

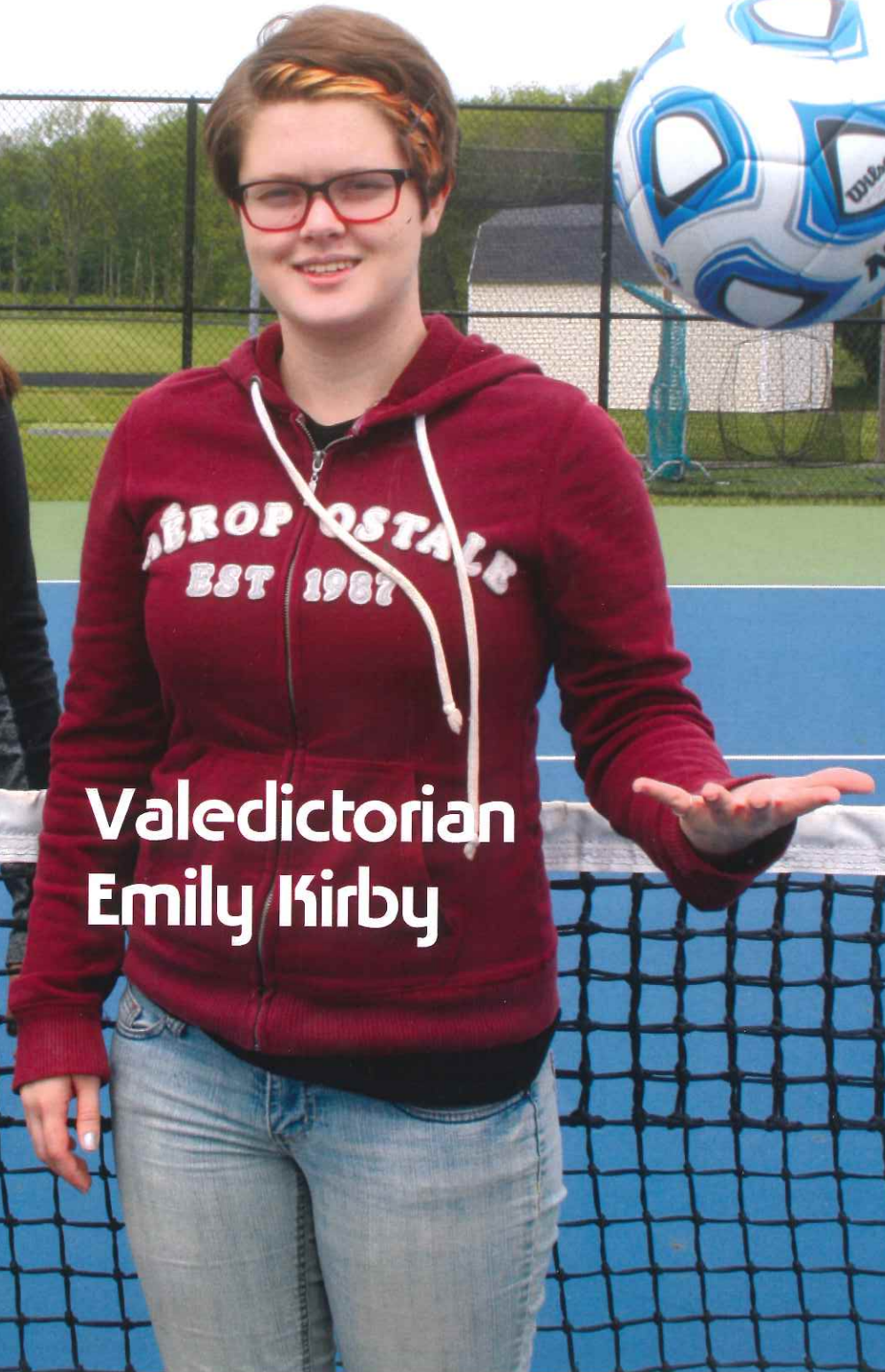
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I Wills

Reagan Allen - I will the yearbook photo editor to whoever can mentally handle it (good luck.) I will KC my sass & will always take any clothes you don't want. To MH & BK, a wonderful year of theatre (I'm expecting big things!), & BK - keep making room. For my BA I will you a fab 2 years of school without me - even though I'm still living at home & you can't get rid of me. LOVE YOU BOO.

Mackenzie Alva - I will JS, CB, AS, AB the best senior year. I will MA and MA a great three more years of high school. I will JS, MA, SO a great year at dance.

Alexis Barnes - I will LC my locker shelves and the reputation of cleanest locker in school.

Kennedy Belangee - I will GB my car. I will MS a "positive" attitude during her senior year of cheer.

Jaden Bell - I will MB the best "Bell" in the school.

Paul Biner - I don't understand this concept. I'm going to keep all of my things when I leave high school

Rebekah Box - I will AM to kick butt in hurdles. I will all freshmen to try hard in school & never give up. I will AT the best prom date. I will AVDB & MF the best sisters ever.

Carrie Bradshaw - I will my parking spot to BK. I will JB my throwing wheel. I will my sass to CC. I will MW my heart. I will my entire theater family my legs. I will MH my Aleve.

Nate Brown - I will LB just about everything.

Brandon Buckner - I will my defensive back skills to RP. I will SW all my gains.

Will Capps - I will being the fabulous token guy friend to CC and I will Dr. Brand pride and undying love to JB. It's about time I gave it back.

Jarrold Catron - I will JF or BD the best spot in the parking lot!

John Clawson - I will my golf cart to SH. I will my locker to LC. I will \$5 to KP.

Devin Clawson - I will IM peanut butter sandwiches

Sarena Clay - I will CT the willpower to kick butt in cross country. I will JM the senior leader position in cross country. I will NE my sassiness.

Alexia Coomer - I will my pass to the front of the lunch line to MC.

Brayton Conley - I will my sax skills to CD, my linebacker and center positions to LC and TH, my running skills to CO, and my high school problems to CC.

Sarah Crouch - I will the receiving of PK's constant sarcasm and judgment to some new unfortunate soul.

Joey Dalton - I will BH my grumpy locker attitude. I will DE my senioritis.

Hallie Dietz - I will the loud lunch table to a really rowdy group of juniors. I will the couches in the commons to absolutely no one.

Dylan Dilts - I will my #38 jersey to JC. I will my cooking ability to MS.

Teaghan Dishman - I will KN & AW the captain position & a great senior season. I will GZ my libero spot. I will SO & ED one doubles and a great senior year.

Kennedy Drago - I will LM my stunt group. I will MS my negative opinions for COD. I will AM a new car ride buddy.

Sydney Dunnuck - I will JS the couches in the commons in the morning and the ability to yell "beep, beep" at underclassmen walking slow, have a good senior year! I will AD the superior Dunnuck sibling in the school. I will ED my good taste in music. I will ER my parking spot.

