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A photograph of two male students sitting on a black metal bench with a green and black striped cushion that has the word "DELTA" in large green letters. The student on the left is wearing a dark blue t-shirt with "HULLERS BUTLER UNDER" and a logo, khaki shorts, and grey sneakers. The student on the right is wearing a grey t-shirt, white shorts, and teal sneakers. They are in a parking lot with several cars and a clear blue sky in the background.

Valedictorian
Nick Bantz

Salutatorian
Matt Hapner

All in the Family

By Brooke Kemp

When it comes to school and sports, senior Taylen Martzall is all about having a family atmosphere to support her.

For 12 years Martzall has been playing softball. While it takes up a lot of her time with off season workouts and private pitching lessons, she has had some of her best memories with the softball team.

"I've learned how to get along with people that I don't necessarily talk

to every day but come together as a team, really gone to FCA and then this year and I've learned responsibility."

Her mom, sister, and grandparents have been an important part of high school.



Senior Taylen Martzall (left) with her mother and sister. (Photo provided)

"They're just always there to pick me up when I go through hard times, and they are just the backbone I've needed throughout these four years."

Her biggest regret of high school is not joining more clubs and sports. Martzall joined Breakfast Club, Best Buddies, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) "last minute" and realized just how much she was missing out on.

"I've always been involved with my church but I've never

I was like 'okay, I'm going to try it' and I loved it."

Next year Martzall will attend Anderson University studying Chemistry where she hopes to start her journey toward medical school and becoming a dermatologist.

Looking back at all the time she spent in softball, Martzall is proud of what she

has learned and accomplished, but she also says that those still in high school should "take advantage of the time because it will definitely fly by."

Running WO-MAN Challenge

By Brooke Kemp

"I just try to block out the pain in my knees and try not to throw up," senior Caitlyn Thompson said about her thoughts while running.

Thoughts like that ran through Thompson's head this year in particular. A new injury surfaced toward the beginning of her senior cross country season. The pain was linked to the misalignment of her hips and knees.



Thompson

Previous years, however, have been more enjoyable. Thompson has been part of the cross country team since sixth grade.

She said her favorite part about running is being with her friends, especially Jenny Moynihan who has been in it with her from the beginning.

This year was "one of the slower seasons" for Thompson, and while her favorite years were ninth and tenth grade, she is still happy to finish out her final season with her team.

Next Year Thompson will attend Ivy Tech and hopes to transfer later to Ball State University. Thompson is unsure of what her future will bring, but she will never forget the memories made with the cross country team.




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Seniors ready to play at next level

Stories by Rayah White

Adam Paschal expects college baseball experience to be challenging

Adam Paschal plays catcher on Delta's baseball team. He is going to attend Anderson University in the fall.

"When I went on a visit, I just felt welcomed there and I feel like I could better my skills there," Paschal said.

When going to college the practices will have more intensity, said Paschal.



Paschal

Coaches are going to be harder on you. In high school they can be hard on you, but not as hard as college because they have more restrictions.

Adam doesn't know what he wants to study at the moment but down the road he wants to be an athletic trainer.

"Just enjoying the summer" said Paschal about what he's doing this summer.

Going to college is a big step in any person's life and there is so much to learn. He is most excited about "learning to live on my own."

Kaleb Slaven already preparing for Cardinals

Long before Kaleb Slaven actually goes to Ball State University he will have to prepare himself. Before he even finishes high school he has already started preparing for college football.



Slaven

He was given a 12-week workout packet by the Ball State coaches. He started about five weeks ago and has seven weeks left.

"I have to lead up to that. When the seven weeks are over that'll be the day I roll (to start school)," said Kaleb about what he's doing this summer to prepare.

Ball State's team starts conditioning in the summer, so right now he is just lifting and running.

He is most likely playing offensive

tackle "but there might be an opportunity for me to play defense."

Slaven chose Ball State because "the coaching staff is great, and everywhere else just didn't feel right."

When going to college some seniors are more nervous than excited. But for Slaven he is more excited to be going to college. Also, when playing a sport in college can make the transition from high school to college easier.

"I'm most excited about just being in college. The competition is going to be a lot better, and I just think it's going to be fun building relationships with guys I haven't met before," said Slaven.

He said coaching will be more extensive in college.

"There are going to be meetings all the time with your position, more practices a day with them being longer. I can have them two to three times a day during the summer."

Maddie Holdren to continue tennis career



Holdren

Walking out as a senior tennis player, walking in as a freshman tennis player. Maddie Holdren has been playing tennis for seven years. Maddie usually plays junior varsity doubles for

Delta, but now she has played enough varsity to get her first letter.

Now she is taking her tennis career to college, by attending Olivet Nazarene Uni-

versity in the fall. Olivet Nazarene University is a Christian liberal arts university in the village of Bourbonnais, Ill.

She chose Olivet Nazarene University because, "I just love the atmosphere there, and I really love the campus. The people are really nice, and my church and pastor introduced it to me, and I just fell in love with it."

Maddie expects Olivet Nazarene tennis to be a little bit tougher than Delta tennis, with not as much team bonding as she would like. "But I think it'll be fun."

Going far away for college requires a new state of mind

By Madison Beard

Entering a new chapter of life means going to new places and trying new things. Many graduating students



Brand

are sick of doing the same routine for years. Excited to start their adult life, some may be traveling far away.

Going to college out of state means unknown experiences, seeing different things, meeting new people. It also means leaving your friends and family behind, which may have you feeling excited but nervous.

"I haven't talked to my family too much. They're just okay with it," said

senior Tyler Brand.

Brand plans to go to Kettering University in Flint, Mich. He will attend that school to study chemical engineering. Chemical engineering is the process of taking raw materials and making them into something new and useful.

Brand plans for his job to be making and designing systems that will take raw product and turn it into something useful.

Brand will attend a program where he will go to school for 12 weeks and at the end of it he will take a final then move out. After that he gets 12 weeks on the job and he gets paid and job experience.

Brand is excited to move on. "It's the next step of my life," he said. "There's

not much else to it."

Senior Maddie Holdren will also go out of state. She has chosen to attend Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill., near Chicago

"I really like the college and the atmosphere there, and it's really close to Chicago so that's exciting also."

Olivet Nazarene has a great tennis program that she is looking forward to being a part of.

Holdren will major in child psychology

She is a little nervous about being away from her mom and dad.

"I think I'll be homesick for a little while," Holdren said. "It's a small campus so I will have a lot of support."

I Wills . . . *Seniors leave special items behind for underclassmen*

Mariah Alvarez~ I will give my sense of humor to JD.

Jenna Anderson~ I will CA to hold up the family name. I will SO my great Pre-Cal skills.

Abby Bailey~ I will TT my senior stress when she gets there (she is currently a sophomore).

Nick Bantz~ I will PR and SH control of the coolest lunch table next year. I will a random freshman the use of my locker. I will AR my #1 singles-caliber skills for next tennis season. I will MM, SH, RP, control of the best intramural team this side of the Mississippi.

Sidney Barkdull~ I will CM my editorship. I will CD my ability to annoy RS endlessly. I will ES everything else.

Ciara Barton~ I will my non-existent parking spot to JM. I will the right to annoy a new locker buddy next year to TW. I will my ticket selling responsibilities to a former ticket seller AS.

Megan Bell~ I will my spot as high school student in NC's heart to AM.

Tyler Brand~ I will the meme wall to MG. I will my locker to KB. I will my swim locker to JM.

Ian Bretz~ I will the 100 back to CB. I will the meme wall to MG. I will the Room of Requirement to whoever needs it. Use it well. I will the Western Tradition to next year's BSU world class.

Jacob Brewer~ I will TD the ability to evolve. I will JW my "way with women." I will DB my cool personality and parking spot. I will SE and KB a new person to bring them gummy worms. I will PR my all-state doubles ability. I will SH and RP my procrastination abilities.

Arian Coffey~ I will CG my third base skills and my ability to pitch.

James Cook~ Lol, nothing.

Kelsey Crist~ I will the entire freshman class maturity. I will IG the sacred locker cat. I will CF the right to wear leggings and to be sassy. I will NR my non-existent parking spot. I will BA my route to school. I will NR my ability to get good grades without trying.

Haleigh Criswell~ I give AS the permission to keep my locker golden and keep the locker bay

under control. I will SO my parking spot.

Shelby Crouse~ I will DEDT my crazy facial expressions.

Frankie Dargo~ I will CC my position as Stevens' favorite. I will the Troupers my service.

Kelly DeLisle~ I will this advice: Never look back keep moving forward, but never forget how you came to be who you are. Be unapologetically yourself because there is nothing more beautiful than the confidence you will radiate. Be comfortable with your perfect imperfections, because they make you, you. Be confident in your opinions and stand up for yourself, or no one else will. Chase your dreams with open arms and catch new ones as they form and live without the fear of tomorrow.

David Engle~ I will SE (afroman) my good looks.

Scottie Evans~ I will BE my parking spot.

ZaK Fenwick~ I will give JC my love for the Beach Boys, JF, my little bro, you're getting my good looks and my hoolios.

Cassy Gray~ I will CL my amazing personality and fabulous wings. I will BB my mean voice and jerk face.

Madison Grayson~ I will my awesome parking spot to CK.

Ben Greer~ I will leave my broken locker to the poor soul who has it next.

Anna Groover~ I will Breakfast Club to MG, LM, and the other juniors. I will the 100-yard breast-stroke to JT and CG. I will NG the hall computer, Fergalicious playing rights, and freedom to park wherever he wants. I will MG the meme gallery, the courage to perform at the next poetry slam, and an awesome senior year.

Matt Hapner~ I will AT my greatness at playing Munchkins. I will PR my craving for Panda Express.

Collin Hart~ I leave my position of treasurer of NHS to a hardworking underclassman with good integrity.

Logan Hayes~ I will MF our lunch table. I will SO and AS our morning spot. I will my morning sass to SO. I will my ability to take a good majority of the CL candy to BB. I will much love and appreciation to all of those who helped me along the way.

Maddie Holdren~ I will AS my tennis headbands and bows. I will KH my awesome parking spot. I will IG dinners with Chris and AI. I will MG a pair of awesome new locker buddies. I will LM the sass that I have acquired over the years.

Brooke Kemp~ I will my ability to make room to LM. I will my leadership skills to MH, MK, and LM. I will my people skills to CC. I will my non-existent parking spot to MH and his non-existent license.

Jacob Kennedy~ I will my track abilities to JK.

Lane Lucas~ I will CA my bunnies and also the ability to beat someone in one-on-one.

Taylen Martzall~ I will CD my leader position to all juniors on the softball team.

Sydney May~ I will my stupid locker that had gum in the top corner for four years to whoever gets it.

Ellan McDaniel~ I will leave my leadership to underclassman.

Emma Lee McDaniel~ I will JT our leadership of the clarinet section in concert and pep band. I will DJ my folders and binders for certain classes he might take. I will TH and LH our lunch table. I will DJ, JT, MC, KH, TH, and LH my advice to take summer government.

Isaac McKinney~ I will not leave anything behind. If you want something, don't expect a handout. Go out and get it! Don't let your dreams be memes!

Kayle McKnight~ I will KU my kindergarten class to intern.

Katelyn Milligan~ I will LM the ability to get to school in five minutes, better taste in music, two more great years, and anything else she wants



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because she usually gets it anyway. I will KH my ability to always be right and the bullfrog expression. I will RS a great senior year.

Jessica Minch~ I will much love to KL. I will KH all my success in Mr. Omstead's classes.

Kevin Misbach~ I will KP my ability to find ways around the Barracuda web filter to play games in class.

Jenny Moynihan~ I will my spot in the 4x800 to BT. I will the two mile to MC. I will the 500 to BA. I will AM to yell at LD to stop yelling! I will LP my One Direction CD's. I will CO longer jeans. I will AB the lock to my gym locker. I will AA the 4x800. I will NE the two mile because she would love it.

Kaylee Neal~ I will leave my broken locker and probably my agenda because I lost that last week.

Sarah Ogle~ I will CC, NM.

Nate Osner~ I will IG my effort on the soccer field. I will JH the soccer team leadership. I will CB the ginger domination on the soccer field. I will ZO greatest Osner at DHS.

Jake Parsons~ I will CB my jersey # 20. I will my parking spot to CA.

Ryley Pease~ I will BP to now be the best Pease in the school. I will TL my QB skills for next football season.

Matthew Perry~ I will leave the underclassmen the back seat on the school bus since they are always trying to fight me for it.

Maci Pickering~ I will RJ an awesome senior year full of laughs, great memories and home runs. I will LB an awesome new locker buddy. I will TH the what what count.

Shelby Robbins~ I will AS the Smash Cancer T-shirt organization job. I will my locker to a lucky freshman. I will RJ my eye roll.

Jacob Robertson~ I am willing my super amazing athletic ability to NR and SW.

Brayden Romine~ I will my brother, BR, the ability to start lifting and not be so small.

Aubrey Scheid~ I will my locker to anyone ... good luck! It's the worst.

Kim Schneider~ I will leave MF the space on the couch during lunch and find somebody else to rub his back. I will MT a salad for lunch as she eats chips only, and the pre-packed lunch box "pizza" with a crunch bar. I will leave MH my ability to enter a team as a new mate and finding

people being on the same page without abusing any advantages. I will leave BG the shouts of his friends when he keeps throwing things in the weight room. I will leave TS my ability to smile each and every day even when everything is going against you.

Olivia Shoemaker~ I will RB the job of doing the dishes while I'm gone. I will RJ freedom from anatomy notes and an endless amount of adventure. I will CT a straight shot to the lunch line, wherever he may be. I will CA quick access to the car line and the ability to never stop questioning.

Morgan Sizemore~ I will my bad attitude to RS so he won't let people mess with him.

