, Physics, BSU Physics, and BSU Calculus twice. He describes Nathan as a special student.

"He is very dedicated to his work," Mr. Seidner said. "If I grade his test and he gets it wrong, I double check to make sure mine's not wrong."

Nathan says he is ready for the new experiences and the friends he is going to make. However, when Nathan leaves for college Aug. 18, it will not only be an adjustment for him but his parents as well.

"I will miss Nathan coming into my room and saying, 'Mom, can we talk?'" Mrs. Brelage said. "I am very lucky that Nathan is comfortable talking to me about many

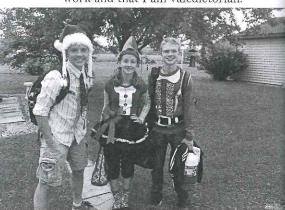


Nathan Brelage prepares for a competition with Premier Dance Academy. (Photo Provided)

things. I look forward to phone conversations and spending time talking to him when he comes home."

Once all the seniors walk out of Emens Auditorium on June 3 and have officially graduated, all they will be allowed to do now is remember high school. For Nathan, he will be able to look back and see hard work paid off.

"There is a good amount of satisfaction," he said. "I wasn't always sure that it was going to work out that way, but it's nice to know that I put in the work and that I am valedictorian."



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Lexi Adams ~ My future plans include to study at BSU to become a severe special education teacher, enter the Peace Corps, and get married to a foreign guy and have kids. I really want to get abducted by aliens and do a lot of weird stuff.

Carter Anderson ~ Go to Ball State and study Entrepreneurship. I want to build a business and hopefully make it country-wide or maybe globally known.

Bre Arey ~ I'm a part time cosmetology student at Amber's Beauty School. I am there Tuesday-Friday from 11:45-5 and Saturday mornings from 7:45-2 p.m. I will finish this next fall and go out and get a job somewhere in the cosmetology world.

Melissa Baker ~ I plan to go to college. After college I want to fly to California where I will meet a handsome movie star. We will marry and be rich and famous. We will have four children- two boys and two girls. We will travel the world and visit all sorts of vacation spots.

Maggie Bales ~ I plan to go to Ivy Tech for nursing then possibly transfer to Ball State to get my bachelor's degree in nursing. Once I have graduated I hope to have a career in nursing. While I am going to school I hope to be working in health care to gain experience to help me in school and in my career.

Brendan Bow ~ I plan to start my master's classes Fall of 2018. I plan to meet my goals. I plan to go to space when it becomes commercially available. I plan to change the world. I plan to travel the world.

Nathan Brelage ~ I plan to study mechanical engineering at the University of Dayton. I also hope to minor in biochemical engineering. The field of prosthetics is what I hope to have a career in and these studies will prepare me very well for such a career. Additionally, I will have options with a mechanical engineering degree should something happen to change my mind about prosthetics.

Raigan Brooks ~ My future plans are to attend BSU for four years. After I graduate, get married, and travel the world with my person. After a couple years of doing that have a family that consists of two kids (boy and girl). By this time me and my ¼ black babies will be driving around in my Range Rover. If I have that I will live happily ever after.

Isabelle Brown ~ My future plans include creating artworks and comics for all ages, and studying the effective alternatives to conserve wildlife and the environment. I'd also like to rescue animals.

Camryn Campbell ~ To graduate from Amber's Beauty School, go to Ivy Tech for two years to get a business degree, eventually open my own salon and be the best at what I want to do! Travel and live life to the fullest.

Mackayla Campbell ~ My future plans are to go to lvy Tech, then transfer to Ball State and get a psychology degree. After that I intend to become a practicing pediatric music therapist. I intend to do all of that while adding to my growing tattoo gallery.

Dacia Case ~ My future plans are attending Ball State.

Kassandra Chrich ~ I plan on becoming a dental assistant and moving to South Carolina. It's time to get out of Muncie.

Katey Compton ~ I will go to Ball State and hopefully figure out what I want to major and minor in during my first year because I have no idea.

Cheyann Cox ~ My future plan once I graduate is to attend college in the fall for human services. I also plan to get my own house, eventually get engaged and married, and someday have children and my own family.

Makenzie Cox ~ My future plan is to become a preschool teacher and get married and have a family.

Kelli Cross  $\sim$  I will be attending by Tech to get my ASN for nursing. I will then transfer to IU East in 2020 to get my BSN and MSN in nursing to become a nurse practitioner.