Elise Eppard - I will DJ my seat in the back of the bus. I will MW, JE & LR my spot as a buddy officer.

Mollie Faust - I will JM and MV to be mean to JT every day. I will my ungrateful locker to an ungrateful freshman, bathroom hook and all. I will my ability to beep at people in the hallway to JS.

Dale L Foster II - I don't have much to give away. However, I will leave something behind.

Hannah George - I will AM the best 2 years of swimming & leading the team to state. CG the best 4 years & my swim locker. CA the best senior year/ season. CT a sectional win in the 200/500.

Kaylin Gibson - I will MS, MS, AG, NC, and BS a great senior year of soccer. I will KH my spot of being Jacca's favorite. I will SO and ED one doubles. I will ES and GB the ability to keep rocking the tennis court.

Candace Gray - I will CG my intense popularity and super infectious humor. I will

every single current junior my impeccable driving skills because none of them can drive. I will SO a mediocre junior year because senior year is the best. Everyone knows that. I will my locker to a poor freshman who is still wide-eyed and excited about education. Sorry for all the glitter.

Courtney Gray - I will my only girl on the wrestling team spot to SC. I will my varsity locker in the locker room to NE. I will AM my ability to get away with dumb things in track. I will JMG the "Loser Cruiser."

Kristina Grove - I will KW, MS, & SM a fabulous senior year. I will MR to always run late and still make it to school on time. I will DC, NE, and JL a great rest of high school and the power to kick butt on varsity. I will LM to always have fun and joke with people and to be the great leader I know she'll be. I will KW, NE, and LM to end every practice and game in our huddle. I will NO fab new locker buddy.

Shaylie Hall - I will my sister my car.

Jack Hart - I will CA the pool. I will SH my swim locker. I will AT the 50 free, and my heart

Nathan Hahn - I will CO everything except my dashing good looks. Those I will to RF.

Kiera Helm - I will KRH my class ranking and a boyfriend. I will LM a new best friend when I'm at IU. I will JB, ZF, MH, JW, NB, AG, MH, SR, KM, JR SO, ED, BK an unforgettable senior tennis season. I will KM patience in dealing with dumb and dumber.

Grace Hollars - I will my photography job to PB. Make sure you are at every football game and you'll get the best picture of your life. I will my "get out of the way, this is my spot" attitude to JR. I will TC his back studio. I will miss my favorite classroom.

Cade Jones - I will TL and JVP the job cleaning up the visitor bullpen after baseball games. I will CB to be the coolest Cade in the school.

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Jordan Keppler I will all my tennis babes to have a GREAT season! I will JR the ability to carry on our awkward conversations with her new locker buddy. I will KS to be the new me since we are the same person. I will MW the ability to keep being perfect.

Collin Lane - I will nothing to anyone because they are mine because I need everything for college.

Mikayle Licht - I will AS my parking spot.

Thomas Lundberg - I will the famous pose, "The Chicago Showstopper" to the freshmen ET. It involves squatting down low and do peace signs with both hands over your eye.

Lauren Lykins - I will my patience with the system to CL, just get through it. I will TB anything he wants; mainly my attitude. I will TL my citizenship, not using it anyway. I will the loud lunch table status to any junior that wants it ... just avoid JG.

Peyton Masters - I will KS my locker area. I will the best player on the basketball team to TL.

Delaney McCaslin - I will JM my Omstead smarts.

Misty Meacham - I will AM my bedroom, my ability to study, and all my embarrassing dance moves. I will GW and SC the best senior year on DEDT.

Logan Melton - I will BH the key to the back door and my parking spot. I will CM the integrity and strength to be as successful as you want to be. Take care of the legacy.

Josh Minch - To CO I will my sunglasses. To CO and NZ I will my teachings of swag. I will CT that swim locker I stole from him. I also will CO and NZ the title of "swag masters." You are no longer my disciples. AT and CA can have my van, I know they want it.

Alyvia Morgan - I will KP a fantastic rest of high school with her new locker buddy, whoever it may be. I will LM a great two years with the "ladies."

Angie Naaman - I will TT braiding hair for softball bus. I will MS my locker area.

Vince Palumbo - I will JT my photographic memory. I will AF my broken locker handle. I will JR my ability to solve a Rubik's Cube in under 15 seconds. I will MV my jacket that has bottomless pockets.

Jenna Parsons - I will AR the three empty lockers by my locker for her and her friends to have. I will any incoming senior my intern at Eaton Elementary with Mrs. Cooper.

Caitlin Pease - I will KS to be strong with classes. I will KL to continue to be the happiest she is. I will TV to make it without me. I will CP my locker and independence/strength. I will MF to continue being the best pal. I will KC a beautiful sense of style. I will JT to be fabulous and not care. I will JP memories.

Jacey Price - I will my locker to whatever unlucky underclassmen has to deal with its crowded unfortunate location.

Erica Pursley - I will AW and KN the best senior year of vball! Enjoy every second you have left in that jersey and kick butt! I will MP and HW the right to sing this is IU on the bus before ever softball game. Sing your hearts out.

I will KP my extreme awkwardness. Use it wisely. I will RJ my ability to be sassy. Even though she is already sassier than me.

Lindsey Reagon - I will AS better film skills and attitude toward the boys. I will MF the convenience of not having to hold my hand anymore. I will best wishes to the wrestlers and hard work & motivation to SC, JG, SE to make it to state again. I will 2 new locker buddies to MS. Good luck!

Jillian Renbarger - I will TH the ability to always have a good mental attitude on the softball field even if things aren't going her way. I will SE my driving ability and motivation. I will BE to always stand up for herself and always find happiness in everything. I also will SE a wonderful senior year of wrestling. I will MS two new locker buddies who will never be as great as LR and I.

Jay Robillard - I will the tennis team to SW and JB. I will SW all my gains. I will the silver bullet to AR and PR. I will my killer body to BR. I will SW my bad jokes that nobody laughs at. I will ZM the determined team.

Abbi Simpson - I will LF an amazing two years left of high school.

Taylor Sanders - I will ZT my parking spot. I will SF my chair in band.

Madison Savage - I will my parking spot by the courts to AG. I will my ability to not just be funny online to ZW. I will a wonderful 4 years of high school to MH. I will AT my Frank Sinatra records and the ability to drive.

Allison Sherwood - I will some unfortunate freshman my extremely bad locker. Sorry, I have nothing else to give.

Kam Slaven - I will CA my jumper for basketball team.

Olivia Smith - I will BS my spot at the table in the morning. I will both DT's my high school notes in hopes that both of them will do great things. I will JT my locker, you should have plenty of room for your instrument. I will KT the determination to prove myself that helped me through the past 12 years.

Mattie Snyder - I will a worthy junior my parking spot. I will my position at DA to KP.

Tate Stone - I will LB my pooping spot.

Mckenzie Sulfridge - I will AW to make people have to run at practice.