Kaleb Slaven~ I will SW my amazing football skills. I will MF my luscious gold locks.

Jeremy Smekens~ I will my locker to BG.

Brandon Smith~ I leave CG my spot in the lunch line and the ability to roll into school five minutes before first period.

Brenna South~ I will give my locker to the new girl coming to Mrs. Creech's class next year.

Maia Steigerwalt~ NE, JL, MR, DC, TR - a great senior year of cheerleading. KP, BA, JW, SW, BA, JM - A great senior soccer season.

Devyn Tarr~ I will JR and CT my relay spots in swimming and break more records.

Helene Thomassen~ I will leave the amazing memories at school and in the hallways to all the underclassmen remaining at Delta next year.

Valeria Ulloa~ I will SW my ability to twerk it on the soccer field before every single match.

Britney Vandenbark~ I'll leave the one that gets my locker a note.

Madison VanHook~ I will JT my leadership of the clarinets. You got this.

Joe Wegener~ I will AT my ability to sleep on a bed instead of the floor at Jeffersonville. I will SW the pull-up champion title which was proven at Crawfordsville.

Courtney Welton~ I will members of DEDT my calm attitude. I will an incoming freshman my locker... the best one at Delta.

Kalvin Wentz~ I will AJ my rap ability. I will JM my golf ability. I will AH my basketball ability. I will JP my relationship advice.

Sam Williams~ I will CA all my gains. I will AR my

incredible tennis serve.

Michelle Wilson~ I will HC my ability to be awesome!

Audrey Woodin~ I will CC the ability to say "Eagles on 3." I will KR my spot next to GZ in the good-luck line.

Kayleigh Wright~ I will NE the "Eagles" at the end of the huddle. I will MR, NE, DC, TR, and JL the best senior year ever. I will MR the "favorite spot."

William E. Wright~ I will my parking spot on a first come first serve basis. I also will my lunch seat to J.O.S.H. F. He deserves it. I finally will my savage combacks to Z.F. They are low key, but they sting. They sting deep.

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It's Time

Seniors going into uncommon careers talk about their plans

By Kaitlyn Overla

As a little kid we all had our images of what we wanted to be when we grew up. Whether it was to be a ballerina, gliding gracefully across the stage, or a firefighter risking his life to save others, we dreamed big.

Now the time has come for our seniors to make their final choice, the choice that will guide them into their future. While many choose something traditional, some go with a unique, maybe even exotic plan for their career.

Counting the Beats

Imagine sitting in a room listening to someone sing, their voice ever so smooth, ever so delicate. It is the voice you have been waiting for, the voice that is going to make or break you. You can't wait to show the world what you have discovered.

This is the voice that is going to start your whole career.

This is a dream and hopefully one day a reality for senior Lyric Edwards. He plans to go to college to become a music producer. It has been a dream of his since he was in the fifth



Lyric Edwards playing the drums.

(Photo Provided)

grade to one day record and

produce music for other people.

"I grew up in a music family. I don't have a preference in the type of music I listen to. My mom and dad listened to different types of music, so I grew up in a variety of music."

His dad has been in a band with his grandfather. Almost everyone in his family plays an instrument. His dad plays the bass

guitar, his grandfather plays the guitar, his brother plays the drums, and Edwards himself plays the piano.

"I chose to play the piano because no one else in the family was playing it." He said that he has been teaching himself how to play since he was seven or eight.

"Occasionally my family gets together and we have a jam session. I love to do the behind the scenes stuff."

Edward has his own studio at his house in which he has a keyboard, beatpad, computer, and music software. He sometimes has friends come over and they record.

"Some people are scared to sing in front of me. I tell them to act like I am not there. When we are done and they hear the recording they come to realize they are better than they thought."

His future plans are to go to Ball State for college and do everything he can to make himself successful. He wants to work his way up the chain and maybe do something famous one day.

Everyone has a dream whether it is a big dream or a small one. The difference between a dream and reality is working towards that dream and making it happen. That is what Mr. Lyric Edwards is doing — working toward the dream he firmly believes he can achieve.

FINDING JUSTICE

You are watching a show on television, relaxed and oblivious to the rest of the world, when all of a sudden breaking news flashes across the screen. The scene behind the reporter is so devastating. A whole family has been brutally murdered in their home where they were supposed to be safe. There will be an ongoing investigation in which they are going to bring in forensic scientists to evaluate the scene and run test in the lab.

These scientists have many different jobs. They can either work in the field or they can work in the lab. Senior Ciara Barton is going to go to college to be a digital forensic scientist. She wants to work in a lab, taking evidence and analyzing the information.

"I don't feel like I couldn't

handle going out in the field with the bodies. I think it would be too much for me. I think that going into the field to collect the evidence would be cool."

Growing up she would watch tv shows that solved crime and found justice. Shows like CSI and Criminal Minds feature



Ciara Barton looking through a microscope (Photo Provided).

scientists who spend their time bringing down the so called "Unsub" or unidentified suspect. When asked what she liked most about those shows she said she loved to solve the mysteries. She likes the investigation aspect of the career. She started thinking about being a forensic scientist sometime in middle school.

She would love to do fingerprinting, finding and pulling the fingerprints off of items, and to do the DNA testing, all of which can provide positive identification.

As with all jobs there are things that are going to be easy and things that are going to be challenging. She believes that the easiest thing that she is going to have to do is find the evidence that will bring the criminal to justice. But, she says the hardest thing would most likely be trying to find the people who committed the crime.

She knows that doing everything that is going to be required of her, seeing the things she is going to see, will be hard. But, after awhile she hopes she will get used to things, and hopefully they won't bother her as much.

This is a challenging career, one that not many people look into. This career requires a lot of mental strength from the specialist who is on the case. She knows it will be difficult, but she believes she can do it.



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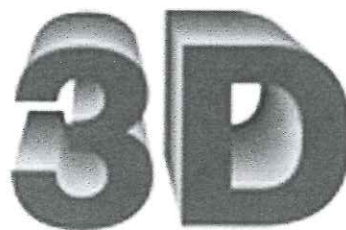
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Debts Rising HIGHER & HIGHER

By Nate Osner

This June nearly 200 students will leave Delta High School and move on to the great abyss of life. Many have decided to pursue higher education either here in Indiana or elsewhere, as are thousands of other high school graduates all over the United States. Do these students know, though, that they can potentially be headed into financial debt that they could be paying off for the next 20 years?

In 2015 the national average of students who owed debt moved up to \$35,051, nearly \$2,000 more than 2014, according to a study done by Edvisors.

ernment spending to make college more accessible to all. The remaining GOP candidates, Ted Cruz, Donald Trump, and John Kasich, haven't been nearly as vocal about these issues, but have all commented at different times about reducing the cost of student loans to make college more affordable. However, we have all heard a great deal from the political atmosphere, so what did the population of Delta High School have to say in regards to college debt?

Mrs. Pat Ervin, assistant principal, and Mr. Steve Wuthrich, business teacher, have both had children who have gone on to college and have gone through the grueling process of FAFSA, loans, and helping evaluate the financial side of college.

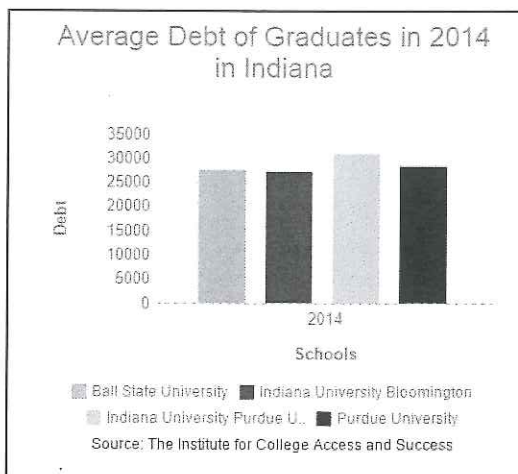
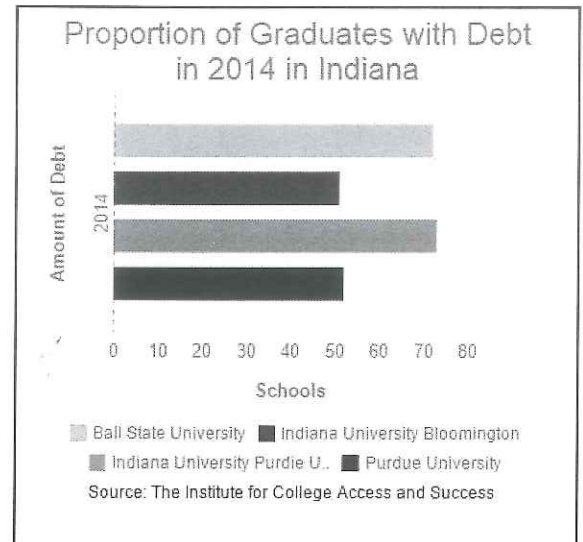
Eagle's Eye asked both of them a plethora of questions about different parts of the economics of college and they gave very different answers. Now of course a majority of students graduate with debt, based on the study shown above, but is it really the best way of going about it? Mrs. Ervin said, "Do not take on debt. Go to Ivy Tech for a few years and then transfer but do not take on the debt."

Mr. Wuthrich had a different opinion. "If you have to borrow for school, it's worth it. College graduates earn a substantially higher income than students with just a high school diploma."

He also advised that if you do try to get a loan, to get a subsidized loan so that you don't pay interest while you are in school. It seems as though students end up going into debt either way though, so what does it look like once you do go into

debt?

Mrs. Ervin said that "you will



com. This is the highest it's ever been. The same study also shared that 70 percent of students will graduate college with debt. This has been a hot topic not only among the people graduating but also among presidential candidates. Both Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders have released in depth plans to increase gov-

end up owing \$100 a month for every \$10,000 you borrow for 10 years. So if you borrow \$40,000 you will pay \$400 a month for 10 years."

She also said that that's a nice car or half of a house payment that the money could be going toward instead of students loans.

Mr. Wuthrich said take on the debt head-on so that you can try and eliminate it as soon as possible. "That means that you live conservatively, and pour as much of your financial resources towards your debt as possible. A college graduate, on average, make \$21,000 more than a high school graduate per year. If you are managing your money more intelligently, you will take this higher income and use it to get yourself debt free."

It may be a little late to change what college you are going now, but the smart thing may be to take a look at both your major and your potential debt so that you can make a plan before you end up with \$30,000 of debt. Mrs. Ervin politely reminded the seniors that, "You are there to get an education. You may have to work 40 hours a week. It happens, you will survive."

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Top 20

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By Katelyn Milligan

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3 Anna Groover

College: Indiana University
Major: English and Political Science

Favorite class: Block
Biggest dream: Publish a novel

I want to travel to: France, Italy, and a ton of other places

I'd like to thank: Jake, Finn, my family, and my teachers

An interesting fact about me: I'm trying to write a novel. I'm at 20,000 words!



4 Ellan McDaniel

College: Purdue University
Major: Veterinary Medicine

Biggest dream: Open a vet clinic

I want to travel to: Grand Canyon

I'd like to thank: My family, Sara Waymire, Matt Thomas, Dave McCartney, and Dr. Brand

An interesting fact about me: I won the American Ranch Horse All Age Cutting Class 2016 with my horse, Pedro.



5 Kaylee Nichols

College: Depauw University
Major: Biology

Favorite class: Biology II
Biggest dream: Become a doctor

I want to travel to: France

I'd like to thank: My parents for pushing me to be the best student, athlete, and person I can be



6 Jacob Brewer

College: Ball State University
Major: Accounting
Favorite class: Honors Algebra II

Biggest dream: Win a state title as a tennis coach

I want to travel to: All 50 states

I'd like to thank: Nick Bantz, Matt Hapner, Kaylee Nichols, and Coach Cleland

An interesting fact about me: I don't like science even though my mom, dad, and grandpa are all science teachers.



7 Macy Whitehair

College: Trine University
Major: Exercise Science / Pre-Physical Therapy

Favorite class: Anatomy
Biggest dream: To have a beach house

I want to travel to: Mykonos, Greece

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

An interesting fact about me: I have had three surgeries on my right knee.



8 Jessica Minch

College: Ball State University
Major: Chemistry

Favorite class: Jazz band
Biggest dream: To never worry about money issues

I want to travel to: Switzerland and Germany

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

An interesting fact about me: When I was younger, I lit my kitchen table on fire.



9 Katelyn Milligan

College: Purdue University
Major: Exploratory Studies
Favorite class: U.S. History (Block)

Biggest dream: Travel to cool places through my job

I want to travel to: Ireland and Greece

I'd like to thank: My mom and dad for pushing and always encouraging me to do my best

An interesting fact about me: I have been on five cruises and visited 10 different cities in the Caribbean.



10 Olivia Shoemaker

College: Indiana University
Major: International Relations

Favorite class: Block
Biggest dream: To work in the UN

I want to travel to: Thailand, Switzerland, Greece, Italy

I'd like to thank: Coffee

An interesting fact about me: I've been to five countries including places that allowed me to touch the Berlin Wall and watch the Eiffel Tower light up.



11 Evan White

College: Indiana University
Major: Accounting

Favorite class: PE II
Biggest dream: Become the next Steph Curry!

I want to travel to: Hawaii

I'd like to thank: My parents, friends, and teachers

An interesting fact about me: I like to read.



12 Ian Bretz

College: Purdue University

Major: Biochemistry

Favorite class: Block for sure

Biggest dream: To have a job that I love where I can help others

I'd like to thank: My family especially. Also everyone who has helped me through my high school career.

An interesting fact about me: My middle name is not actually Scott.



13 Maddie VanHook

College: Wittenberg University

Major: Psychology

Biggest dream: Join the Peace Corps

I want to travel to: Switzerland, Iceland, The Bahamas

I'd like to thank: My parents, my teachers (Orch, Omstead, Weaver, Stevens), and Jeffrey

An interesting fact about me: I have 6 younger siblings but none of them are my full siblings!