Luisa Daut ~ When I am back in Germany I will go to a two year school, which is kind of a college. I will major in languages. Indiana will always have a special place in my heart, so I will try to come back here as much as I can. I want to marry and maybe have kids and a dog. I want to get a job that has something to do with languages and I want to travel the world. Most importantly, I want to be happy and always have great family and friends by my side.

Sydney Decker ~ After I attend Purdue University and receive my master's in Agriculture Education, I will get a job as a 4-H educator in extensions. I will live in a craftsman style house with five acres of land and a barn. I will fill the barn with animals. I will own a teacup pig and name him Mush. I will be happily married and have three kids named Quinn, Blair, and Liam.

Andrew Dunnuck ~ Work in Criminal Justice.

Compete in Mixed Martial Arts. Acquire my boxing

license.

Matthew Fisher ~ After getting my degree from Ball State, I'm going into the US Army as an officer. I hope to make this a career, and when I retire I want to live in a dry, warm place.

Hayley Greiner ~ I plan to go to IUPUI and study occupational therapy. I will most likely finish my studies elsewhere, hopefully somewhere warm. After college, I would want my job to either be in pediatrics or in travel therapy. I will also hopefully get married and have the most adorable kids and live a happy life.

Maddie Gullion ~ I plan to attend Earlham College, where I will double major in creative writing and Spanish with a minor in environmental studies. I'm going to travel, adventure, explore, and rescue at least seven dogs.

Jonah Haley ~ I plan on attending BSU and studying T-Comm or Sports Business. I would like to work for a professional sports team working in their business part or technological part.

Tara Haney ~ I plan on going to the University of Saint Francis to become a nurse and specialize in pediatric endocrinology. Then, a year or two later return to school to become a nurse practitioner and help kids with type one diabetes.

Maddie Harris ~ I plan on going to Seton Hall University for a degree in Psychology, go to med school, to get my doctorate in psychology, and become a psychiatrist. Hopefully, I complete my bucket list before my 40's. I'm going to win "Big Brother" because of my degree and then go on to the "Amazing Race" with my mom or sister. Then, I want to live in a house that has a porch swing and have kids and probably sleep.

Emma Hawkins ~ In the future, I want to travel the world- Japan, Norway, China, Egypt, Greece, Germany, and maybe even the Middle East if things ever get better there. I don't want to settle down right away. Instead, I want to live my life to the fullest, exploring every corner of the world so I can have some amazing stories to tell my friends, family, and maybe children.

Rachael Hiatt ~ I plan to get my degree in Wildlife Biology, then get a job in a state park.

Michael Himes ~ I plan to get a degree in Computer Science and hopefully someday design software that people actually use.

Aubrey Holten ~ I plan to go to college, get my degree, and live a wonderfully boring, perfectly plain

Chloe Joly ~ My future plans are to go back to France, finish high school (two years), and then go to college in England for a brand new adventure, and study literature and languages.

Chloe Krejsa ~ I plan on going to Ball State University to study exercise science and doing hair on the side.

Malachi Koch ~ I plan to attend Grace College in Warsaw, Indiana. This was not my first choice, but after visiting, looking into Grace, and praying about my next step, this was my answer and I'm excited! At Grace I will be majoring in Visual Communication Design and minoring in photography. I will become involved in the local "circle-in-the-round" style theatre and travel abroad with Grace's mission trip program and help people, my true passion.

Tanner Lambert ~ I plan to attend Hanover College, where I will be majoring in Business and playing for their basketball team. After college I hope to be filthy rich.

Jasmine Lykins ~ I plan to go to Butler University to study International Business with a minor in Spanish. After college, I want to work in Hotel/ Resort Management. I hope to get the chance to work in and outside the US.

Inna Malyshevska ~ When I go back to Ukraine, I'm going to work hard and try my best to come to the US as soon as possible. I would really like to go to college here, meet up with my host family and just enjoy my time here.

Charlie May ~ My future plans are to attend Elmhurst College and study physics. Also to eat as much deep-dish pizza as possible.

Jessica McNeil ~ I plan to go to Anderson University for four years to study psychology then transfer to another school so I can eventually get my doctorate and be a forensic psychologist.

Lexi Meacham ~ My future plans are to finish my schooling to become a dietitian, work as a dietitian in a hospital, and move near the West Coast with MK. Plan B is to join a wolf pack.