Jazmine Swoveland - I will AS my parking spot. I will BG the ability to put up with the wrestling boys next year. I will MK my favorite preschooler.

Bethany Taylor - I will RT the ability to like and talk to people. I will CO my running abilities (not that you need them). I will XC team to have a great season, and JM, CT, JE, NZ, and BG a great senior season.

Chelsie Taylor - I will KM my spot in the back of the ceramics room & the beautiful view she will have.

Maggie Thompson - I will ET our old crappy car to have everyday next year and to do with it as she pleases. I will AS, ES, and GB the confidence and patience it takes to be singles players. I will SO, ED, JR, HC, AG, SR, and KS seniority next year on the team and to be great role models/ leaders for the rest of the team.

Stacia Tracy - I am leaving EM my spot as first chair in band + I'm leaving MV and JT my spot in the lunch line.

Chloe Turner - I will NE my locker stand from VB. I will MT the key to senior year. I will DC the power to jam to our favorite song T-11 in her truck.

Gregg Walker - I will SS the right to give a speech for the boys tennis team. I will JB my parking spot. I will CF my lunch seat. I will JC my cheese head hat.

Ben Walters - I will give my craziness and my rugged attractiveness to CR. I will my heart to JW.

Grace Wilson - I will my locker to BC so that he can expand his locker.

Nick Wilson - I will JB my doubles spot. I will ZF the dew.

Danni Wright - I will BC the best locker area around.

Taylor Wrisley - I will NG the sass level it takes to call people fam & represent the Midwest. I will JK the ability to be the best leader that I never was to the throwing team, & my ability to make awesome cookies. I will ER my random sense of humor. I will SW the awesomeness that I had with being the main Wrisley sibling. I will JR the loudest lunch table.

Nick Zachary - I will KC the kingdom of 200-205. I will IG my strong legs-you need them. I will AT and JH the back line. I will AT the rule of the lunch table, duty to keep IG in his place, and my blue dream and strawberry jam. I will CA my go-pro and long board skillz. I will NO my patience on the field. I will some lucky freshman my locker. I will AT the Box game.



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TRANSFORMATION TUESDAY

By Kaitlyn Overla

A lot can happen in four years of high school. We change the way we act, the way we talk, the way we see things, the things we watch, and even the things we wear. Sometimes we even change the people we hang out with.

Most of the time we are not aware that we make these changes. Sometimes things happen and that's why we change. Sometimes we even have to get used to a whole other country like Thomas Lundberg.

Lundberg is an 18-year-old senior who came from Sweden at the beginning of this school year. It's a hard transition just moving from a different state. Imagine moving from a different country. Different people, different food, and a different school system are all the things that you have to get used to



Thomas Lundberg with his friends in Sweden.
(Photo Provided)

wanted to stay in Sweden to attend a music college. Now he has decided that he wants to live in the United States.

He speaks five different languages: Swedish, English, German, Norwegian, and Danish.

When Lundberg was in Sweden he liked to skateboard, snowboard, listen to music, and play hockey. Now that he is here he still likes to skateboard and listen to music. He doesn't snowboard or play hockey anymore because there is no place in Delaware County that he can enjoy his favorite activities.

Lundberg has the same career goals now that he did as a

freshman. He wants to be a musician performer and write his own songs.

"I signed up for a music program freshman year in Sweden where I met Martin and the best music teacher ever," he said.

He recently started writing his own music and he has started to record some of it.

Martin is an amazing musician and one of Lundberg's best friends. He visited America last Christmas and they recorded some music together. Christopher, one of Lundberg's other friends, will visit this summer.

Lundberg has made many friends here and said, "They are awesome for showing me stuff around



Thomas Lundberg with his friends here in the U.S.
(Photo Provided)

here and for driving me around because I don't have a license yet."

His goals, however, are very different from freshman to senior year.

His goals

when he was a freshman were to go to college in Sweden. Now his goals are to get citizenship, get his driver's license, attend a music program at Ball State, and film with Jay Barsha. Barsha is an owner of a local skateboarding company, Bud Moon.

Lundberg was supposed to get his citizenship half a year ago but it just keeps getting delayed.

As a freshman Mattie Snyder, 18, just wanted to be a novelist. She said, "I loved creative writing and I had written some stories already." She thought it would be a good career because she enjoyed it so much.

Now that she is a senior she has decided that she wants to be a veterinarian. She wanted to be one when she was little but she was afraid that there would be too much



Mattie Snyder is shown above as a freshman and below as a senior.
(Photos Provided)



sadness.

She changed her mind when she was an intern at the Albany Vet Clinic where she says "seeing the doctors work was a big factor" in her decision. "Seeing how much they helped the animals really made me want to become one myself."

"I have come to see that there are more happy moments than sad," she added.

While working as a veterinarian as a full-time job she plans to write science fiction and romance novels on the side. She chose these types of novels because it's what she likes to read.

She is currently writing a book and plans to publish it when she is finished.

She is going for an honors diploma. To get that you have to take foreign language classes and you have to keep your grades up.

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Her goal right now is to get into vet school after undergraduate school.

When Snyder was a freshman she listened to a lot of pop and mainstream music because it's all she knew. Now she listens to a mixture of music, mostly alternative.

As a freshman she listened to Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, and Kesha. Now she listens to Lindsey Stirling, Dashboard Confessional, Paramore, My Chemical Romance, Fall Out Boy, and The Script.

Her hopes and dreams as a freshman were more about the four years of high school she had to go through. She says that now she looks toward college. She said, "I would like to study abroad and get into vet school. I am looking forward to meeting new people."

She doesn't remember much about her friends from when she was a freshman. But she thinks that they are all more mature and they are more confident in who they are as individuals.

She has changed a lot from being a freshman to a senior. "I had to take on a lot of responsibilities, but I feel like it has prepared me to go out and live on my own when I go to college." She has confidence in herself and in who she wants to become.

"No one is the same at the beginning of high school as they are at the end," Snyder said.

SENIORS' WISDOM

Compiled by James Bell

Reagan Allen - "Is mayonnaise an instrument?"

Mackenzie Alva - "Make every moment count." - Jordan Boles

Luke Anderson - "To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Kennedy Belangee - "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

Paul Biner - "Never let anyone stop you from doing what you love."

Rebekah Box - "Everything happens for a reason. Good or bad."

Grant Bowyer - "You get flies with honey, but you get more honeys being fly."

Carrie Bradshaw - "Have a nice day!" - Josh

"Don't tell me what to do." - Mailman

Nate Brown - "DANGER ZONE!"

Brandon Buckner - "If a man does not have sauce then he is lost, but the same man can be lost in the sauce." - Gucci Mane

Brandon Burkholder - "My momma always said, life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get." - Forrest Gump

Kameron Carpenter - "They call me the magic man. Now you see me. Now you don't."