14 Kayleigh Wright

College: Indiana University

Major: Finance and Economics

Favorite class: Comm 210

Biggest dream: Spend a year travelling

I want to travel to: Greece

I'd like to thank: My family

An interesting fact about me: I never wanted to go to IU until this year.



15 Emily Decker

College: Xavier University

Major: Chemistry

Favorite class: Anatomy

Biggest dream: To become a doctor and own a newfoundland dog

I want to travel to: Germany

I'd like to thank: My parents for stressing the importance of education

An interesting fact about me: I lived in Tacoma, Washington for three years.



15 Maia Steigerwalt

College: Indiana University

Major: Undecided (medical field)

Favorite class: World history

Biggest dream: To be happy

I want to travel: The world

I'd like to thank: My parents for all of their support throughout the years.

An interesting fact about me: I am going to be a cheerleader at IU.



17 Collin Hart

College: Purdue University

Major: Professional Flight

Favorite class: Physics

Biggest dream: Become an astronaut

I want to travel to: California

I'd like to thank: All my boys for being my boys

An interesting fact about me: I originally didn't want to play football my freshman year.



18 Brayden Romine

College: Ball State University

Major: Psychology

Favorite class: Psych with Marshall

Biggest dream: Graduate with a Masters and no debt

I want to travel to: Greece

I'd like to thank: God, Mom and Dad, grandparents

An interesting fact about me: I'm a natural introvert.



19 Vanessa Miller

College: Indiana University

Major: Neuroscience and Microbiology

Favorite class: Anatomy

Biggest dream: To change lives through medicine

I want to travel to: India

I'd like to thank: My momma, my dad, and my little brother Lance

An interesting fact about me: I'm actually over 5 ft. tall.



20 Maci Pickering

College: Indiana University

Major: Biochemistry

Favorite class: Personal Finance

Biggest dream: To live a full and happy life

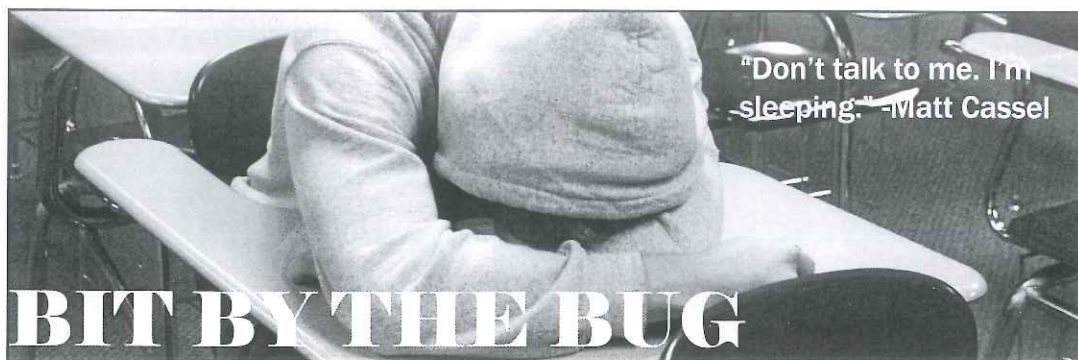
I want to travel to: Europe

I'd like to thank: My parents, grandmas, brother, and friends



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BIT BY THE BUG

By Raymond McQueary

The closer we get to the end of the year, the more seniors are losing themselves to a disease known as "senioritis". This disease is running rampant through the halls of Delta.

Senioritis is a formidable disease. A key symptom is not going to school as it is "pointless".

"I have almost no drive at all to

come to school

anymore," said senior Gus Brown. "5-hour Energy is the only thing that keeps me going."

Brown's senioritis on a scale of 1-10 is a 10 which was below average for most seniors.

The average amount of senioritis for this class is 11,452.

Another symptom of senioritis

is not feeling the need to do homework. "I've had senioritis since the first day of senior year. Haven't done homework at home once," said senior Noah Mercer.

Many senior girls say that once they hit senior year the way they dress changes dramatically from lack of trying.

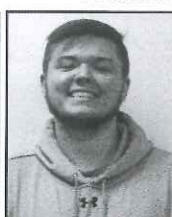
"I used to wake up at 6:30 and now I wake up at 7:15 and only wear T-shirts and jeans," said senior Breannah Webb.

Senioritis affects almost every senior who is just counting down the days to get out of high school.

From skipping school to not doing homework, this isn't just a trend for this class. It happens to every senior class. It's a real and very threatening disease.



"I can't even think of what to say...because it's hard to function at school." -Brittany Gibson



"One absence away from getting 5 days OSS, and I'm considering it." -Jacob Robertson



"Senioritis is real and I'm drowning. 35% in Omstead." -Kylee Pierson

"I struggle with seniortis every day of my life. Right now I am supposed to be working on an assignment but it sounds like too much work. I picked up this paper so the teacher thinks I am doing something." -Jenny Moynihan



"I had someone else write this for me (as Corey Garrett writes for Kowalski)." -Brady Kowalski



Advice to Advance

By Maddy Shockey

Every senior's high school experience is different in some way meaning each of them have different advice to offer to lowerclassmen on surviving the years ahead.

For a majority of students, at one point or another, making and keeping friends becomes a challenge.

"Just be nice to everyone, you don't know their situation outside of school," said senior Brayten Shockey. "Don't just be mean because you can."

Making the big transition from middle school to high school can be quite challenging, especially since it comes with a lot more responsibilities.

"Just work hard during your school time," said Shockey. "Use your time wisely and then take stuff home. Work on it as soon as you get home so you can go out and have fun with friends without

Things Seniors Wish They Knew

1. Don't forget to have a social life.
2. Take summer government.
3. Try harder. It matters later on.
4. How to find scholarships and how important it is to find them.
5. To get nowhere, follow the crowd.
6. Don't think you know everything, take advice.

worrying."

While trying to stay on top of all your academic responsibilities, occasionally you forget that these are supposed to be some of the best days of your life. Trying not to constantly stress about school can be difficult.

"Get involved," said senior Sidney Barkdull. "Don't be afraid to look dumb. Don't let what other people think of you control you. Do what makes you happy."

When it comes down to it, staying motivated is the hardest and most important thing of all.

"If you don't, you won't get into college," Barkdull said. "Set achievable goals and think of how it'll be in the long run. You have to go to school, even if you don't like it because you might need to in order to get where you want to go in life."

BEFORE YOU GO

By Cassy Gray

The mindset of a senior is that they are at the top of the food chain, but what many forget is that they only have a year of being at the top before they fall back to being bottom feeders.

As many seniors approach closer to college many questions start to form. So the Eagle's Eye asked Delta graduates about their everyday college life and tips to future freshmen.

Austyn Brown graduated two years ago and is now studying a German major at Ball State. Brown says the most unexpected thing he experienced when he started college was how expensive everything was.

To save money, he suggests that students "shop around and compare prices to everything!"

If, for example, you get a computer then do you really need an expensive meal plan or do you need to park in a garage? To park in a garage is \$300 a semester while parking in a commuting lot is \$65 a year. He also suggests not eating on campus where a single banana is 79 cents. At some grocery stores a bundle is as low as 59 cents.

The other biggest things Brown faced going into college was the amount of people there were and how big the campus was.

"It's intimidating not knowing many people, but it's also, in a sense, liberating. You truly can begin anew," Brown said on his take of the larger enrollment. He also mentions that there are maps around and the layout and orientation helped him not to get lost.

Brown also mentions how it was hard transitioning into being in charge of all of his time. "Definitely try to use your free time wisely," Brown said. "On average, you only have classes for roughly 15 hours a week, so you have to balance the rest out between your job(s), extra-curriculars, and whatever amount of sleep you happen to scavenge."

Tiffany Flowers is also a Delta graduate who can vouch for Brown's statement.

"The most unexpected thing about college was the autonomy," Flow-

ers said. "I mean in high school, you're just excited for the freedom, but once you get on campus you can do whatever you want. You suddenly realize that you are in charge of balancing classes, homework, and having a social life."

In most cases, your parents aren't there to wake you up or ask if you've written the 10 page paper you have due the next day so you have to push yourself to get things done.

College is scary for everyone, but there is also so much to enjoy about it. Like being able to make your own schedule and decide how to spend your time. There is also fun stuff happening around most campuses all the time. It's also a great

place to meet new and interesting people. Friends are an important factor in a college life, whether it's keeping old ones or making new ones.

For Flowers making new friends came with ease since she put herself into the campus life. Checking into campus organizations connects you to other students on campus who have similar interests and can help you make new friends quickly. Flowers also said it was easy to keep in contact with her old friends since a lot of them attend Ball State as well.

Brown on the other hand had a lot of his old high school friends move away for college. He also thinks it's a bit harder to make friends in college because everyone has their own life going on outside of school.

"College, I think, is more impersonal because classes are only measured in semesters, not entire academic years. There have been classes where I didn't even bother to learn the name of the person next to me," Brown said.

Brown also thinks it's hard to keep old friends since, everyone has their own stuff. He also knows though that even if he and his old friends don't speak

it doesn't mean their friendship is over.

"I've had people I consider my best friends that I have not talked to in over a year. It's crazy really."

Social Studies and Fine Art major and Delta grad Lauren Lykins also understands the changes that happen between friends during college.

"You create such a strong bond with people you love, then you all part ways, that's rough to adjust to," Lykins said.

Lykins scariest thing about college was not making friends and being alone but she found out that "if you want friends you will have them,".

Lykins, like most, had other worries about college such as getting lost. She went to the campus about a week before classes started and scoped out where her classes were. She suggests incoming freshmen at least take a look around before their first day.

Lykins biggest challenge was time management. "For my freshman year I took 18 credit hours and worked an off campus job for 30 hours a week, so the hardest thing for me to get used was finding time to get projects and assignments done."

She said.

It's true you have a lot more free time in college but you'll also have to get

used to managing your own time because you're not stuck behind a desk for 7-8 hours a day.

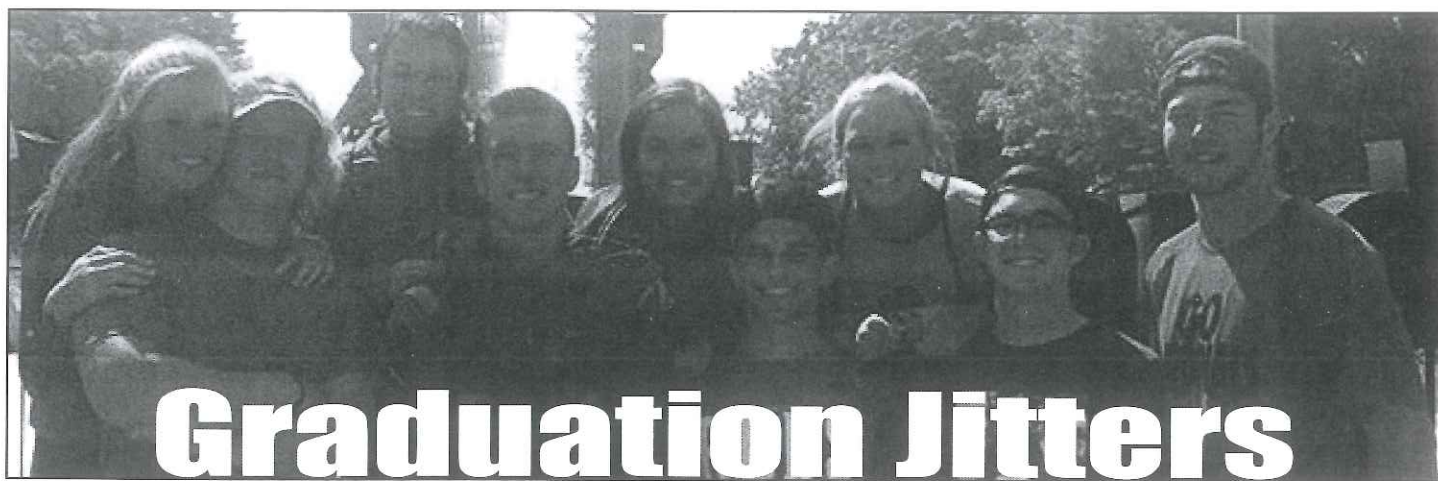
Although incoming freshman know that life is going to change in college sometimes they tend to overthink and scare themselves.

But just remember, everyone in college was once the bottom feeder, so if you get lost don't be afraid to ask someone on campus directions or get some extra time with your professor after class to discuss something you didn't quite understand.

College is a trial and run kind of place, so get out there and do some test drives.

"College is scary up first, but you just have to remember that it's scary for everyone else up first too." -Tiffany Flowers

"Study for your tests, don't take your GPA lightly. Get enough sleep but don't be afraid to pull an all nighter. Be kind and safe but also get out there and try new things." -Lauren Lykin



Graduation Jitters

Seniors talk about their fears after graduation

By Evan White

The final few weeks before graduation are some of the most memorable but stressful times in a teenager's life. Excitement and anxiety about the future combine to make most kids' senior year an interesting time to say the least.

Graduation is just days away. Seniors will soon be off to college, the military, or the work force. Most kids are counting down the days until they walk across the stage in early June. When asked about what was most exciting about graduating, senior Zak Fenwick said, "Probably getting out of this school. It's just too much, you know." Many kids share the same attitude as Fenwick and can't wait to move on from high school.

One of the most exciting things about graduating is the independence that kids will soon gain. Seniors will soon be moving out of their homes and living on campus at a dorm or an apartment. This is a huge, exciting transition that many seniors will soon undergo.

Jacob Brewer, who will soon be going to Ball State, said, "I'm excited to be able to move out of my house and move in with my grandma off campus, and spend not quite as much time at school every day."