Makenzie Meeks ~ You can't plan for the future; it has a funny way of never working the way you want it to. There are only things I know. I know I am going to Ball State University next year and I am majoring in pre-medical. I can only do my best and have faith.

Kat Mesaros ~ I plan to graduate from college with a degree I have not yet decided upon. I wish to travel the world as well as finish everything on my bucket list. I will have multiple children (both adopted and natural-born) and a fulfilling career. Hopefully I will have a loving marriage for many, many years.

Trenton Miller ~ I plan on attending Ball State. I'm currently deciding between majoring in Pre-med or Biology. I plan to have a career in the medical field such as an anesthesiologist.

Landon Morgan ~ Go to Covenant College in Lookout Mountain, Georgia and get some degree in something. After that live somewhere for sometime.

Michael Morris ~ In the future I will be attending Ball State University and having a job that pays large amounts of money.

RJ Padgett ~ I plan to attend college, start my own business, travel and enjoy life.

Abbie Parton ~ My future plans include: getting a four year degree at Purdue Polytechnic in three years by taking summer classes, getting married in the next three to five years (to my "high school sweetheart" and soulmate), and traveling the world. I also hope to start a family in the next 10 to 12 years.

Luke Prince ~ I plan to attend the University of Southern Indiana and major in business administration. Then follow my dream of finding Bigfoot.

Kyndall Pursley ~ Attend Indiana Tech to play soccer and study Web Development. Then get out of Indiana, get married to the love of my life, build my dream house, start a family, have a stable job, own a couple turtles and dogs, travel (as much as possible) all over the world.

Micaya Richardson ~ I am going to attend Ball State to become a RN. Next, I will work for a few years to gain experience. Then, I'll go on with my schooling to become a Nurse Practitioner, move near Indy, and work at Riley Hospital. I want to get married, have two beautiful babies, and live in a nice house.

Noah Richardson ~ I plan on attending lvy Tech for two years where I will be studying Business Administration. From there I will be transferring to Ball State where I'll continue to study Business Administration as well as Sports Management.

Parker Robillard ~ I am attending Ball State for Architecture and going to get a five-year professional Architecture degree in commercial and/or residential architecture. After finishing this I plan on working with my uncle, who owns his own architecture business in Georgia.

Taylor Robinson ~ My plan is to go to Ball State University, be an All Girl Cheerleader. I will work at Behavior Associates as a Registered Behavior Technician while in school. I plan to major in psychology, minor in HBH, get my master's degree in Applied Behavior Analysis, and become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

Kelsee Roe ~ My future plans are to attend Ball State University and major in nursing. While being in college, I will be working to save up for my future. I plan to live at home my first year of college and maybe move out my sophomore year. Once I am completely done with schooling, I hope to have a nice car and get married. Then move into a nice house with my husband and three kids.

McKayle Royal ~ I plan to attend Ball State and study Radiography. I am rooming with my best friend TR and I am also on the BSU cheerleading team. After college I hope to get a good job, become rich, and get married.

Nathan Royal ~ Future plans are to go to college to get a forensics degree and be a criminal investigator with my sidekick BR.

Taylor Showalter  $\sim$  In the future, I want to become a neurologist, a mom, and a better friend. I hope to keep in touch with the friends I met here.

Ruth Smith ~ My future plans are to go to college, get my degree and find a job. Then I want to start a family and live in a small house with my family.

Audree Speicher ~ I hope to be successful in my career as an archaeologist and be able to travel around the world to different dig sites. My dream would be to discover a new ancient civilization.

Shae Stanley ~ After graduation, I plan on attending Earlham College to continue my basketball career while studying Pre-Med. I also plan on attending Medical School after that, to pursue a career as an MD.

Alex Thomas ~ Attend college and afterwards go on a pilgrimage to the Arctic Circle to live with the penguins for the rest of my life.

Andrew Torres ~ I plan to attend Eastern Michigan to swim and study Simulative Animation and Gaming and minor in music. Then I'll really blow up.

Chandler Tucker ~ To attend Ball State, then IU for Law School. Next I plan to work for a large company in a major city.

Mackenzie Turner ~ My future plans will involve four years of college at Anderson University. While attending college I will work at Moe's and I plan on getting another job. Eventually I will move out of Muncie. Get a job in my field. Nothing else is planned but I will figure it out.