Will Capps - "Be who are and say what you feel, because those who matter won't mind, and those who mind don't matter." - Dr. Seuss

Devin Clawson - "They hate us cause they ain't us."

John Clawson - "Shake 'N' Bake."

Sarena Clay - "The best pace is a suicide pace and today is a good day to die." - Steve Prefontaine

Brayton Conley - "You failed, your highness. I am a Jedi, like my father before me." - Luke Skywalker

Alexia Coomer - "If somebody ever asks you to do something, do it really bad so you never have to do it again." - Paris Hilton

Sarah Crouch - "You can't lead an orchestra if your back is not facing the audience." - Mr.P. Keller

Joey Dalton - "Skill is when luck becomes a habit." - SI4Y3R

Hallie Dietz - "You callin' me a liar?"

"I ain't callin' you a truther!" - Drake & Josh

Dylon Dilts - "We create our own demons."

Teaghan Dishman - "Every struggle you had in your life shaped you into the person you are today. Be thankful for the hard times; they can only make you stronger" - Unknown

Dreydon Dowd - "#ObamaIsAREptile"

Kennedy Drago - "You can never cross the ocean unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore."

Sydney Dunnuck - "A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor."

Elise Eppard - "Throughout my lifetime I've left pieces of my heart here & there. And now, there's almost barely enough to stay alive. But I force a smile, knowing that my ambition exceeded my talent." - Johnny Depp

Mollie Faust - "I am a passively aggressive heterosexual individual."

Rebecca Finley - "Live in the sunshine, swim in the sea, drink the wild air." Ralph Waldo Emerson

Alyssa Frazee - "Gucci 2 times, say it 2 times."

Dale Foster - "What is this black magic?"

Taylor Gaultney - "What a long, strange trip it's been in Alyssa's living room."

Hannah George - "I sneezed on the beat and that beat got sicker." - Beyonce

Kaylin Gibson - "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

Kristina Grove - "Life is short. Make each hair flip fabulous."

Candace Gray - "Don't ever, for any reason, do anything to anyone, for any reason, ever, no matter what. No matter where. Or who, or who you are with, or where you are going or... or where you've been...ever. For any reason, whatsoever." - Michael Scott (The Office)

Jack Hart - "We are kind of a big deal." - Delta Men's Swim Team

Kiera Helm - "All you need is 20 seconds of insane courage and I promise you something great will come of it." - We Bought A Zoo

Grace Hollars - "Though she be but little, she is fierce." - Shakespeare

Jordan Keppler - "Nothing that's worthwhile is ever easy." - Nicholas Sparks

Collin Lane - "Jillian Renbarger is my best friend."

Angela Lankford - "Keep smiling because life is a beautiful thing and there are so many things to smile about."

Mikayle Licht - "Life's a garden. Dig it." - Joe Dirt

Lauren Lykins - "Good timber doesn't grow with ease; the stronger the wind, the stronger the trees." - Malloch

Delaney McCaslin - "Faith is taking the first step even when you can't see the whole staircase."

Logan Melton - "It's not about how hard you can hit, it's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward."

Peyton Masters - "Keep on keepin' on." - Joe Dirt

Autumn McCowan - "Absence makes the heart grow fonder."

Brooke Oliver - "Is this a scam?"

Vince Palumbo - "#ObamaIsAREptile"

Jenna Parsons - "The Mountains are calling, and I must go."

Merissa Patton - "Just gotta keep on, keepin' on" - Joe Dirt

Caitlin Pease - "Keep moving forward."

Jennifer Phillips - "You get to keep on keeping on." - Joe Dirt

Jacey Price - "I'm still waiting on my acceptance letter from Hogwarts."

Erika Pursley - "Pray more, worry less."

Lindsey Reagon - "Refuse to be average. Let your heart soar as it will." - Aw Tozer

Jillian Renbarger - "Failure is not the opposite of success. It is a part of success."

Pa'ton Robinson - "Those who matter don't mind, and those who mind don't matter."

Jay Robillard - "We figured there was too much happiness for just the two of us, so we figured the next logical step up was to have us a critter." - Nicholas Cage

Taylor Sanders - "Never grow up, it's a trap!"

Allison Sherwood - "I go to seek a great perhaps."

Kam Slaven - "Ask and it will be given to you; Search and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened for you" - Jesus

David Smekens - "Disregard females, acquire currency"

Olivia Smith - "Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get." -

Forrest Gump

Mattie Snyder - "No, Patrick mayonnaise is not an instrument."

Tate Stone - "We at the hotel, motel, Holiday Inn." - Pitbull

Jazmine Swoveland - "I saw Cody Heron wearing Army pants and flip flops, so I bought Army pants and flip flops." - Mean Girl

Bethany Taylor - "To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift." - Steve Prefontaine

Chelsie Taylor - "Nature is painting for us, day after day, pictures of infinite beauty." - John Ruskin

Maggie Thompson - "It's not what we have in life; it's who we have in our life that matter."

Stacia Tray - "Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated."

Chloe Turner - "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style." - Maya Angelou

Gregg Walker - "When it happens, it happens."

Grace Wilson - "You endure what is unbearable, and you bear it. That is all." - Magnus Bane

Nich Zachary - "If money didn't matter, would you still be chasing the same dream?"

Paula Zylka - "That's all folks."

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Parent TRAPPED

Some seniors plan to live at home during college

Story and Illustration by Cassy Gray

College is full of young eager minds all running their own lives, choosing what to eat, where to hang out, who to date, etc. So where do parents fit into this? How about everywhere?

For some students going off to college doesn't require going anywhere. Rather than paying for a dorm, they plan to just room with their parents.

For senior Reagan Allen she understands the struggle of her parents being her roommates.

"My parents think it's better to live at home so I'm not around the 'bad stuff' all the time," Allen said.

According to Christian Broadcasting News, 21.6 million young adults were living with their parents in the year 2012, a record number in the last four decades. So why are so many students choosing home life over dorm life?

Money is probably one of the biggest reasons. Ball State University offers students combined housing and dining options. The on-campus cost for a typical student was \$8,820 in 2013 – 2014 and that's not counting approximately \$3,000 more for other living expenses.

Besides the obvious reasons for living at home there are also hidden benefits. "You have a place to do your laundry, eat free food and sleep in your own bed. Also free food!" Allen said

Being able to stay at home also can help some teens adapt more to college. With all the stress of college being bombarded onto you, it's nice to have a stable part of your life not

change.

"My parents are absolutely thrilled. We will save a lot of money, and I think it will help me adjust more," senior Madison Savage said.

Some students just stay home because they like the customs they are used to, senior Joey Dalton said.

"I like having my own space to work in that's familiar and reliable, and also the family support you get," he said.

But even with the positive side of staying at home there are, of course, the cons.

Allen said a disadvantage is "not having actual freedom because you're still with your

parents and you don't get the full college experience."

For most kids staying at home, those are probably some similar problems that they face. Although everyone loves their parents it is hard to live with them during college.