Other kids are excited about their final summer before college. Anna Groover is going to see the Broadway musical "Hamilton" in New York City. Many other seniors plan to take a road trip to King's Island shortly after graduating.

This summer will be exciting but



Senior Zak Fenwick (left) poses with Frankie Dargo. (Photo provided)

somewhat bitter-sweet for seniors, as they will have one last summer to spend time with their best friends before going on

their separate paths.

Even though graduation is an exciting time, many kids feel slightly overwhelmed and scared about the future.

Fenwick said, "Really once you graduate and you walk through that door, your life can take a lot of different routes, and it's all about just choosing the right one." Brewer said, "What scares me the most is that I'm going to be more on my own and I won't be able to see my friends every day that I know, and I'll be more out of my shell and talk to more people."

College will have an entirely different social scene than high school does. Universities will have thousands of students and seniors will have to make new friends and form lasting relationships. Groover said, "I feel really comfortable at Delta because I know everyone, but in the fall, that won't be the case anymore. I think meeting new people will be exciting, though."

Ultimately, senior year should be a year that you never forget. It marks the beginning of adulthood, and it is the start of an exciting future. Senior year should be spent making memories with your best friends, while also preparing for what lies ahead.

Groover summed up the emotion of senior year: "You know, I started the year with the mindset that I'd hate Delta and everyone it it by the end of the year, but if anything, I'd say I love my classmates more than ever. I'm going to miss everyone, but I'm ready to move on."

'Really once you graduate and you walk through that door, your life can take a lot of different routes, and it's all about just choosing the right one.'
-Senior Zak Fenwick

Change is Inevitable

By Sydney May

While some seniors look back to middle school and find embarrassing photos of themselves sporting baby fat, David Engle says his transformation includes a personality change as well, specifically in maturity.

When Engle was a freshman, he would say whatever he wanted to whoever he wanted. Now he thinks about what he's going to say before he says it.

"It's a lot easier to stay quiet with that mentality and not get yourself into any more trouble," Engle said. "I used to be a straight up clown, but not anymore. Okay, I am a little bit."

Another senior who has changed in the past four years is Madison Grayson, who has opened up more.

Though Grayson doesn't have as many friends as she used to, she's always been social and somewhat friends with everyone, unless they mistreat her.

"I treat people the way they treat me," Grayson said. "I've always kind of done that as a common thing. I don't care if you're old or young, I will give you the respect you give me."

She doesn't worry about what others think of her and is much more open than she used to be.

Another senior who has opened up is Jeffrey Taylor. Before sophomore year when he did marching band at Muncie Central, he said he was reserved and rarely let people in, including his friends.

Today, he has an easier time

choosing his friends and makes sure he picks friends that like him for him, and not because he would do them favors.

But Taylor said he used to love drama. In fact, he said he would purposely cause it. But today, he'd rather stand aside and listen.

"I hate my past self now because of that. If there's drama now I'm not going to create it, but I'm interested in it," Taylor said.

Engle has never had much of a problem with dramatic situations.

"I don't even deal with drama," Engle said. "I just don't care about it. It happens, I just don't pay attention to it."

Similar to Engle, Antonia Smith said she steers clear of drama. Feeling more grown up, she believes she thinks more clearly. Tending to stay to herself when it all occurs, she says she keeps her mouth shut.

"We can come and talk about it later," Smith said. "I don't just react, I think it through."

Ethan Wright wouldn't see drama as a big deal now.

"Before I'd probably get nervous or not know what to do," Wright said.

"Now it's like I have the mindset of whatever. If something crazy happens then I'll find a way to deal with it."

When Wright first started high school, he said he hung out with his specific group of people, played video games and focused on school. Now he explains that he is completely open and always hanging out with someone new.

"I talk to a lot more people. I just kind of spread out," Wright said. "I'm not as shy, and I'm more sociable in every aspect."

Kalvin Wentz said he used to be a shy and timid freshman, but it's changed throughout the years as he has grown more outgoing and social.

"I was a little awkward guy. I was shy. ... It's easier to talk to people, new people, and make friends now," Wentz said.

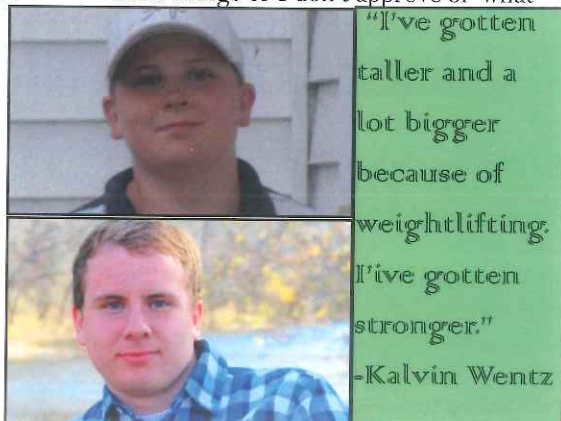
Engle being the opposite, said he doesn't try to make friends. He feels like it's one of those things that's supposed to happen on its own.

"I'm not going to run around looking for friends. I already have my core group of friends that I like."

Sometimes friendships fade.

Grayson admits to not having as many friends as she used to.

"People grow up and change along with their personalities, and we don't like the same things or I don't approve of what



"I've gotten taller and a lot bigger because of weightlifting. I've gotten stronger."
-Kalvin Wentz

they do. I don't want to be around that," she said.

In addition to social lives, these seniors undergo changes in their lives academically as well. Things have changed like study habits, the classes being taken, and the effort they put into school.

Wright said that freshman year, most work was just about memorizing and retaining information. Now, it's more about critical thinking that requires an understanding of the topic.

Wentz went back and forth with the effort he gave to school. He said he used to challenge himself more as a freshman. Sophomore year he slacked. When it was junior year he got back on track. But last semester of senior year came and "nothing matters."

Taking all college classes, Engle said he has picked up better study habits and ways to go about testing. He's never thought any of his classes were extremely difficult. He can get through them, and he's taking them to make it easier for him in college.

"I'm more realistic," he said. "I thought everything was just going to be super easy and come right to me. Like I'd be able to just walk through everything. But then school actually got more difficult and I had to take harder classes."

Antonia Smith advised that students shouldn't go through school wanting to get it done. Students should try to achieve more and try their best.

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#1 Nick Finds His Knack

Valedictorian Nick Bantz reflects on his success

By Sidney Barkdull

Teachers have a direct impact on their students' lives, some more than others. Valedictorian Nick Bantz credits his Anatomy teacher, Dr. Lance Brand, for opening him up to a world of scientific discovery.

"He really got me interested in a medical career," Bantz said. "He always gives us opportunities to see what we're interested in, like going to the hospital and doing research on what other things we might like to do with our time."

Dr. Brand says that Bantz is serious in class, but he also has a great wit and sense of humor. He is focused, engaged, and asks thoughtful and reflective questions. As for Bantz's future, Dr. Brand is not worried about him at all.

"Nick is a highly capable young man who has prepared himself well to take almost any pathway he might like in life," he said.

Bantz will go to Butler University in the fall and major in chemistry and pre-medical studies. His brother, Adam, a

class. However, Adam says that he looks up to his younger brother as well.

"I tried to set an example of giving 100% in everything that you do," Adam said. "Both Nick and I are very academically inclined and play seven sports between us. We are both very self-motivated. To be completely honest, Nick is one of my biggest role models despite the fact that I'm older."

Bantz had not considered going to Butler until recently because of the expensive tuition for the university. However, he was awarded the Lilly Endowment Scholarship, which pays full tuition for any college in the state of Indiana.

Other scholarships he was awarded were the IHSAA C. Eugene Cato Memorial Scholarship, which was only given to 13 students statewide, the Delcom Foundation Scholarship, and the Benjamin Shroyer Scholarship. He was also awarded \$6,000 annually from Butler for room and board fees.

Bantz says that one of his biggest motivating factors has been his family. Along with his teachers and coaches, they have continued to push him to work hard.

"It was easier because it gave me a structure," Bantz said. "I knew I was going to have practice after school so as soon as I got home I had to do my homework or I wouldn't have time."

This structure worked well for Bantz, who has been named academic all-state in tennis and all-conference in baseball. He has managed to keep a 4.3 grade-point average and earn 43 dual credits while being varsity in both sports.

Bantz's tennis coach, Mr. Tim Cleland, describes him as an all-business player who is determined to do well, sometimes even to the point of frustration.

"He's one of the hardest workers," Cleland said. "(Natural) talent is a gift, work ethic is earned."

Bantz does not plan to play any

sports at the collegiate level, but he says he may still play club sports or on intramural teams.

"I wasn't recruited or anything,"



Senior Nick Bantz takes a swing. (Photo provided)



Senior Nick Bantz sits on a statue of the Butler bulldog on a campus visit. (Photo provided)

2014 Delta graduate, is currently going to Butler as well. This was a factor in Bantz's decision to go to Butler.

Bantz says that he always looked up to his brother, using him as an example of what he could achieve and watching the path that Adam took showed him what he needed to do if he wanted to be at the top of his

Bantz said. "I definitely still want to play, but it's just too much of a time commitment."

Instead, Bantz plans to be a part of student government, as he is currently. He is the vice president of the Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy, treasurer of student council, and the president of National Honor Society.

He volunteers with The Gathering church children's ministry in his free time. Bantz says that he became involved with student government and volunteering by watching his brother do it before him.

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#2 Striving for Success

By Katelyn Milligan

Salutatorian Matt Hapner follows in siblings' footsteps

Senior Matt Hapner's secret to success is to do what teachers tell their students often: stay organized and don't procrastinate. It has worked well for him because Hapner has been salutatorian, second in class ranking, since freshman year.

Even with a mild case of senioritis Hapner strives to do well. He is the youngest of five and his family has been his biggest motivator for many years.

"My siblings are all really smart so I always wanted to be like them. And my parents always wanted me to work hard and just give everything my best effort."

Hapner does homework for a couple of hours each night and said it is naturally easier for him than most people; but, he said he works hard and puts a lot of time in, too.

Hapner's 11.83 GPA includes all A+ grades his junior year and first semester of his senior year. He also received mostly A+ grades his freshman and junior year with only a few A's. His favorite classes are SU World History and math classes, but Calculus is his hardest class.

"There's been some pressure. But that's good because it motivates me to do better."

However, Hapner is not an academical robot. In his free time, he plays video games and hangs out with his friends. He

has travelled to two countries and 48 states with Hawaii as his favorite.

He has been in National Honor Society for three years and is vice president this year. Hapner is a part of Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Hapner also does charity work through his church and has a strong faith which he looks forward to strengthening in college.

"It's always influenced me. And it's always encouraged me to try my best and just to love the people around me."



Matt Hapner

Along with his many extracurricular activities, Hapner is an athlete. He works to balance both but said grades are more important.

"It's close. I mean sports is not just about having fun. It's about finding passion for yourself and just growing as a character and finding yourself in that."

He played two years of baseball and four years of tennis. He received first team Academic All-State and second team All-State for his role as No. 1 doubles varsity tennis. Hapner said 75 percent of his high school memories are from tennis season.

Senior Jacob Brewer, Hapner's doubles partner, said he is proud Hapner is salutatorian because Hapner always gives 110 percent effort.

"I think that's a good position for him. He's worked really hard at it ever since we were in elementary school and fourth grade together. He's always strived in his academics and always took pride in being how smart he is."

Hapner said tennis coach Mr. Tim Cleland was influential because he taught him valuable lessons and cares about developing his athletes as people who have good character.

But the most influential person is Mr. John Hapner, his dad. Hapner interns with him at home through Credit

Control, a remote company located in St. Louis.

He said his dad is good at helping him figure out things he doesn't know how to do and giving him guidance and experience.

"He's always tried to give me a good work ethic. And he's always had me do a bunch of chores and help out with my siblings."

Hapner has strong family values. His four siblings attended Taylor University and Hapner is following in their footsteps in the fall.

He plans to study Computer Sci-

ence for four years and is still looking to find an area in computer science he really likes to possibly become a programmer or IT consultant. He wants to get a high GPA in college but ultimately wishes to be the owner of a business like a software company and have a great family.

Hapner is already getting a head start. He is working at the IT department at Taylor University this summer.

As for his time spent at Delta High School, Hapner said he enjoyed spending time with his friends and playing sports. Hapner is proud of his salutatorian ranking because it shows his hard work has paid off over the past four years.

Hapner said, "Education is very important and also a privilege because it will help us throughout our entire lives."



Matt (far left) with his parents and siblings (Photo Provided).



Matt serving during a tennis match (Photo Provided).

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The Final Farewell

By Tannon Dishman

What it's like when your high school activity ends

Brooke Kemp

Stepping under the lights of the stage for the last time, senior Brooke Kemp knew it would be an emotional night ahead of her.

Brooke's character for her final play would be Beatrice in *Much Ado About Nothing*. Beatrice was one of the main characters in the play.

"We have a tradition where we shake our arms and our legs 10 times to just get all the nerves out." Brooke realized that it would be her last performance going into the production of the play.

"I guess I realized it during my senior talk on the very last show on the very last play that we did. I thought that it would set in earlier when I did my first senior talk, but it didn't."

Brooke says that she will never forget performing for the Troupers and the life lessons that it gave her.

Brooke will attend Ball State and plans to major in journalism with also trying to get a minor in theatre. Brooke says that she also plans to try out for plays at the Muncie Civic Theatre more often.



Senior Brooke Kemp and sophomore Cameron Clevenger act in the Delta Trouper play *The Crucible*.

Ryley Pease

One week before the quarterback, Ryley Pease, played his final game, he was soaked in glory after bringing home the sectional title with his teammates.

The football team just won the first sectional title since 2009. Their next opponent was Roncalli, the 39th ranked team in Indiana. It would be the regional game at Roncalli. The game was played on Friday, November 13.