Devyn Turvey ~ I plan on joining the military and going through college.

Jacob Van Pelt ~ I am going to play baseball at Manchester University and get a Sports Management degree and become a coach.

Sommer Wallace ~ I plan on attending Indiana Wesleyan to finish my bachelor's degree. Then transfer to U.C. San Diego to achieve my master's and (hopefully) doctorate for Marine Biology. I plan to marry my high school sweetheart (N.B.) and live/surf together in the beautiful beaches of San Diego. And swim with SHARKS!

Calandra Weaver ~ I am going to go to college and I hope to major in something that is also a passion. Afterwards, I plan on traveling a lot. I especially want to travel to Europe. I also think that I would like to write and publish a book someday.

Christian Whitesel ~ Attend Ball State and study Pre-Vet. Then go on to Purdue to finish vet school.

Morgan Whitmer ~ I plan on attending New York University to study neuroscience and psychology. I

may take a semester off to work and finish a novel. After graduating from med school, I plan to open my own outpatient psychiatry and counseling center.

Nate Williams ~ After high school I plan to work at a factory for a year and have an apartment with DA. Then go into the Air Force into Military police for four years then the police academy, Then study at college to do FBI cold cases. Good luck everyone.

Naomi Wilson ~ My future plans are not to end up in

a mental asylum and go to college to get a career.

Thordia Wilson ~ I'm going to Ivy Tech to become a Respiratory Therapist.

Patrick Wolfe ~ Staying home after high school.

Brice Wuthrich ~ I plan on getting my McDoctorate from McDonalds and making the finest quarter pounders on this side of the Mississippi.

#### LIVING THE DREAM

Seniors plan to pursue the career that they have dreamed about since they were little

#### By Noah Richardson

#### Kelsee Roe

Kelsee Roe will attend Ball State University to pursue her dream career. She plans to major in nursing and

become a pediatric nurse. A pediatric nurse gives health and medical care to children from birth to their late teenage years. These nurses provide expert care to children while working with the family to address anything that comes to their minds.



Senior Kelsee Roe (far left) enjoys the outdoors with a group of elementary kids. (Photo provided)

"I love kids and working with them. I want to impact children and help them from the time they're born to their teenage years," Roe said.

Since she will spend more time at work than at home, she must be focused and influenced by the children.

"I was influenced by this career by the fact I love kids, and I love knowing that I will make a difference in someone's life and serve as a child advocate," Roe said.

The job is popular and important because the world will always need a nurse to help as long as there are children left on Earth.

#### Tara Haney

Tara Haney has fought through her life due to the fact she has diabetes. She doesn't think of it as a completely bad thing because her having diabetes

has been one of the driving factors with choosing to fulfill her dream of becoming a pediatric endocrinologist nurse at University of St. Francis in Fort Wayne.

"My cousin influenced me to get into nursing, and me having diabetes made me want to pursue it even more." Haney said.

Endocrinologist nurses work with the endocrinologist doctors to help his or her every need with the patients. They decide what dosage of medication is needed, and how to regulate the patient's diabetes. This job is moderate when talking about how much time you spend at the workplace.

After going to college for a total of six years - four years to get her bachelor's then after a couple years of experience in the nursing field - she plans to go back for two more years to get

her Nurse Practitioner license.

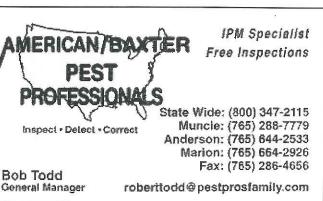
"My goal is to bring an endocrinologist doctor closer to Muncie, due to the fact the closest one is in Indianapolis," Haney said.

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Senior Tara Haney (left) poses for a picture with her nurse from Rilev Hospital for Children. (Photo Provided)



#### 3 For 3

#### These three, three-sport athletes explain what it's like to play so many sports

By Jared May

Playing three sports can be difficult but these athletes make it work.

Delta's Tanner Lambert, Nikki Evans, and Blake Green are seniors who are among the students who play three sports.

#### TANNER LAMBERT

Tanner Lambert has played three sports all throughout high school career. Lambert plays football, basketball, and baseball.

It takes a lot of time and effort to play three sports.

"You don't have a lot of time to do homework and stuff like that, but you manage," Lambert said. "I

usually just stay up late or do a lot of my homework in class."