You can feel like you are being held back, but the best way to fix this is to have an understanding that this isn't just the 13th grade. This is college.

Creating a new relationship with your



Joey Dalton

parents as both adults can help you to better yourself for the future and also make things easier on parents.

"I don't know how my parents are going to be," Allen said. "They might be less strict with some things but it just depends on the situation. After all, they know they can't keep me forever."

Learning how to be more independent also can help with you and your parents, it will help both parties understand that it's a new chapter in



Madison Savage

to make friends."

The best way to force yourself into awkward first meetings among your new peers is to find a club. This part is just like high school. Find something you are interested in and then meet people who are involved in some of the same things as you.

As we all know college and parties go hand-in-hand, but that's not necessarily a bad thing. This can be a playground for socializing during college. But for students who still live at home attending events until two, three, even four o'clock in the morning

can cause some tension among the family. Even the coolest parents don't want to be woken up in the middle of the night to their teen coming home.

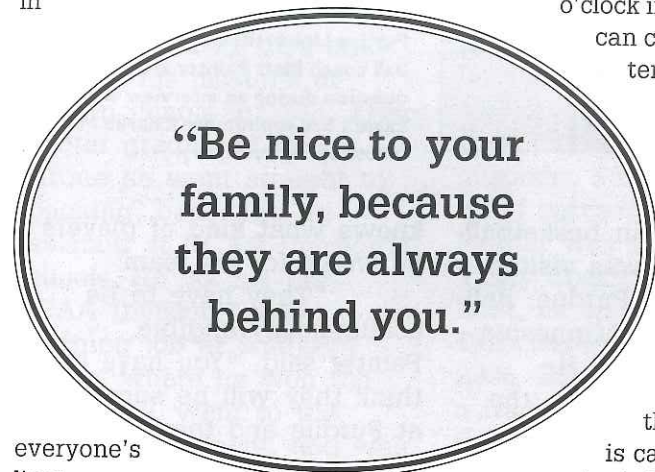
This can be avoided though; all it takes

is care for other people. Ask other friends

who are attending if you can stay at their place for the night so you don't disturb your house. Make sure you tell your parents too; try to leave a notice ahead of time for them. Even though you are a college student they still worry.

The best tip for any student staying home during their college years is respect.

"Be nice to your family," Allen said, "because they are always behind you as you are growing up and they support you through college and for the rest of your life."



everyone's lives.

Depending more and more on your parents will only make it harder for when you finally move out. Maybe an even bigger



Reagan Allen

challenge than parents for students is their social life. This can be hard for any new college student, but ones staying at home face a whole other set of challenges.

"I've never been insanely social," Savage said. "So I might struggle because I won't be forced

Senior 2015 Profile

Conner Neal



What is a perfect Friday night to you?

On Friday nights I usually am working at Taco Bell.

What was your most embarrassing high school moment?

When Jazmine Swoveland slapped me in the face.

What was your favorite high school memory?

Playing in the Fort Wayne varsity tennis match.

What is your favorite restaurant?

Amazing Joe's

What is your favorite children's TV show?

Spongebob

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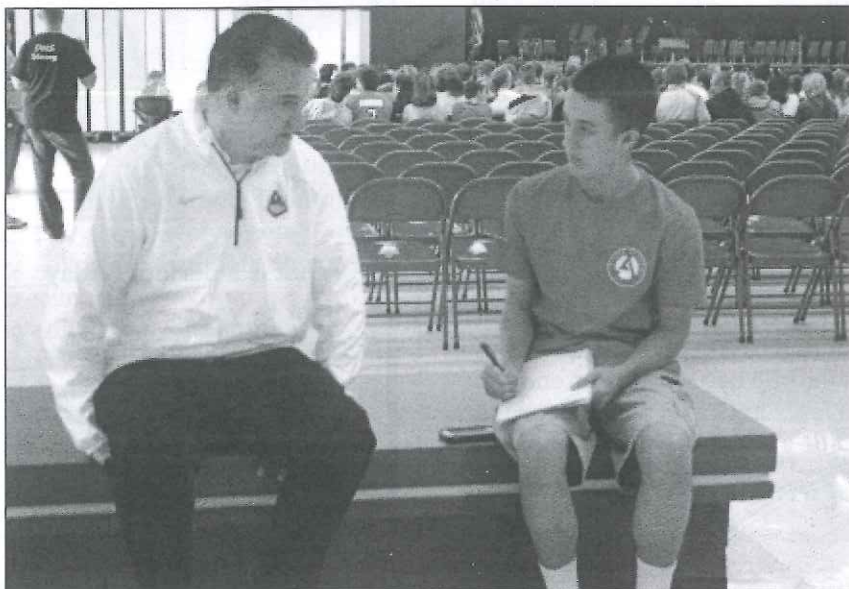
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Purdue basketball coach looks back at his time as an Eagle



By Charlie May

He walked through these halls, played on the court, and remembers the fun time he had at Delta.

Purdue University Men's Basketball Coach and Delta graduate Matt Painter looks back fondly at his time as a Delta Eagle.

Painter went to Delta from 1985 to 1989. Even though Painter graduated from Delta about 25 years ago, he still holds on to good memories.

"You remember your friends," Painter said. "I'm still in contact with people I was friends with when I was at Delta."

Painter recalls the atmosphere around Delta as fun, with good athletics and academics.

Painter was a three-sport athlete. He played baseball, basketball and football and he was an

Indiana All-Star in basketball in 1989. Painter was visited by coaches from Purdue, Ball State, Evansville, Minnesota and Michigan State. He committed to Purdue in the spring of 1989, but he was not bombarded with offers at the beginning of his high school career.

"I was a late development player," Painter explained. "When I was 14 and 15 years old, I was not that good of a player from a statewide or national standpoint. I started high school at 5-foot-9 and finished at 6-foot-6."

Even though recruiting has changed since Painter played, he

knows what kind of players he wants for his team.

"They have to be academically eligible," Painter said. "You have to think they will be successful at Purdue and they have to

Painter's Talk

On Friday, May 15, 2015, Purdue University men's basketball head coach and Delta graduate Matt Painter talked with the students of Delta Middle School about the importance of education in their life.

Purdue University head men's basketball coach Matt Painter answers a question during an interview with Eagle's Eye sophomore Charlie May. (Photo by Peyton Baker)



Matt Painter answers a question from a Delta Middle School student during his talk. (Photo by Peyton Baker)

be good enough. A lot of times a player will check off in all areas but they simply are not good enough, big enough, fast enough. You want someone who doesn't just fit in your basketball program, but they fit at your school."

Purdue so far has a great recruiting class coming in with the current Indiana Mr. Basketball, Caleb Swanigan, along with Grant Weatherford, from Hamilton Heights, and Ryan Cline, from Carmel.