The Eagles played tough and were down 14-0 at half. In the third quarter, Roncalli picked it up and led 35-12.

"I knew it would be the final football game at Delta during the third quarter," Pease said. "I knew that we were down too many touchdowns to come back from." The game ended with a final score of 49-12 in favor of Roncalli.

Ryley ended the game with a touchdown pass and a forced fumble. The Eagles ended with a final record of 9-4.

Ryley will attend Marian University and play football for them.



Senior Ryley Pease accepts trophy after winning sectionals.

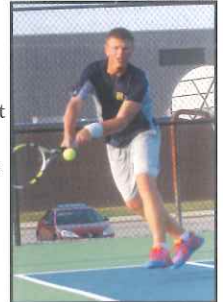
Matt Hapner

Senior Matt Hapner remembers vividly the day when he played his final tennis match for Delta High School.

It was semi-state at Homestead High School against defending state champion North Central. Matt and his partner Jacob Brewer were playing one doubles. Matt knew that going into the match it was a possibility that it could be his final match at Delta.

"I guess it was a realization towards the end of the match that we were fighting a losing battle." Matt and Jacob battled hard, but came up short in the end with a final score of 2-6, 1-6. It was a tough loss, but he will always remember the great bond he had with all of his teammates.

"I will never forget the family atmosphere and the great coaches that helped me out my entire career at Delta." Matt ended with a varsity record of 16-8 at one doubles for the Eagles and made All-State. Matt will attend Taylor University where he does not plan to play on the tennis team.



Senior Matt Hapner (Photo provided)

Audrey Woodin

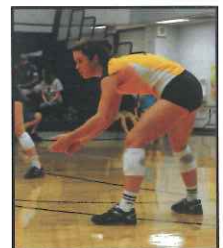
Audrey Woodin's final volleyball match at Delta High School came at the fate of cross-town rivals, the Yorktown Tigers. The Eagles had played the Tigers two other times before and lost their previous two matches handily.

An intense sectional semi-finals round came down to five sets. The match was a nail-biter, with the final score being 3-2 in favor of the third-ranked Tigers. Yorktown narrowly escaped with a victory in the fifth set with a score of 15-8.

Audrey and the team ended with a 24-11 record. Included in that was a 6-1 conference record with the only loss coming to Yorktown.

"I will miss the family atmosphere and just knowing that any one of my teammates would do anything for me at any time." Audrey finished her senior season as a first team All-State member along with All-Conference.

Audrey will attend Ball State University where she does not plan to play volleyball for the Cardinals.



Senior Audrey Woodin (Photo provided)




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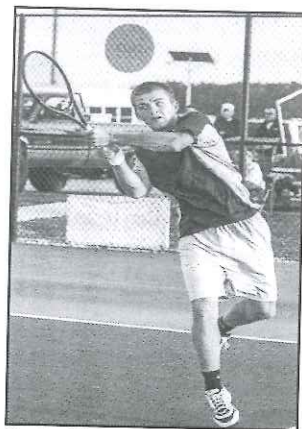
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Valedictorian

Bantz says that he always looked up to his brother, using him as an example of what he could achieve and watching the path that Adam took showed him what he needed to do if he wanted to be at the top of his class. However, Adam says that he looks up to his younger brother as well.



Senior Nick Bantz follows through on a backhand. (Photo provided)

"I tried to set an example of giving 100% in everything that you do," Adam said. "Both Nick and I are very academically inclined and play seven sports between us. We are both very self-motivated."

To be completely honest, Nick is one of my biggest role models despite the fact that I'm older."

Bantz is already paving the path for his future by working as an intern for Dr. Wynde Ashman at Family Vision Care, where he runs the pretests on patients before they have the doctor do the eye exams.

This work will continue through the summer as Bantz continues to get invaluable experience that will help him on the medical path he is on.

Bantz is unsure what medical career he will go into. He prefers to keep that option open for now as he is enjoying the work he is doing with Dr. Ashman.

Bantz will go to medical school after he earns his undergraduate degree from Butler.

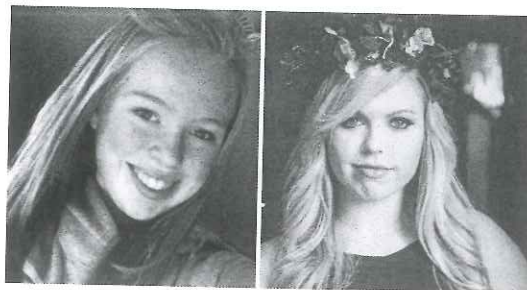
"I want to be a doctor because I want to help people solve their problems," Bantz said. "I think it would be fun to interact with people and not just sit at a desk all day."

Change

"People grow up and change along with their personalities, and we don't like the same things or I don't approve of what they do. I don't want to be around that," she said.

In addition to social lives, these seniors undergo changes in their lives academically as well. Things have changed like study habits, the classes being taken, and the effort they put into school.

right said that freshman year, most work was just about memorizing and retaining information. Now, it's more about critical thinking that requires an



Madison Grayson



Ethan Wright

understanding of the topic.

Wentz went back and forth with the effort he gave to school. He said he used to challenge himself more as a freshman. Sophomore year he slacked. When it was junior year he got back on track. But last semester of senior year came and "nothing matters."

Taking all college classes, Engle said he has picked up better study habits and ways to go about testing. He's never thought any of his classes were extremely difficult. He can get through them, and he's taking them to make it easier for him in college.

"I'm more realistic," he said. "I thought

everything was just going to be super easy and come right to me. Like I'd be able to just walk through everything. But then school actually got more difficult and I had to take harder classes."

Antonia Smith advised that students shouldn't go through school wanting to get it done. Students should try to achieve more and try their best. "You want to make yourself a better person overall. So you feel more accomplished with school and you feel like you actually did something."

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I'll Never Forget...

Seniors reflect on their high school experiences

Mariah Alvarez~ I will never forget the fun times that SC and I had at homecoming.

Abby Bailey~ I'll never forget.

Nick Bantz~ I will never forget the night MH, JB, ISB, LB, and I went bowling at Ball State and snuck into the Late Night event and got some pizza. I will never forget the tennis memories with JB, MH, EW, JW, and CH. I will never forget the fun times at prom with LB and all my friends. I will also never forget when we chose the John Cena song for graduation, but it got rejected by the administration (even though it's a great song with no profanity). I will never forget the impact that the teachers and staff of Delta High School had on my life. Most importantly, I will never forget that I graduated with the great people of Delta's Class of 2016.

Sidney Barkdull~ I'll never forget journalism with KM, SM, CG, CM, NO, and BK or French with ES and CD. I'll never forget froyo with BG.

Ciara Barton~ I will never forget when JS spilled his smoothie all over his FFA jacket on the way home from the FFA convention in Kentucky.

Megan Bell~ I will never forget what AM used to stop a nosebleed in my car. I will never forget when I was drowning and LB saved me.

Macie Blackburn~ There are many good memorable things that I will not ever forget, but there are a few that will stay with me forever. I will never forget getting all dressed up for the themes at the football games and having so much fun cheering on the team. I won't ever forget all of the fun memories I made during the volleyball season. I will never forget all the fun picnics and relay races. I won't ever forget powder puff and how fun it was, or how fun prom was. Most importantly, I won't ever forget all the meaningful friendships I had with people.

Tyler Brand~ I will never forget when CC changed our class song and discarded the democracy of our vote.

Jacob Brewer~ I will never forget overnight tennis invites. My lunch table with MH, KM, NB, PR, CA, IB, SH, and TD. Sleeping through Block Class. Exploring high schools with NW. Playing in the state finals with MH. Freshmen year swimming

with BF and GI. Introducing AG to a new genre of music. Singing the EW theme song in history with AG, IB, KM, and MH. Spending almost every passing period with KW.

Brett Carlson~ I'll never forget my four years of playing for Delta Golf. I'll never forget going to the 50-Kal concert, I mean talent show.

Naja Chimbanda~ I will never forget during soccer season that I fit 11 people in my car and my car only had five seats. Two people sat in the passenger seat, six people were in the back and two in the trunk. Also someone had one of those fake babies for child development class and we put it on top of the sun roof. Best memory ever.

James Cook~ I will never forget when BW and I had to chase down ND.

Kelsey Crist~ I will never forget running down a river chasing kayaks with JE. I will never forget French class with As and HC. I will never forget Senior Ball with NR. I will never forget theater with MH, JE, BK, KC, and CG. I will never forget Cincinnati and being an Office Aid with MW. I will never forget spending four days in a row together and choosing an ambulance for 30 minutes then getting lost with MH. I will never forget all of my Dairy Dream tips. I will never forget prom with FD.

Haleigh Criswell~ I will never forget when me and SO got a referral for sitting in the hallway when we said we were in the "library". Also got a Friday school.

Shelby Crouse~ I will never forget when CW and I were the only two dancers out on the track to do the fight song for football, because no one else was back in time.

Frankie Dargo~ I'll never forget the times I've had with CR. I will never forget Block Class. I will never forget CC's birthday in the prop room with QP3. I will never forget the talent show with LM. I will never forget our "And Then There Were None" project in Mrs. S Fox's class. I will never forget the times when JR and I went skating. I will never forget the beginning of freshman year party. I will never forget RS and all he has done for me.

Kelly DeLisle~ I will never forget the day when LL and SM and I bought six order of potatoes at Taco Bell. I will never forget the bus rides to Emens Auditorium with the Mixed Choir. I will never forget the friends, memories and art that I have made at DHS.

David Engle~ I will never forget winging my way through high school with the boys.

Scottie Evans~ I'll never forget going to state with JG and SC.

Zak Fenwick~ I will never forget the night the tennis team chilled at JS house our freshmen year.

Seth Fox~ I will never forget the semi state bus ride back home.

Corey Garrett~ I will never forget when DR, RM, SF, RG, GB, KW, and CH went to the football field during winter last year and played on the field.

Cassy Gray~ I will never forget moving in my own apartment with my best friend MS. I will never forget Mrs. C hating me and JS in ceramics and jewelry. I will never forget going to Steak 'n' Shake at 3 a.m. with MS. I will never forget seeing SW's childhood picture and almost dying of laughter.

Madison Grayson~ I will never forget sitting in Mrs. B's class and it started thunder storming, and I realized my car windows were down.

Ben Greer~ Being able to run with my second family, A.K.A. the entire cross country team.

Anna Groover~ I will never forget AM's pan brownies, the time Coach J broke a lane line with his face, or all the time we spent searching for (but never found) the Codiferous Aqueous. I will never forget Coach C's one in a million shot, when JR won the point but missed the serve, and JB's "quiet" prancing like a gazelle. I will never forget Mother Russia and my fellow proud clingers, BK and MV. I will probably forget, however, that Olive Garden isn't a French restaurant and the difference between deuce and love.

Matt Hapner~ I will never forget how much GS loves peach cream. I will never forget SW's phone going off in calculus. I will never forget when ZF bought heelys. I will never forget when JB and I had our sectional and regional victories over some very good doubles teams.

Collin Hart~ I will never forget when we won the sectional championship in football this year.

Logan Hayes~ I will never forget movie nights and IHOP dates with SO. I will never forget my morning group. I will never forget eating an entire cake with JM. I will never forget all the block parties (the class). I will never forget car jam sessions with KW, AS, and SO. I will never forget "grandma eyes" with AB and SO.

Maddie Holdren~ I will never forget Mr. K wearing a dress. I will never forget crushing Yorktown in sectionals every year. I will never forget Smash Cancer. I will never forget being attacked by birds with KW. I will never forget Hawaii with MH. I will never forget the cruise with KM and LM. I will never forget the time Coach threw a tennis ball into a bucket on the other side of the gym and made NA do 100 push-ups. I will never forget our first Dance Marathon. I will never forget meeting SF for the first time.

Brooke Kemp~ I will never forget my Delta Trouper Family. I will never forget play traditions. I will never forget my bus buddy AG. I will never forget squad nights with MH, LM, and MK. I will never forget the people who sat in quiet tiredness with me before school. I will never forget KH, "The Tree".

Jacob Kennedy~ I will never forget Spring Break 2016 with JC, JR, and CP.

Sydney May~ I will never forget the time I was in a hurry and I went to the bathroom and didn't lock the door all the way and a teacher walked in and opened the stall saying "Whoops!"

Kayle McKnight~ I will never forget the night the golf team, junior year, was headed home from a match and hit a bird with the bus and Coach TK said a prayer.

Noah Mercer~ I will never forget MN putting gum in my hair and not even getting written up.

Katelyn Milligan~ I will never forget all four years of tennis season when I had a social life. I'll never forget coach going over the speed bump and BK and me flying out of our seats. I'll never forget Block party days with AG. I'll never forget tennis with MH and BK. I'll never forget the amazing vacations with LM.

Jessica Minch~ I will never forget my jazz band experiences with everyone. I will never forget pep band candids with MV and EM. I will never forget every moment with LH.

Kevin Misbach~ I'll never forget going to Late Night at Ball State. Mr. S's love

for peach cream pie. SW in calculus, yelling bomb in the middle of lunch, and making pancakes in Breakfast Club.

Jade Morton~ I will never forget going to the reservoir with VW during the summer. We had so much fun we didn't know what was happening. Our families had a fun time as well.

Jenny Moynihan~ I will never forget when KS, CB, BS, NC, and I face swapped in English class and drove Mr. O nuts and made TB get upset with us. NC face swapped with Mr. O's sheep baby lolz.

Kaylee Neal~ I will never forget a lot of things I forgot.

Sarah Ogle~ I will never forget ED and I played Yorktown in sectionals for tennis and fought back to win the match when the whole team was counting on us. It was all up to us to win and there was a lot of pressure with everyone watching.