Lambert spends most of his time playing basketball, because it's his favorite sport and because he's going to college for it. He will be attending Hanover College in the fall. Lambert ended his Delta career with a total of 959 points, putting him among the top 10 scorers in Delta history.

However, Lambert's favorite sports memory is going to semi-state his junior year in baseball, even though they didn't win.

"It's crazy how we got there," he said.

Being a part of three sports makes an athlete's schedule busy and complicated. Most sports have either practice or a game every day throughout the week. That means these athletes don't usually get to go home and get everything done that they need to.

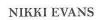
"I probably only got to go home two or three times after school," Lambert said.

Lambert's routine consists of eating, taking a shower, and then doing homework once he gets home. As a threesport athlete keeping your grades where you want them can be difficult, but to play sports you have to be passing at least five

> "It's pretty tough. You really have to study a lot," Lambert said.

After Lambert graduates he will receive a lifetime pass for all Delta sporting events. One can obtain a lifetime pass by receiving 10 or more varsity letters. Lambert got three letters for football, four for

basketball, and three for baseball.



Nikki Evans has played sports all throughout her life. In high school she has done cheerleading, track, cross-country, and soccer. Evans spends most of her time with cheerleading because it is a year-round sport since she cheers for both football and basketball.

Evans has played multiple different sports in her lifetime, but according to her, she does not have a favorite sports memory.

"My favorite thing is becoming super good, close friends with my teammates and then laughing so hard at the dumbest things that we end up crying or can't breathe," Evans said.

Tanner Lambert receives a

game ball from basketball

coach Ryan Vanskyock for

setting the single-game scoring

record with 45 points. (Photo

provided)

Since cheering at football games and playing soccer are in the same season, Evans had to split time between the two sports this fall.

"It's hard to pick which sport is 'more important' on that day," she said.

Evans thinks that with cheer-

leading, soccer, and track this year, she only got to go home after school a total of three weeks out of the whole school year. Her routine when she got home was to eat dinner, shower, and then start working on homework.

"It's pretty difficult. I always feel like there's no time to study or do homework because you're always so tired and ready to sleep. Also it's hard to put in extra work for school," Evans said.

Something that people do not understand about three-sport athletes is that although it's really stressful and tiring it's a lot of fun.

"I want to encourage people to get involved! Don't worry about being too busy and not having any free time, you'll have plenty of time to sit around and do nothing when you're old and retired," Evans said.

Evans will be attending Ball State University and will be part of the cheer squad in the fall.

#### BLAKE GREEN

Blake Green plays football, wrestles, and golfs throughout the school year and he loves it.

"I love being a three-sport athlete because I love doing athletics," Green said.

He said that the hardest part of

playing three sports was managing his time between sports, school, and a social life.

"It's extremely hard but I manage," Green said.

While playing sports, having school, and trying to maintain a social life, Green thought that he only had about 10 days throughout the year without a game or practice.

On days when he does have a practice or a competition Green's routine consists of eating as soon

as he gets home, doing his homework, and then going to sleep.



Nikki Evans destroys on the soccer field. (Photo provided)

Playing three sports takes a lot of effort and commitment. Green thinks that one thing that people don't understand about playing three sports is the commitment three-sport athletes make and how much time it consumes in their lives.

"Football is my favorite because I've played it since I was really little so it became my first love," Green said.

His favorite sports memory is winning back-to-back sectional titles in football. Green will be attending Indiana Wesleyan University in the fall to play football. He will be a part of the first football team at IWU.



Blake Green stands with his parents on the football field. (Photo provided)

#### THE LAST GAME

#### By Kenzie Scudder

Senior Jared Hunt sprints down the soccer field. He has five minutes before he is put on the bench to watch the rest of the game. This is the last time he will play for the Delta Eagles. He brushes his face with the back his hand, and it isn't sweat that wets the back of his hand when he pulls it back. Without knowing it, Hunt had started crying.

Hunt started playing soccer due to his friend Nate Osner, a Delta graduate. Hunt originally was going to do

football, but decided to go with Osner's offer. Osner said that it would be fun and encouraged him to do it with him. Hunt met other people, like his coach, that also impacted him greatly.



"He just has a way of getting people to do what he wants them to do and do it well. He was a veteran and a super cool guy. He's someone that I can see myself staying in contact with," Hunt said.