Painter played at Purdue from 1990-1993 under legendary coach Gene Keady. He graduated in 1994 and received his master's at Eastern Illinois in 1998. After Painter graduated from Purdue he went straight to coaching, becoming an assistant at NCAA Division 3 schools. He got his first NCAA Division 1 head coaching job at Southern Illinois, where he won the conference, went to the NCAA Tournament, and was the conference coach of the year.

In 2005, Painter became the coach of Purdue

and has been there ever since.

Painter has an overall coaching record at Purdue with 191 wins and 112 losses and 89 wins and 69 losses in the Big Ten conference. He ranks third all-time in wins at Purdue.

However, even with all the success he has had in his career, he said he still has learned a lot from every transition in his career with basketball.

"Anytime you make mistakes you have an opportunity to learn," Painter explained. "If you can constantly get up after every mistake and be better because of it -- that has been my philosophy."

Despite having mistakes, Painter has had a lot of success in his career. Painter was named Missouri Valley Coach of the Year in 2004, he was named the Big Ten coach of the year in 2008, 2010, and 2011, he was a Naismith National Coach of the Year finalist, Jim Phelan Coach of the Year finalist, and Skip Prosser Man of the Year finalist in 2008.



Delta Middle School students listen to advice from Delta graduate Matt Painter, the men's basketball coach at Purdue University. (Photo by Peyton Baker)

Senior 2015 Profile

**Hallie
Dietz**



What is a perfect Friday night to you?
Having a movie night with Carrie Bradshaw, Lauren Lykins, Thomas Lundberg, Delaney McCaslin, and Joey Dalton.

What was your most memorable high school moment?
Winning gold at ISSMA with the whole choir.

What is your favorite restaurant?
McAllister's Deli

What is your favorite children's TV show?
Power Rangers

What is your hidden talent?
I can rotate my shoulder completely.

One Year Together

By Katelyn Milligan

Even the closest of siblings argue. For Kiera and Kortney Helm, it happens almost every day on the drive to school. "We fight almost every morning because we're running late to school," Kortney said.

Kiera explained: "Neither of us are pleasant in the morning. We take forever to get up and ready and we don't leave until 8:20ish so we fight all through breakfast and on the way to school about being late. I have never made her late. She needs to learn to chill."

Siblings who are three grades apart are together in elementary school but only have one year together in high school to make memories as a senior and freshman.

Both of the Helm sisters looked forward to being in high school and on the tennis team together, especially in the summer leading up to it. Kiera even waited until this year to take ceramics so she and Kortney could take it together while they had the chance. They were in the same class, sat at the same table, and had fun every day.

Kortney said she looked forward to messing with Kiera in the hallways. It turned out that they see each other more than she thought they would.

"I see her in the hallway all the time and it's weird. I thought she'd be mean and ignore me, but she talks to me," Kortney said.

Kiera said she sometimes goes out of her way to see Kortney during passing periods so she can say hi or laugh with her.

Kortney played soccer, basketball, and tennis while Kiera

played tennis.

"I tried really hard to go to all of her basketball games and to see what I could of soccer," Kiera said. "I was the proudest big sister watching her play varsity as a freshman."

Kortney likes bonding



Kiera and Kortney Helm after playing doubles together in a tennis match. (Photo provided)

with her sister at tennis practice. She likes being on the tennis team together "because we can be competitive with each other and she can help me."

Their most memorable moment of the year was getting ready together for Senior Ball. Kiera said it was nice to see Kortney in a dress and to dance and hang out together.

"I look up to Kiera, even

though she's a lot shorter than me, because she is a very hard worker and does her best at everything, and she's just an awesome older sister and all around good person," Kortney said.

Kiera said she has gotten to know Kortney better this year.

"Not just the annoying brat I share a bathroom with at home, but the real Kort," Kiera said.

Senior Bethany Taylor was excited to be in the same school this year as her freshman sister Rachel.

"The past few years I've been like 'only a few more years till we're together again,'" Bethany said about waiting until Rachel was a freshman. "I love it because we haven't had a year together since elementary school."

"It's better than I expected it to be," Rachel said. She said she was nervous at first about it because Bethany has a "mama bear complex" and can be overprotective, but she also likes being in the same building as her sister. "There's just somebody there looking out for me."

Bethany said one of the best parts is getting to embarrass her at school.

When in the hallways, Bethany said, "I usually talk while she tries to ignore me."

"She knows more about my social life than I'd like her to know," Rachel said was the worst part of being together.

Rachel said she admires how her sister was caring, smart, and helpful toward kids.

"I want her to care about people more and school work and herself and work hard and have fun," Bethany said. "I love her."

Unlike the Helms and Taylors, the Belangee sisters don't see each other much at school.

Senior Kennedy Belangee leaves for intern in the afternoon. When they do see each other in the hallway, freshman Grace Belangee said, "We kind of look at each other. She looks at me weird."

Grace said that the best thing about being in the same school is feeling comfortable with older kids because she knows a lot of them.

One of Kennedy's memories of the year was helping Grace with cheer and her jumps. She was at the cheerleading tryouts and was able to see Grace make the varsity team.

"I try to be a good person and help her out with what classes to take. She's taking the same classes I took freshman year," Kennedy said.

Grace said she looks up to her sister because she works hard when it comes to school. It's also Grace's goal to take the same classes her sister took.

Kennedy will attend IUPUI and major in biology. "I'm slowly realizing I have two months with her until she's gone," Grace said.

Senior Ben Watters and freshman Jacob Watters were looking forward to being in high school together.

"I've been waiting for it so I can be here for him. So I can make his transitions easier from

middle school to high school," Ben said. He also added he was excited to be able to go to Jacob's locker and annoy him. That is one of the best things for him.

"Normally we ignore each other because I'm with my friends in the hallway," Jacob said. However, Ben said, "He avoids me. I try to talk to him but he ignores me because I'm not cool enough apparently." Ben and Jacob were

both on the soccer team. "I was team captain. I could command him so he had to do what I said," Ben said. Jacob said it was an interesting experience to spend one and a half hours together on the soccer field during practices, but it was fun.

Jacob recalled a certain soccer practice as memorable. They were at a practice and Ben was "injured." One moment everyone was playing soccer then Ben was throwing javelins around with the other seniors.

A memory for Ben was the first time driving to school together. "My mom wasn't in the car. We could do whatever we wanted. It was great."

**"I'm slowly realizing I have two months with her until she's gone."
-Grace Belangee-**



Bethany Taylor likes when she sees her sister, Rachel, in the hallway. (Photo provided)

The best part for Jacob is Ben driving him home after school so he doesn't have to ride the bus. He will miss the car ride the most

because then he will have to ride the bus until he gets his driver's license.

Whether it's fighting in the mornings, embarrassing each other, bumping into the other in the hallway, or bonding on a sports team, seniors with freshman siblings make the one year they have together in high school memorable.

Senior 2015 Profile

Dylan Dilts



What is a perfect Friday night to you?