Nate Osner~ I'll never forget the soccer game sophomore year against Yorktown. It had been nearly eight years since our team had beaten the evil green school and at halftime it looked like we were headed towards the same fate. Coming from 2-1 down, energized by an electric crowd, we managed to score three goals and win the game.

Matthew Perry~ I will never forget the time that my dad let me drive his cadillac to school and I rear ended someone's car in the parking lot.

Maci Pickering~ I'll never forget when Delta softball won county. I'll never forget cheering on DFB with all my girls under the FNL. I'll never forget my senior spring break in Cancun, Mexico with KN.

Dustin Reynolds~ I will never forget when the football team won the 2015 sectional championship.

Shelby Robbins~ I'll never forget when the football team won sectionals my senior year. I'll never forget the football team beating Yorktown (58-28)!! I'll never forget having the best tennis season. Performance and friendship. I'll never forget saving a life with NB, BS, and DP.

Jasmine Robinson~ I will never forget JA and I went to NY and walked over an air vent with skirts on and flashed a group of guys behind us. I will never forget all of the crew night that never went right with JA, SO, HC, and MB. I will never forget when SO, ED and I ate complementary breakfast at a hotel that we were not checked into. I will never forget when

OS had to make my chocolate milk with powder instead of the syrup.

Jacob Robertson~ I will never forget the tomato soup incident with CH, ZE, DE, and FD.

Aubrey Scheid~ I will never forget my first day at Delta High School, the school, people and teachers.

Kim Schneider~ I will never be the first night at SR house together with AS pushing the big pillow through the door. I will never forget doing push-ups with TS for a military shirt (U.S. Army). I will never forget MC, MF, BH, and SH at the homecoming picnic on the bleachers who almost got in trouble for throwing baby carrots. I will never forget HT arriving to school later in the year and the first thing to tell me about her is that she lost her luggage. I will never forget riding to school with VU and KM singing "Thinking Out Loud" and "Hands to Myself" on bus. I will never forget my lunch cuddle buddy (RG) who I met at the beginning of the year at his bonfire but didn't remember his face.

Kara Selvey~ I will never forget the Pep Band nights, they were amazing. The Pacers game was one of the most memorable it had awkward freshman moments, lots of laughs, and it was just a blast! On the way home "Don't Stop Believing" by Journey came on and everyone sang it together and terribly out of tune but it was great! I will also never forget senior night for the pep band after the game most of the seniors went to Steak 'n' Shake and just talked for like two hours at least!

Olivia Shoemaker~ I'll never forget the concoctions MB and I made. I'll never forget mastering the Indianapolis streets with JR. I'll never forget the late night card games with MP. I'll never forget the last nights of last summer with RJ and EJ. I'll never forget sitting on AW's roof. I'll never forget when HC showed me her strong toe. I'll never forget making cookies with VM. I'll never forget Omegle adventures with KN. I'll never forget lawnmower riding at DA's. I'll never forget life talks with BR.

Morgan Sizemore~ I will never forget when I did a somersault down the bleachers at homecoming junior year. Playing soccer with my best friends. Meeting CA freshmen year. Starting high school at a new school/state. Getting food poisoning at Prom.

Jeremy Smekens~ I will never forget the fun times with my friends.

Antonia Smith~ I will never forget when

DJ "fought" a pole. I will never forget freshman year homecoming when the band danced in the rain.

Brandon Smith~ I will never forget the day when BH and CH got in a fight and rolled down the stairs.

Brenna South~ I will never forget all the friends I've made in Best Buddies. I will never forget when we had the buddies at my house.

Maia Steigerwalt~ I will never forget when KW and I stayed up all night in a hotel before the state cheer competition. I will never forget sitting next to MS on the way to every soccer game. I will never forget cheering on the football team as they won sectionals.

Brianna Stiffler~ I'll never forget when MS joined the soccer team and I introduced myself. I'll never forget when SR, NB, DP, and I all saved ND's life. I'll never forget playing kickball at soccer on the first day of practice and meeting SW. I'll never forget when MS backed into the side of my car. I'll never forget spending three out of four years with DP by my side.

Helene Thomassen~ I will never forget when my lunch table had a Thanksgiving carry-in, and we were told not to do it again. I will never forget all my friends and my amazing sister and messing around in the hallways.

Caitlyn Thompson~ I'll never forget all of the cross country meets when it was snowing so we all had to huddle in the tent so we wouldn't freeze.

Emily Thompson~ I will never forget winning county in softball my junior year. I will never forget going to all the football games with all my friends. I will never forget.

Valeria Ulloa~ I will never forget all the laughs, the tears, the hilarious lunch table conversations, the inside jokes and code names, and all the group messages that never made any sense. I will always keep in my heart every single memory, every football game, dance, bonfire, party, every tennis match, swimming meet, and soccer game waiting on the bench forever. To my closest friends thank you for the countless sleepovers, adventures at the cemetery, deep talks, trips to the kitchen and thank you for becoming my family. High school was a difficult time for the majority of us, let's be real, but this year was one of the best years of my life.

Britney Vandenbark~ I'll never forget when I fell in a ditch on a bike ride and

BG won't let me live it down.

Madison VanHook~ I'll never forget going to Steak 'n' Shake with the senior group - especially when AS fell off the skateboard. I'll never forget my first poetry slam. Thanks, AG. I'll never forget government class with BK and AG. I'll never forget my French 4r squad: JT, FD, and AG. Good luck with all your future taches!

Joe Wegener~ I will never forget my tennis match against Cathedral my junior year. I also won't forget the team match at State and the ceremony afterward. I'll never forget Midnight Madness and IHOP with AT, MH, JW, MS, and the rest of the team. I'll never forget the canoe trip and the 13-mile bike ride. I'll never forget MT and SmashCancer. I'll never forget JB, NB, NM, MH, ZF, and EW. I'll never forget CW and the laughs we shared.

Courtney Welton~ I will never forget the night SC and I found a hole in the carpet in the commons. I will never forget when I made the dance team.

Kalvin Wentz~ I will never forget all of the great golf seasons with BC. I will never forget making the basketball team. I will never forget golf practices with JM. I will never forget my favorite coach SW. I will never forget being saved with BR.

Sam Williams~ I will never forget when ZM, MN, and I raced each other over a fence.

Michelle Wilson~ I will never forget when VU, HT and I went bowling and VU went to bowl and she pulled the ball back and let go. The ball went flying toward the tables.

Audrey Woodin~ I will never forget beating Yorktown in football my senior year. And I will never forget when the seniors swept the homecoming games my senior year.

Kayleigh Wright~ I'll never forget when MS and I almost got killed in a hotel hallway. I'll never forget getting attacked by birds with MH. I'll never forget scavenger hunts with MR, NE, and MS.

William Wright~ I will never forget my first referral ever. It was this year and let's just say the Eagle's Eye Magazine sold-out because of me. Another memory would have to be Senior Ball. Me and my two dates had a blast.

DAY ONE

By Charlie May

Seniors look back on how they have changed from freshman to senior year

For any sport, the offseason conditioning can seem awful, but senior Jacob Kennedy saw it differently when he went to his first one freshman year.

"I was excited to go to conditioning," Kennedy said.

Kennedy has been participating in track and field since sixth grade. The events he is in is shotput and discus.

Kennedy believes that participating in only shotput and discus helps him because he doesn't have to focus on



Jacob Kennedy

running and can just concentrate on field events.

Kennedy had not won a meet his first three years of competing, but this year he won county in discus.

"I have progressed over the years."

He is one of many seniors nominated by their coaches as a much-improved performer.

With the season coming to an end, Kennedy says he is going to miss track and field quite a bit and that it is going to be sad that he can't do it anymore. His advice to underclassmen is give it your best, try hard, and do well in practice because that's where it counts.

Outstanding seniors nominated as most improved players by their coaches

Jacob Brewer- tennis
Evan White- tennis
Shelby Robbins- tennis
Maddie Holdren- tennis
Morgan Sizemore- soccer
Maia Steigerwalt- soccer
Nate Osner- soccer
Naja Chimbanda- soccer
Lane Lucas- track
Gavin Burford- track
Dustin Reynolds- track
Ryley Pease- basketball
Mitchell Hahn- baseball
Arian Coffey- baseball
Adam Paschal- baseball
Emily Thompson- softball
Taylen Martzall- softball
Maci Pickering- softball
Nathan Zirkle- cross country
Caitlyn Thompson- cross country
Jenny Moynihan- cross country
Brett Carlson- golf
Audrey Woodin- volleyball
Kaylee Nichols- volleyball
Kayleigh Wright- cheerleading

Musical Minch

By Brooke Kemp

From pop to country, music is a large part of American culture. For senior Jessica Minch, there is more gratification and feeling in music when she plays it herself.

"I love performing music. It's definitely one of the greatest feelings to be like a singular part but produce something big when you're part of a group"



Jessica Minch

Minch began her musical journey with choir in fourth and fifth grade and moved onto band in sixth to 'follow in her brother's footsteps.' Her freshman year of high school, Minch joined Pep Band and Concert band where she plays the clarinet. In 10th grade Minch took on another music class, jazz band, and another instrument, the alto saxophone.

The summer of freshman year Minch taught herself to play the saxophone and found it easy to understand.

"It's in a different key than clarinet, but it's basically the same set up."

With two instruments and three bands, Minch has a lot of different pieces of music on her hands, however she finds

no challenge in it.

"As you get older you learn to manage it better and you get better at playing so it's not as difficult. Every year you start with easier pieces and as the year goes on it gets harder because she wants to warm up and get new kids adjusted."

While she has worked out all of her initial concert jitters and doesn't feel them as much now, she used to get nervous, especially in Jazz band.

"I used to be [nervous] especially my sophomore year because we had to do solos in jazz band where it's improv so you make it up right off the top of your head and you have to make sure your notes line up with the chords and stuff and it is difficult."

Currently Minch is working on sight reading in jazz band. The jazz band has already played their last concert so class is now devoted to teaching students how to play music without ever seeing or practicing it before.

In her freshman year of college at Ball State University, Minch prefers to focus on studying chemistry instead of music. If she finds enough time she may join the orchestra or concert band at BSU, but for now she is enjoying the final days in the Delta music department.

Studying Abroad

By Hailey McIntire

Studying abroad has become more popular. Every student is given the opportunity to study abroad in their college career. Each year more students are taking this opportunity to get the experience of a lifetime.

There are seniors here at Delta that are interested in studying abroad, at some point in their college career.

Senior Olivia Shoemaker is required in her major to study abroad. She will be studying International Relations at Indiana University.

"A large part of this program is centered around global awareness and because of that studying abroad is required," Shoemaker said.

Shoemaker traveled to Germany and Paris, France last summer which was a big contributing factor to why she chose her major.

"The main reason I chose this major is because I am completely intrigued by the world around me and all

that it has to offer beyond the limits of cornfields."

Shoemaker really isn't sure what she's going to miss about home.

"I'm not one to get attached to people or places, but I'll probably miss Puerto the most if we're being honest," Shoemaker said.

Anna Groover decided to study abroad because she would like to experience the world around her.

Groover would like to study abroad in Italy or France, she's not necessarily majoring in French but she would



Olivia Shoemaker in front of the Berlin Wall (Photo Provided).

like to become bilingual and she thinks immersing herself in the language would be very conducive in doing that.

"I really want to see the world and kinda experience cultures," Groover said. "I think in America we have a go-go type of mentality and in a lot of countries like France and Italy it's definitely not like that."

Anna Groover would hope to study abroad next summer if she decides to go. Olivia Shoemaker isn't quite sure where she's going, when she's going, or for how long but she knows it's at least going to be a few months.

Overall both seniors are more excited than they are scared. "I am way more excited than anything," Groover said. "Just because Indiana isn't a very cultural place and to just see all the beautiful architecture and everything else they have over in Europe and other places around the world I think that'll be so fascinating."

By Haleigh Smith

People Living Together Now

When Delta graduate Cade Jones, and his best friend since sixth grade, Tate Stone, decided to go to the same college, Depauw University in Greencastle, Ind., it was a "no brainer" for Jones that they would room together this school year. As many would think, the two teenage boys don't have many rules.

As with all roommates, there are pet peeves that they have. One of Jones' is Stone's growing collection of shoes. "There are so many pairs of shoes floating around our room," Jones said.

Cassy Gray and Mason Stone are roommates and best friends. Cassy, Mason, and Mason's brother Ashton all live together and split all the costs evenly. Gray says that the pros really outweigh the cons of moving out with your best friend. One drawback is getting chores done and everything around the house is

a lot more, but you learn how to 100% be an adult. Some of the pros are that you have a lot more freedom, and you don't always have to be around your family which can also kind of be a con.

Gray says that there can be some struggles of living with friends, but that it is worth it.

"Make sure that your friendship is strong. Don't move in with someone that annoys you after hanging out for more than a day or so," said Gray.

People Living Together In the Future

Seniors Jasmine Robinson and Jenna Anderson are best friends and cousins. This fall they will be attending Ball State University and plan on being roommates when they go.

"We have always talked about living together after high school, so now that we are going to the same college it

worked out perfectly," Robinson said.

Both girls are looking forward to the experience and having the "cutest looking dorm on Ball State campus".

There are both pros and cons of living together, and Anderson thinks that some of the pros will be not having to have a roommate that she doesn't really like, and there will be more laughs and inside jokes between the two. For the cons, Anderson had none but Robinson thinks that since the two know each other so well, that they will say whatever they want to each other and it could result in some conflict between them.

Two more seniors that will be living together in college are Brett Carlson and Devyn Tarr. The two have known each other for about 12 years but became friends in sixth grade. They will also be attending Ball State University. Tarr said that he is expecting "to be shaped into a responsible adult" when he moves in with Carlson.