Though Hunt is going to Indiana University (IU) next year, which means he can't try helping out as assistant coach, he hopes to come to future games. He said that he will miss the team atmosphere the Eagles had and working for something bigger than himself.

He won't be continuing soccer through college, but also wants to go to IU's future soccer games.

Where Hunt started in high school, senior Tanner Lambert has played

football since he and his brothers were young. Until the end, they, along with his parents, encouraged him to continue with football and do his best.

Lambert's favorite part of football is the brotherhood and how it takes each player to win the game. His coach not only inspired him to do well on the field, but also in the weight room and the classroom. He inspired Lambert to work hard, and taught him that when you work hard, usually things will work out.

Lambert is going to play basketball in college, but he will always remember his time in the Delta Eagles uniform for football.

#### LAST CONCERT

Band may be a lot about music, but it is

also majorly involved with something else that is all around us. People! From forming bonds with directors and fellow musicians to going to symphonies and having experiences with the people there, as well as the music.

Senior Naomi Wilson remembers one trip from last year. The band took a trip to a symphony at Ball State. There, an old man sat behind them. Wilson still remembers the things he said that made them all laugh, like "This is gonna be crazy!" then, "Is it over now?"

Wilson also said she would always like to look back on the memory of puking after a pep game, and her director, Miss Rebekah Weaver, staring her down because of Wilson playing more of her voice and less of her instrument.

For these reasons and more,

Wilson is going to really miss band and all of the people she is leaving behind, such as Weaver. To keep her love of music alive, she wants to do something music related in college, such as be in a band with her clarinet and oboe. She also is intrigued with bagpipes, and is thinking about trying to start a club for



Darian Stephens (back left) sings with the rest of the choir class. (Photo provided)

bagpipes.

"Everyone says the club won't be successful, but I really want to. I love bagpipes and would love to play them with people," Wilson said.

Senior Darian Stephens has her own built-in instrument: her voice. Stephens has been in choir for the last four years, and can feel the woe creeping in.



"I am going to miss all of the concerts. I like rising up from the pit on the stands, and I remember there is always a sense of pride when we finish a show and all of our hard work pays off," Stephens said.

She plans to come and see how the program grows in the upcoming years. Though, she won't be turning singing into her career. She had been going back and forth between going for music or going for another passion, cosmetology. Stephens has decided to go for cosmetology, but also wants to continue singing in any way she can, perhaps karaoke.

While the means may seem fuzzy now, these two young artists will do their best to continue to grow their love for music.

#### LAST SHOW

"The energy we feel within us, and seeing the familiar nervous excitement all around you, and then the lights in the house go down as it gets quiet and you know it's all somehow going to work out," senior Lexi Meacham says.

According to Meacham, the feeling that she got on her last show at Delta was "unreal."

"It's impossible to tell someone

how they are going to feel at the end of their last show, because I never knew exactly how I'd feel until it hit me the last show right before the lights went up," Meacham states.

"It's such a hard transition to be able to even understand that I'll never be under those stage lights again."

Meacham is going to miss having her close group of friends that she could hang out with every day after school. Senior Patrick McDonald says that the troupe is a second family. He says it's sometimes hard to grasp that he is leaving them behind.

Meacham
first joined the
Delta Troupers
in her sophomore year, just
in time for the
production of
Anne Frank.
She wanted
to get more
involved at
Delta, and says
that she is glad
this is the path she



Lexi Meacham and Patrick McDonald preform in the Fiddler on the Roof play. (Photo provided)

achi Koch. He never let me doubt myself or my abilities; I definitely wouldn't have the experiences I have on stage if it wasn't for his support," Meacham says.

Theatre taught Meacham valuable lessons, such as keeping quiet for the good of the production, or any group.

"There's going to be times when you just want to yell what you feel without caring who gets hurt, but that is never the best choice," Meacham says. "Always think about how it affects the troupe you are involved with before you act - it all affects the outcome of the show!"

Theatre has also given her a sense of belonging within her school, her community, and herself.

Director
Mrs. Dawn
Raleigh has displayed leadership
qualities that
Meacham hopes
to obtain wherever she goes.
McDonald says

Raleigh has been a second mom to him, a mom that he often spends more time with given all of the rehearsals.

McDonald says that theatre completely shaped him and gave him a sense of identity.

He wants to be a part of the stage as long as he can.

While Meacham doesn't plan on turning it into her career, she has also thought about becoming part of a civic theatre, and also coming back to future shows.