Hanging out with Abby Bailey, going to the Dairy Dream, and watching movies.

What is your favorite school memory?

During football, in middle school, when it rained, coach would have us lay on our backs and throw the ball in the air. When we would hear the squish of the football, we had to go find it.

What was your most embarrassing high school moment?

Sophomore year, I was in the gym trying to impress seniors. I threw a dodgeball and tripped over one on the floor and face planted.

What is your favorite restaurant?

Texas Road House

What is your favorite children's TV show?

Pokemon

Making it to the TOP

A closer look into the
Top 22 students in the
senior class

Feature stories on pg.18-19 for Emily Kirby and Kiera Helm

By Reagan Allen

3 Misty meacham

College Choice: IU
Bloomington
Major: Nursing
Hardest Class: Anatomy
Biggest Dream: to be a National
Nurse Practitioner and live in a small
city with my happy family
Must have for college: Cow pillow
pet
Favorite Color: Pink
Advice for the next top 20: Once
you're in it, make it a goal to stay up.
Like this honor, more than likely you
will work harder



4 Alyvia morgana

College Choice: Taylor
University
Major: Christian
Education Ministries
Hardest Class: Calculus
Biggest Dream: Have a big family
and move into a house in the
country
Must have for college: Hammock
Dreading about college: Walking
across campus in the winter
I'd like to thank: My parents for
encouraging me and always being
there for me



5 Teaghan dishman

College Choice: Ball
State Univeristy
Major: Biology (Pre-Med)
Hardest Class: Calculus
Biggest Dream: Become a pediatric
orthopedic surgeon
Must have for college: My favorite
blanket
Comfort Food: Mac & Cheese
Advice for upcoming seniors: Have
fun and don't wish it away. Sports
really helped me to keep busy and
study hard



14 Nathan brown

College Choice: Indiana
University
Major: Business
Hardest Class: Calculus
Biggest Dream: Be ridiculously
rich
Comfort Food: Sweet tea!
Dreading about college: The
squad going separate ways
I'd like to thank: My study buddy,
Trey Bland



13 Trey bland

College Choice: Ball
State University
Major: Undecided
Hardest Class: Calculus
Biggest Dream: Beach house in
Miami with a Lambo
Dreading about college: Not
seeing my amigos as much
Must have for college: My TLC cd
collection
I'd like to thank: Nate Brown
because he is a good study buddy



12 Ericka pursley

College Choice:
University of
Indianapolis
Major: Pre-Physical Therapy/
Excercise Science
Hardest Class: Theatre
Biggest Dream: Become a physical
therapist
Comfort Food: Mashed potatoes
Dreading about college: Money \$\$
Advice for upcoming seniors:
Have fun, because it is all gone in
a blink of an eye



15 Brayton conley

College Choice: University
of Toledo
Major: Political Science /
Business
Hardest Class: Ivy Tech Economics
Biggest Dream: Michigan Law School
Comfort Food: Mom's homemade
mashed potatoes
Dreading about college: Debt
I'd like to thank: Josh Minch for his
swag. Nathan "Chuck" Hahn for
academically and athletically being
the bestest



16 Jarrod catron

College Choice: Ivy Tech
Marion
Major: Agriculture
Hardest Class: Bio III
Advice for upcoming seniors: Don't
keep wishing for school to be over.
Senior year goes by fast
Staying in Top 20: Homework and
studying came first
Dreading about college: The com-
mute and lots of fuel bills
I'd like to thank: Mr. Bacon and Mrs.
Kunk helped me try new things



17 Maggie thompson

College Choice: Ball State
University
Major: Nursing
Hardest Class: Calculus
Biggest Dream: To become a
nurse practitioner for kids
Comfort Food: Chocolate / ice
cream
Must take to college: My laptop
Dread about college: Lecture halls
I'd like to thank: Mr. Seidner.
Because of him my math grades
have been better



6 Olivia smith



College Choice: Ball State University
 Major: Nursing
 Hardest Class: Government
 Biggest Dream: To help children with disabilities
 Comfort Food: Fried Chicken
 Favorite Color: Lavender
 I'd like to thank: My parents and every teacher who believed in me. They all saw something in me and have helped make me who I am

7 Nathan hahn



College Choice: Ball State University
 Major: Microbiology to Pre-Med to Neurosurgery
 Hardest Class: Calculus
 Biggest Dream: Become a neurosurgeon
 Must have for college: Work ethic
 Favorite Color: Silver
 Advice for others: Participate in afterschool activities to have something to do and make friends

8 Spencer evans



College Choice: Ball State University
 Major: Undecided
 Hardest Class: Calculus
 Biggest Dream: Play in the NHL someday
 Favorite Color: Red
 I'd like to thank: All my teachers because they prepared me for college
 Advice for seniors: Have fun during your last year and don't stress

11 Tanner wilburn



College Choice: Purdue University
 Major: Mechanical or Nuclear Engineering
 Hardest Class: Calculus
 Biggest Dream: Design something to change the world for the better
 Comfort Food: Strawberries
 Advice for seniors: Turn in all of Omstead's papers late
 I'd like to thank: Miss Weaver for helping me get involved with the school's music program which I really enjoyed

10 Bethany taylor



College Choice: Xavier University
 Major: Chemistry
 Hardest Class: BSU Physics
 Biggest Dream: Become an ophthalmologist and join an organization like Doctors Without Borders
 Comfort Food: Indian food -all of it
 Advice for seniors: Keep working your butt off
 Dreading for college: Leaving my cat and the coursework

9 Kennedy drago



College Choice: IU Bloomington
 Major: Biology
 Hardest Class: Calculus
 Biggest Dream: Become a surgeon
 Must have for college: a memory foam mattress pad
 Favorite Color: Lavender
 I'd like to thank: My mother because she never let me procrastinate and pushed me to set and accomplish goals. She always helped me if I asked her

18 Josh minch



College Choice: Ball State University
 Major: Computer Science
 Hardest Class: BSU Physics
 Biggest Dream: Move somewhere with a beach
 Advice to upcoming seniors: Don't stress too much
 Must take to college: My pillow and my swag
 How did you stay in Top 20: I have no clue. I just kind of went with the flow

19 Collin lane



College Choice: Anderson University
 Major: Biology
 Hardest Class: BSU Physics
 Biggest Dream: Own a zoo / aquarium
 Comfort Food: Mac and cheese
 Advice to upcoming seniors: Take as many college courses as you can
 Dread about college: English classes
 I'd like to thank: My family for their support

20 Mattie snyder



College Choice: Purdue University
 Major: Animal Sciences (pre-veterinary)
 Hardest Class: Geometry
 Biggest Dream: To be a vet
 Comfort Food: Pizza
 Advice to upcoming seniors: Senior year matters; your grades affect what scholarships you get
 I'd like to thank: My parents because they've always been supportive

21 Nick zachary



College Choice: Northern Arizona University
 Major: Forestry
 Hardest Class: BSU Physics
 Biggest Dream: Take a Route 66 road trip with Candace Torres
 Comfort Food: Cinnamon Toast Crunch
 Must take to college: My hiking boots
 How did you stay in Top 20: Make a study group!