ROOMMATES

A New Beginning

Mentor program will help 8th graders transition to high school

By Gavin Wilson

Many freshmen entering a high school are terrified and have no idea what's going on. However, thanks to a new program freshmen now will have mentors to help them throughout the course of the year.

The freshmen will realize that the building is nothing like the middle school especially since the middle school building is a rectangle. The high school has more students, teachers, sports, clubs, and homework. Even if the freshmen already have friends or family in the high school it can still be intimidating, which is why the mentors are there.

"I can't solely take credit for coming up with this program, but it was an idea that had been floating around for awhile in Chick-fil-A and it sparked my interest, so I jumped on it," junior Abby Shafer said. "I've had a lot of help from other students/ faculty forming the idea, though, and I'm really excited about it."

The mentorship program is designed to make the first year of high school easier for current eighth graders. Principal Mr. Chris Conley outlines his ideas then allows Chick-fil-A to actually take the lead and develop the mentorship program. Chick-fil-A is a leadership program that allows students to get involved with the community and with high school. Freshmen Cody Brelage started

a mentor program at Delta Middle School last year and has helped develop the new program at Delta High School.

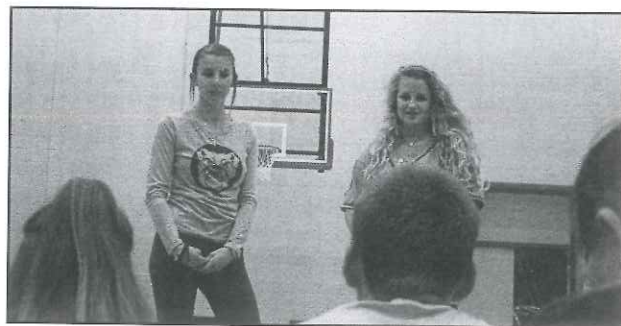
"Mr. Conley has been dedicated to making sure that all students at Delta High School feel included, safe, and successful," assistant principal Mrs. Pat Ervin said, "Abby Shafer and Mr. Cleland have been the student/faculty leaders who have been instrumental in developing the specific guidelines, visiting schools who have mentor programs, and working to bring this Chick-fil-A project to a successful start. Without their leadership we would still be at square one."

According to eighth graders Zac Stanley, Betsy Marshall, Lucy East, and Emma Shreve high school seems a little scary. However with a brief description of

this new program already these students hope the program will help them out to understand how high school works, the high school system/lay-

out, classes, teachers, and one-on-one time with the mentors. They also want to see a maturity growth throughout the incoming freshmen.

"We want to help freshmen find positive connections in the high school. We also want to broaden our leadership



Abby Shafer and Emma Snider talking to the eighth graders.

base," Cleland said.

The new program had 92 applicants, with 55 of those being chosen to be a part of the program. The 55 means that for every four freshmen, there will be one mentor. The mentors were chosen by Mr. Conley, Mrs. Ervin, Mr. Cleland and Shafer. Fifty percent of the 55 are seniors (28-30) leaving juniors with 18-20 mentors and sophomores with five to seven mentors. To be chosen the students who filled out the application had to have two teacher recommendations.

Shafer does not want the top 20 academic students to be the only people in the program. She wants a wide variety of interest levels. People who are outgoing, positive, and happy are ideal to this role. Shafer also wants to see the upperclassmen be happy about the program and excited to participate in the program.

Her main goal with this program is to make incoming freshmen excited for everything high school has to offer and get rid of all their nerves. She hopes the incoming freshmen jump on this, take advantage of the help, the friendships, and the fun that will come with this program.

"We want people who will go the extra mile to make a friend and sustain the friendship (throughout the entire school year)."

-Junior Abby Shafer



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"High school is a blast and it's a lot easier to come into it with a friend and confidence, and that's what I hope to do with this program," Shafer said.

Advantages that Stanley, Marshall, East, and Shreve include that this program will hopefully help students open up and help them not be scared of high school, knowing what to expect when coming to the high school, and that freshmen will have a better understanding of high school and have a (friend) mentor to help them out. They also hope that the program will help students realize that high school is not the worst place on the planet.

"I believe it (the program) is for everyone, but your adventure should start early in your high school career," Shafer said, "In addition some people can get lost on their adventure and find rough spots in the road. With a mentor (someone who has been there, and has something in common with you and is trustworthy) it will make those rough spots easier."

The new program will include a mentor council. The 15 student mentor council is the core of the program. The council will plan monthly meetings, create new ideas for the program, and help lead/orchestrate the kick-off day.

The kick-off day is a day of fun and a way for the eighth graders to get to know the school and faculty better. It will include the mentors meeting their mentees. The freshmen will also

get to decorate, or mess around with their lockers, and walk around the building to navigate to where all their classes are. They will also hopefully meet a few faculty/staff members such as Conley, Ms. Joey Gossett, and freshmen teachers.

Shafer wants it to be fun for all the incoming freshmen. She hopes for there to be all smiles and the room full of excitement and zero thought of boredom. She also hopes that mentors will be super excited to meet their mentees and excited to spend the day getting to know them more.

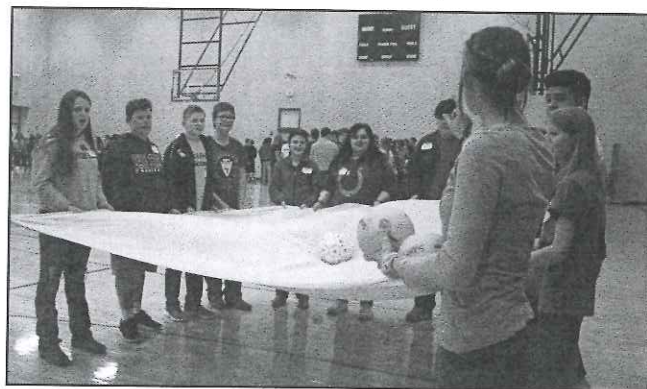
According to Shafer it will be a

long stretch to get the freshmen to come in the summer but having students speak about the program at the middle school will hopefully persuade the eighth graders to come to the kick-off day.

"Anything new can intimidate anyone or seem 'sketchy', especially for a middle schooler, when you hear you're getting a mentor of some kind along with a few of your peers having the same mentor," Shafer said. "Some barriers will automatically be thrown up. They may not know their mentor, or anyone in their group. It's new, unknown, and different, so it's going to create suspicion."

Some advice for the mentors from Mrs. Ervin include to be positive, encouraging, and inclusive. "You should be a listening partner. We are not there to solve anyone's problems, but we can always listen and outline options to pursue."

Shafer advises the mentors to have an open mind to anyone and anything. Be adaptable for anything to come your way. "Make sure you sell this to the



High school students and eighth graders play a game during Eighth Grade Orientation.

freshmen so be happy and excited about it and participate in everything."

Mr. Cleland advises the mentors to develop a meaningful and helpful relationship with your freshmen and genuinely, to look out for their best interest.

All students who have applied to be a mentor were notified of their acceptance or non-acceptance by letter from the United States mail.

Even if you do not make it this year, Abby Shafer, Mr. Cleland, and Mrs. Ervin want you to fill out an application again next year, especially if you are a freshman this year.

Racing to the Future

By Brooke Kemp

As senior Nathan Zirkle rounds the final corners toward his newest finish line, graduation, he pauses to review the good times he's had with his cross country and track teammates.



Nathan Zirkle

For many, running can be a chore, but Zirkle can't get enough of it.

"I run because it develops a sort of character. It develops

courage and it takes a lot of determination to push yourself through every mile."

For seven years he has been running competitively and has been part of Delta's cross country team since sixth grade.

"While I'm running, the first thing that comes to my head is 'how much further do I have to go?' And then usually a lot of different tactics come to mind like how to get around people and how to pace yourself and just how to get better times."

With as much passion as Zirkle has for running, he had to give up track his Senior year to save money for college. Zirkle started working at Texas Roadhouse as a busser and while he enjoys his job, his biggest regret is giving up track. In fact, his best advice for underclassmen is to work hard so they don't have to be in the same situation

"You should really try your hardest to get good grades and do well in sports because by the time you're a senior and you see those last couple of days and you're applying to colleges, you may think back like I have now and say 'man i wish i would have gotten better grades.'"

As the school year comes to an end, Zirkle readies himself at the starting line for his new goal, becoming a private contractor for the military. He will be attending Purdue University next year and majoring in mechanical engineering. As he treks through new terrain, Zirkle carries with him the memories of his high school team.

Future Plans

Seniors plan for the next phase of their lives

Mariah Alvarez~ I plan on joining the army after high school.

Jenna Anderson~ I plan to attend Ball State University majoring in business and eventually moving to a big city with my tall handsome husband and two children.

Abby Bailey~ My future plans are to become a Dental Hygienist or a Nurse. Either career I pick, I would like to move myself up.

Nick Bantz~ I plan to attend Butler University in the fall to major in Chemistry with a Pre-Med/ Pre-Optometry track. After my undergraduate, I will apply for either optometry school or med school at Indiana University. Overall, I hope to become an optometrist or some other type of doctor to help people with their problems and ailments. I want to thank everyone here at Delta for preparing me to accomplish my future goals!

Sidney Barkdull~ In the future I will major in journalism at Ball State, adopt a cat, and spend more time doing what makes me happy.

Dalton Barnard~ Try to make this school a better and less narcissistic environment.

Ciara Barton~ I plan to attend Ivy Tech to finish my core classes. After that I plan to transfer to an undecided college to major in forensics. After school I may move to a different state, get rich, and have a big family.

Cassidy Bell~ This summer I plan on taking CNA classes. Then I plan on going to Ball State in fall and enrolling into the nursing program.

Megan Bell~ Graduate from college, pursue my dream job, start a family. Also get a cute golden-doodle.

Macie Blackburn~ I plan to go to Grace College where I will study Elementary Education. My second year at Grace I will go student teach in Honduras where hopefully one day I can actually become a teacher. My dream has always to reach out to kids from a different country who are in need of education, but not only that a teacher who will care and love for them.

Jacob Brewer~ I plan to attend Ball State University where I will major in accounting. I want to become a tennis coach one day and turn around an unsuccessful program. I want to get married to a beautiful wife and celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary

one year.

Brett Carlson~ My future plans include studying economics at Ball State and also competing in amateur golf tournaments.

Naja Chimbanda~ I plan to go to Olivet Nazarene University for four years then graduate school at Ball State for two years to study Speech Pathology for kids.

Arian Coffey~ My future plans are to further my baseball career at the University of Indianapolis and major in Economics.

James Cook~ Graduate from BSU, get a job in travel nursing and go to all states in the nation.

Kelsey Crist~ My future plans are to graduate from Indiana Wesleyan University, get married, have three dogs, own my own bakery/floral shop, make hundreds of thousands of dollars, have three kids, and die rich and happy.

Haleigh Criswell~ I will go to college figure out like mainly a tall handsome man and have two kids. A boy first then a girl. I will have a cute house and get rich so I can spoil my family.

Shelby Crouse~ My future plans are to attend Ivy Tech for a year to get my general studies out of the way, then I will be transferring to Ball State for Music Education.

Frankie Dargo~ My future plans are to attend BSU for a while, transfer to Miami, Ohio, and get my master's in French. I also want to study Political Science. I plan on opening up a shop with ZF and becoming successful on the side. After I get my degree, I want to teach and travel the world.

Kelly DeLisle~ My future plans are to graduate with a degree in Stage Management and minor in Business Management. After college I want to work as a Stage Manager for a traveling theatre company and work on National and International tour of a show. I also plan to fight the social injustices of the world.

David Engle~ I plan to be an accountant at a large firm and make that bank.

Scottie Evans~ To attend Ivy Tech for Fall of 2016 then transfer to Ball State for the spring of 2017. Graduate with a BA in Criminal Justice. Own a chocolate lab named Diesel. Move to Tennessee. Have my girlfriend bring me a cup of cheese when I get Taco Bell.

Seth Fox~ Get a degree in biochemistry and then try to attend medical school to become an anesthesiologist.

Corey Garrett~ I will leave for basic Aug 15, 2016 and will return February 2017. I will start Ball State Fall of 2017 and join the ROTC.

Brittany Gibson~ I'm planing on going to Ivy Tech to become a Social Worker.

Cassy Gray~ To live in a castle with Mason Stone and his family with my family. Be a super rich Psychologist with an amazing husband (ha prob not) and two boys. I want to publish my own book on the side of my career and live in the country of United Kingdom.

Madison Grayson~ Plans are to work in a hair salon while attending Ivy Tech. Then working two jobs. And having a happy life.

Ben Greer~ I plan to graduate college in four years and become an actuary.

Anna Groover~ I will attend IU-Bloomington to major in English, political science, and public policy or gender studies. I plan to become a writer, attend grad school, or go to law school. Most of all, I hope to travel the world, own two golden retrievers named Pickles and Darcy, and eat a lot of pasta along the way.

Matt Hapner~ I plan to attend Taylor University and study computer science. I hope to eventually own a consulting company and maybe partner with one of my siblings or my dad.

Collin Hart~ I plan to attend Purdue and major in professional flight and enroll in Air Force ROTC. I hope to get selected as a pilot and fly fighter jets. After I serve I want to go into the airline industry.

Logan Hayes~ I plan to attend Ball State University to study Physical Therapy and spend the rest of my life being best friends with Jessica Minch.

Maddie Holdren~ I plan to graduate with a degree in child psychology from Olivet, then go on to get my master's from Ball State. By then I hope to also be married to the man of my dreams, and would like to have three children named Ethan, Emma, and Eli in that order. At some point in my life I would also love to backpack across Europe and see as much of the world as I possibly can.

Brooke Kemp~ I will be attending Ball State University. I hope to major in Journalism and possibly minor in theater. Once I graduate I want to travel the world with my best friend.

Lane Lucas~ I plan to join the Air Force and go to college and after after college move somewhere warm and have kids.