"I'd love to come back and help if needed, but I have tremendous faith in the growing community I already miss," Meacham says.

Meacham, McDonald, and all the other senior Troupers this year leave behind a close-knit community that is a true family to all of the members.

"Theatre people are a very different breed of people. We support each other no matter what," McDonald says.



#### 2017 Deltonian Yearbooks

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#### Summer Fun

#### These athletes continuing sports outside of school

By Cameron Levers

Tyler Gilland, sophomore, plays baseball and football during the school year. Outside of school, he plays all summer on a travel baseball team called the Indiana Magic. Gilland plays shortstop and pitcher.

"I would much rather play in the field instead of pitch, because I like to make the dazzling plays," he said.

Gilland plays in a lot of tournaments all over Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky. He said that his favorite tournament that they will be playing this year is in Louisville. He will



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Tyler Gilland on the baseball field during a game. Photo provided)

be playing 10 tournaments on college fields and most of them will be in front of college scouts. The coolest tournament this year, in his opinion, would be the one in Dayton, Ohio. What makes it so cool is that they will be playing on six different college fields all in that one tournament.

"I really am looking forward to winning lots of tournaments and improving my game from last year," Gilland said.

Will Jones, freshman, has already played on varsity this season and looks

to improve his game during the summer during AAU Basketball. Jones plays for a team called All In. He plays in big tournaments, like the Circle City Shootout and the Adidas Invitational. Those tournaments give him a chance of college coach exposure.

These tournaments give

Jones the opportunity to meet new people and to compete at a high level.

Jones believes that AAU helps with playing varsity because the competition is so much higher and he can compete at the rate he wants to.

"I will be able to play better competition and get better as an individual and I can play at my peak," Jones said.

Jones might be transferring



to Monroe Central next season to further his athletic and academic career.

Will Jones stays alert as he watches the action during one of his basketball games. (Photo provided)

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# A Warrior's Call

By James Bell

Devyn Turvey has his mind set on joining the military. His plans include him going to Ball State. With his time spent there he would like to join their ROTC program. The Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) is a group of college-based officer training programs for training commissioned officers of the United States Armed Forces.

Turvey would like to start off in the National Guard

for his duration of college (4-6 years) due to the benefits they offer. After his time spent in college he would like to transfer his service over to the Army.

"After college, I plan on going Active Duty within the Army," Turvey said.

He wants to work his way through Ranger school and then through the Special Forces. Turvey's father served in the military for over 20 years, so he takes after him.

"My dad is my role model," Turvey said. "I have wanted to do this since I was a little kid."

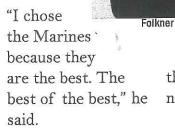
Turvey plans on staying within the military until he can no longer perform as a soldier.

"I feel like I have a sense of duty, like I'm called to it. I need to serve my country," Turvey said.

Collin Goebel is joining the Marines right out of high school. Goebel enlisted March 30 of this year

and ships out to San Diego, Calif., on Aug. 18 for Boot Camp.

Goebel will be the first person in his family to join the military.



Ever since Goebel was a little boy he had thought about joining the military, but he says that he has just recently gotten serious about it.

"One of the main reasons I'm joining the military is the fact that they will pay for your college. On top of that you get amazing job training," Goebel said.

Goebel signed his fouryear contract to the Marines through the Delayed Entry Program.

Within the Marines, Goebel hopes to work as a field wireman, which is the person who fixes and sets up communication systems.

"After the military I hope I can get a job doing something similar to what I did within the Marines."

Michael Folkner has not enlisted into the military yet, but soon plans on doing so.

> Folkner is undecided about how long he would like to be a part of the military, whether it's for four years or for 20, but one thing is for sure and that's that he wants to be a Marine.

"The military would be a life-changing experience, there's no denying that," Folkner said.

Folkner will be the first person in his family to join the military.

Within the military Folkner would like to be an Infantryman.

After the military Folkner does not plan on college. Instead, he would like to go into law enforcement as a K9 Officer in California.

"I've always wanted to be in law enforcement. It's been like a dream of mine," Folkner said.





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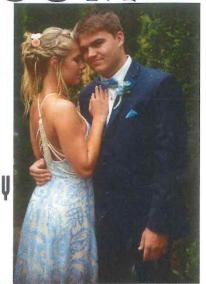
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