Taylen Martzell~ I plan to go to AU to major in Biology and Chemistry. Then to medical school to become a dermatologist.

Sydney May~ Graduate, go to Ivy Tech, work at Dairy Dream, save up for a car, some day transfer to Ball State.

Ellan McDaniel~ I will study to become a vet. I will continue to ride and show horses during college. After becoming a Vet, I will plan to open my own vet clinic.

Emma McDaniel~ I plan to go to Purdue University to finish my general courses that I will need before having to intern for a vet during the next summers. I plan on graduating from Purdue University's Vet Tech Program. Ellan and I have talked about maybe creating our own vet organization back in our hometown or somewhere in need of vet service.

Isaac McKinney~ I just want a job at a nice place and achieve general happiness.

Kayle McKnight~ I plan on going to Ivy Tech Community College then transfer to Ball State to further my education with Elementary Education. I will own two german shepherds named Max and Molly then hopefully get married and start a family after I start my career.

Noah Mercer~ Future plans are to move out this summer and start working full time.

Vanessa Miller~ I will be attending Indiana University for Neuroscience and Microbiology with minors in communications and psychology. I will be participating in gymnastics club, living in the Public Health Living Learning Center. I hope to be very involved, and get hype for some IUBB!

Katelyn Milligan~ I am going to Purdue University and graduate school at Hogwarts (if only). I will travel the world through my job and see amazing things. I might be a freelance photographer or writer. I want to live in a lake house or in a city by the coast with my cat.

Jessica Minch~ I plan to attend Ball State University and study Chemistry. I then want to be a chemist that preferably works with pharmaceuticals. Of course, I plan on Logan Hayes being with me every

step of the way for the rest of my life.

Kevin Misbach~ I don't know, but it's gonna be lit.

Jade Morton~ Go to Ivy Tech for my basic classes then transfer to Ball State for my major in Psychology. Work as a counselor.

Jenny Moynihan~ My future plans are to attend Ball State for four years to become an Athletic Trainer and hopefully go on to study Physical Therapy. My dream is to have an awesome job helping people, get married, and have a family. I would also like to have a cabin out in the woods and a big pool.

Kaylee Neal~ I plan to hopefully do something with my life, to try to live it instead of just go through the motions, as dumb as it sounds.

Kaylee Nichols~ I plan to go to DePauw and play volleyball and major in biology. Then I plan to go to medical school, become a doctor, and make lots of money. I plan to marry another doctor and move somewhere warm preferably by a body of water and have a boat and maybe eventually some super-cute kids.

Sarah Ogle~ I plan to go to IVY Tech my first year of college then transfer to Ball State and be a Dental Hygienist with three kids in my future and a rich, handsome husband.

Jake Parsons~ Attend Ball State, graduate, find my gorgeous wife, have a family, live in a \$20 million home in Montana and live happily ever after.

Ryley Pease~ My future plans are to attend Marian University to play football and major in Exercise Science and become a strength and conditioning coach at a college. Then find a hot girl to marry, have three boys and live in a decent sized house with nice cars and a big german shepard.

Matthew Perry~ My future plans are to graduate from Ball State with a masters degree in Telecommunications/Film Media and move to LA and become a Screenwriter and Director and to one day own my own production studio.

Maci Pickering~ My future plans are to go to Indiana University and have an awesome four years. I plan to move to a big city, get married, have six kids and live

happily ever after.

Dustin Reynolds~ I plan to attend Purdue University for four years and earn a bachelor's degree in accounting. I will then join the United States Marshal's Service and work my way up to become a deputy and hopefully retire as a deputy.

Colin Rhoades~ I plan to graduate from IU, then live the dream.

Shelby Robbins~ I plan to attend Taylor University and play tennis. While I'm there I plan to major in something to do with kids, probably Child Psychology. There is a new minor call Orphans and Vulnerable Children in which you learn how to deal/work with vulnerable children and orphans. Following that, I hope to find a job to make me successful, eventually have a family, and live happily ever after.

Jacob Robertson~ My future plans are to find a job at decent pay, save money to live in an apartment, go to Ivy Tech and get my general studies out of the way, then try and go to a four year college for Psychology and potentially try to walk-on and play football.

Jasmine Robinson~ I plan on attending Ball State University to earn my degree in dietetics. After graduation, I plan to find a job and move to a different state. I want to travel as much as possible and eventually settle down and have a family.

Brayden Romine~ I plan on majoring in Psychology and going to graduate school to get a Master's or Doctorate degree.

Aubrey Scheid~ I plan on finishing my Fire 2 class and starting my EMS career while going to Ivy Tech. When I'm 21 I hope to be on a paid department.

Kim Schneider~ I'm going to finish school in Germany, of course go to university but most important travel the world to meet all my dearest exchange students and friends who are going to college in another state. If Brazil, Colombia, Denmark, Germany, Florida, California or wherever it is going to it is going to take me, I will wear these people in my heart, forever right with me.

Kara Selvey~ My future plans are to go to Ivy Tech for my general classes so I have more time to think

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about a major. And once I've found my major transfer to Ball State and see where life takes me.

Olivia Shomaker~ I'm not really sure what's ever going on in the present, so I really know very little about the future. But what I do know is I'm going to study international reactions at Indiana University for the next few years. I plan to use that experience life outside of Muncie's limits and hopefully learn a little more about the world. I also plan on having an abundance of cats.

Morgan Sizemore~ My future plans are to attend Ball State and major in either Psychology and/or Athletic Training. After college I want to travel all over the world to both glamorous and not so glamorous places.

Kaleb Slaven~ My future plans are to attend Ball State University and play football. I'm leaning heavily towards majoring in Financing.

Kacie Sloniker~ My future plans are to attend Ivy Tech to do my general studies, then transfer to Ball State for elementary education.

Jeremy Smekens~ Go to Ball State and get my Master's degree.

Antonia Smith~ I plan on going to college to study elementary education, get my dream job of teaching kindergarten, getting married, move to the ocean, get a dog, and having three children.

Brandon Smith~ I plan to finish my four years in the Marine Corps and then decide there if I want to serve longer. Afterwards, I will pursue a career in computer science and engineering.

Brenna South~ My future plans are to work at the hillcroft for a year then get a job in the community. I also want to move into my own apartment. Someday I want to get a family including a yorkie.

Maia Steigerwalt~ My future plans are to attend Indiana University Bloomington and then enter into the medical field.

Brianna Stiffler~ I plan on attending Ivy Tech for Phlebotomy, and once I graduate I hope to work at Ball Hospital.

Devyn Tarr~ My future plans are to attend Ball State and join the swim team while studying sports media. I wish to eventually work with CBS or ESPN and announce different sporting events on television.

Kelene Thomassen~ I want to go back to Denmark and finish high school, and come back to the United States and study psychology in college over here.

Caitlyn Thompson~ Go to Ivy Tech for a year or two then go to Ball State.

Emily Thompson~ I am going to play softball at Taylor University and major in Elementary Ed. I will graduate from there and move down south. I will then get a job, get married, and have three children.

I will coach my daughters in softball. I will never live in Muncie again.

Valeria Ulloa~ In my future I want to study medicine, become either a neurologist or a cardiologist. Travel the world, to be a part of "Doctors Without Borders", get married with the love of my life, have a bunch of kids and pitbulls, live in a house near the sea and be completely happy.

Britney Vandenbark~ Pretending to be able to survive.

Madison VanHook~ I'm going to attend Wittenberg University, and I hope to major in Psychology and minor in music. I want to study abroad and travel as much as possible.

Joe Wegner~ Go to a four year college and earn a degree for one of these areas of study: Mechanical Engineering, Psychology, Aeronautical and Aerospace Engineering, Public Speaking, or any other interest I have, enjoy life, glorify God, and to do something great.

Courtney Welton~ I plan to attend Ball State for Speech Language Pathology. I hope to help as many people as possible through my career.

Kalvin Wentz~ I plan to go to the USMC and get free college when I get out. It's an honor to serve my country and protect the people and land I love.

Macy Whitehair~ My plan is to attend Trine University in Angola, IN to study Exercise Science/Pre-Physical Therapy and thereafter apply to graduate school to earn my doctorate degree in Physical Therapy. Then, Liam Hemsworth and I will be exchanging wedding vows on 2-2-2022 in Bora Bora. #SavetheDate.

Sam Williams~ I plan to attend Indiana University and study something related to business. I also plan to continue working out and possibly compete in bodybuilding competitions.

Michelle Wilson~ I want to go Ivy Tech for two years and transfer to Ball State for social worker. Then find the right guy and get married. Then buy a house and then start a family.

Audrey Woodin~ I plan to go to Ball State, major in Nursing, marry Kaleb Slaven, and have six kids. Then live happily ever after.

Kayleigh Wright~ I plan on graduating from Kelley School of Business with a double major in finance and economics. I want to spend my summers studying abroad before moving to Oregon or Seattle to work as a Financial Manager.

William Wright~ I'm set on Ball State for at least a year. Recently I have been thinking about the military heavily. I really don't have any future set out, but it should be fun.

Nathan Zirkle~ Go to college, become an Engineer, change the world.

The Next Chapter

By Kenzie Scudder

Throughout a person's life, he will have many friends, but usually there are those few that stick with him for a long time. Over time, they probably will feel like family, so parting ways and not seeing each other as much can be pretty difficult.

Some seniors this year will know what that feels like, as they have to be away from friends they have had for years and the memories will be all that is left from the past. The best that you can do is keep in contact, but even that sometimes doesn't work.

Maddie Holdren and Seth Fox have known each other since eighth grade and have been dating since freshman year.

"Seth has opened my eyes to new things", Holdren said about her relationship with Fox.

The story of how they became friends is ironic now that they are dating, since Holdren was dating Fox's best friend when they started talking. After graduation they will be two hours away, with Holdren at Olivet Nazarene University near Chicago and Fox at Purdue University in West Lafayette.

While both say it will be difficult not seeing the other every day, FaceTime and weekend trips will help keep them close.

Nick



Seniors Seth Fox and Maddie Holdren attend their senior prom together (Photo Provided)

Bantz will have known Logan Bland, a freshman at Ball State University, for six years on Sept 3 of 2016. Bland was at a softball tournament with Megan Bell. She got bored so Bell gave her Bantz's number. They texted back and forth and have been dating ever since.

"We have learned how to be dedicated to someone but also how to balance our time between each other, school, sports, and friends," Bantz said, Bland agreed about the learning experiences of their relationship.



Bantz

After graduating from Delta, Bantz will be going to Butler University, which is an hour away from Bland at Ball State. Not having "that person you feel comfortable being around all the time" and living an hour away instead of the five minutes they do now. They also agree that texting and talking on the phone, FaceTiming, and meeting up with

each other often will help not having "that person you feel comfortable being around all the time" near.

Corey Garrett and Ryan George have been friends since seventh grade when they had Mr. Jim Thompson's Social Studies class. The two of them together often entail many funny stories, for example when they ran out to be a part of Holdren's and Fox's interview, giving silly answers and hugging each other. Their shenanigans will be harder to share when they go into different fields of the military being hours away from each other and restricted times to communicate, but they will always remember times like when Garrett fell off his bike in seventh grade and couldn't pronounce the letter "s". They now refer to the times as "Milk Thaketh" and say that the experience got them tighter and



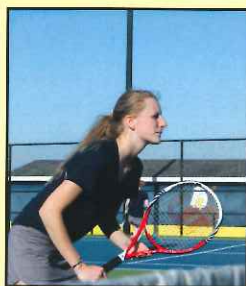
Seniors Corey Garrett and Ryan George will miss each other next year (Photo by Kenzie Scudder)

helped them talk easier

Moving away from friends may be tough, and some friendships may strain a bit, but the truly lifelong friends don't feel one at all. Angie Everroad and Kelly Coulter are an example of this. Everroad married and had kids and Coulter went to college, however when they see each other, Everroad says "We don't miss a beat."

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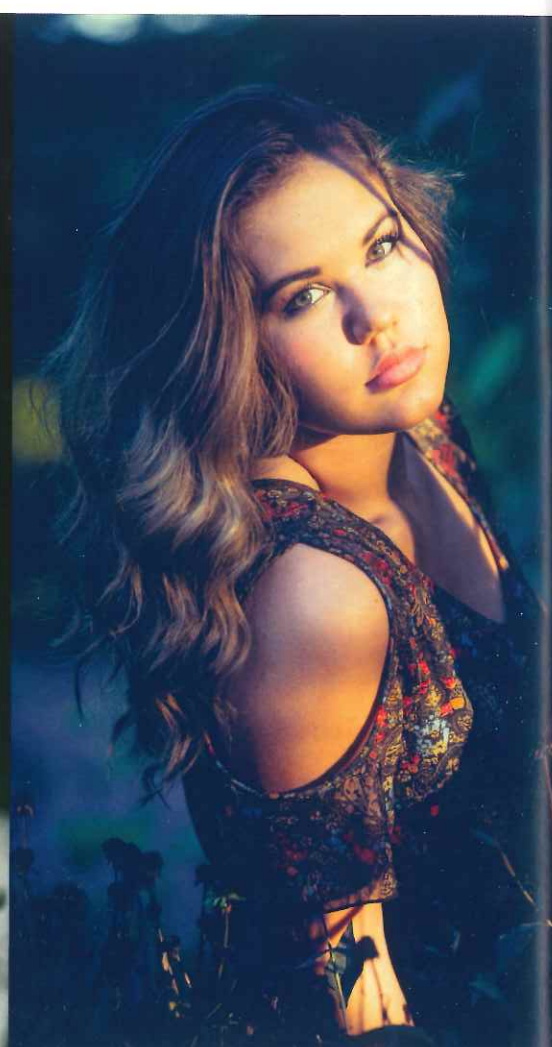
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