22 Nick wilson



College Choice: Indiana University
 Major: Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation with Pre-Med
 Hardest Class: BSU Calculus
 Biggest Dream: To become CEO of a large car company like BMW
 Comfort Food: Taco Bell
 Favorite Color: Black
 Dread about college: Laundry
 I'd like to thank: My parents and teachers for pushing me to do my best

OPEN FOR ALL

Step by step for an open house

By Abby Shafer

The cure for senioritis finally has been found! Now it is time to celebrate this wonderful news with all your friends and family at an open house. The secret to an awesome open house is in these five steps.

PICK A DATE

In order to have a party, there needs to be a time and a place. Sending out invites to friends and family members for this huge celebration with no date or time is a waste of time and money.

With graduation on June 6, it only makes sense to have the celebration of graduating close to that date.

For many seniors, the date was set based on when family will be in town or the dates of other open houses.

"My dad's family lives in Ohio, so it made sense to have it the day after graduation so that they will still be here," said Maggie Thompson.

Lindsey Reagon said she tried to set the date around her friends, so she pushed her open house back to a week after graduation.

FIND A VENUE

Finding the perfect spot to hold your celebration may seem difficult, but it's as easy as running out of school when that final bell rings on the last day of school.

The venue needs to accommodate not only the theme, but also the size. Having an open house in a teeny tiny church, when you invited 200 people, isn't the best idea.

Many seniors are going with a homier open house, holding it in their backyard.

Kennedy Belangee is having

hers at her house, and while she has a big guest list, her house, backyard and barn will be able to hold everyone.

PICK A THEME

The theme of a party seems essential, right? Well, not necessarily. A lot of seniors are going with more of a laid back "theme," rather than something specific like Breakfast at Tiffany's.

Seniors Kiera Helm and Nick Wilson, however, plan on having a conjoined open house with a Delta and IU theme since that is where they both went and are going to school.

"We are trying to make the colors transition from Delta's to IU's," said Helm as she explains her theme.

Now, if your open house doesn't have a theme, that's okay. The food and decorations will be more than enough. Themes are just another fun aspect to add to your party.

GET A CATERER

After walking around, thanking everyone for coming, and playing games for a couple of hours, food is going to be the only thing on your mind.

While hosting a two-to-six hour party, it is vital that you can serve everyone. A party with no food won't be fun.

Many restaurants in Muncie cater, from Mexican to Italian. Even just plain old sandwiches are available from many different places.

Thompson said she is trying to get Arby's to cater so that everyone can have a roast beef sandwich.

If a caterer just isn't in the budget, then homemade food is the way to go.

WHO TO INVITE

The goal for an open house, for many seniors, is to invite as many people as you possibly can. Some seniors want all their friends and family to come to celebrate graduation.

Helm explains that it is a traditional thing to do after graduation, and it is a way to celebrate moving on with your friends and family.

Some seniors, however, want to have a lot of people come so they can get more money for college and other expenses.

"If I didn't get money I wouldn't have one," said Wilson. "I just kind of show up, hang out, eat some food, talk to people I don't like very much, and get some money."

Inviting people to your party is super easy. You can print off some invites to send to family and friends or you can always just send hundreds of invites through Facebook.



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OPEN HOUSE DATES

· **Alexia Coomer**

May 30th from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. at Harvest Christian Fellowship, 1010 East Centennial, Muncie, IN 47303

· **Kennedy Drago**

May 30th from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. at 9512 N Walnut, Muncie, IN 47303

· **Logan and Trey Bland**

May 31st from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. at 400 South Walnut Street, Muncie, IN 47305

· **Kaylin Gibson**

June 5th from 6 p.m.-9 p.m. at The Gatheing, 9512 N Walnut Street, Muncie, IN 47303

· **Kristina Grove**

June 6th from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. at 8301 North County Road 800 East, Albany, IN 47320

· **Reagan Allen**

June 7th from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. at Trinity Baptist Church 5000 North Morrison Road, Muncie, IN 47304

· **Annaliese Bankson**

June 7th from 2 p.m.-8 p.m. at All Seasons Banquet Facility 141 West State Street, Albany, IN 47320

· **Sydney Dunnuck**

June 7th from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. at The Jamaican Condo 8900 North Reynard Road, Albany, IN 47303

· **Maggie Thompson**

June 7th from 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. at 2805 West Palisades Parkway, Muncie, IN 47303

· **Chloe Turner**

June 7th from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at 8206 North Seneca Drive, Muncie, IN 47303

· **Kiera Helm & Nick Wilson**

June 7th from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. at Union Chapel 4622 North Broadway Avenue, Muncie, IN 47303

· **Rebekah Box, Manoella Fachinelli, and Annika van den Bedem**

June 7th from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. at 4220 West Warren Way, Muncie, IN 47304

· **Angie Naaman**

June 7th from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. at Hampton Inn, 4220 Bethel Avenue, Muncie, IN 47304

· **Josh Minch**

June 7th from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. at 8101 North Santa Barbara Dr, Muncie, IN 47303

· **Brayton Conley**

June 7th from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. at Hazelwood Christian Church, 1400 West University Ave, Muncie, IN 47304

· **Allison Sherwood**

June 7th from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. at Pizza King, 4111 N. Wheeling, Muncie IN 47304

· **Haylee Harman**

June 7th from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. at The Gathering, 9512 North Walnut St, Muncie, IN 47303

· **Kennedy Belangee**

June 7th from 1 p.m.-6 p.m. at 1140 West Royerton Rd, Muncie, IN 47304

· **Misty Meacham**

June 13th from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. at 185 South Mann Avenue, Albany, IN 47320

· **Taylor Wisley**

June 13th from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. at Harvest Christian Fellowship 1010 East Centennial Avenue, Muncie, IN 47303

· **Lindsey Reagon**

June 14th from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. at Union Chapel 4622 North Broadway Avenue Muncie, IN 47303 in the chapel (there will

be signs to help guide, more than likely)


· **Grace Hollars**

June 20th from 3 p.m.-8 p.m. at 125 East Charles Street Muncie, IN 47305 (in Two Johnny's restaurant)

· **Jillian Renbarger**

June 20th from 3 p.m.-7 p.m. at 5304 North Cork Dr, Muncie, IN 47304

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Making the Grade

Valedictorian Emily Kirby
tells how she does it

By Sidney Barkdull

The countless hours of homework, the 5 a.m. cram study sessions, and the endless competition



Emily began to play soccer as a child and later decided to play for the high school team. (Photo provided)

to be on top is enough to make anyone crazy, right? Not senior Emily Kirby who is the valedictorian.

"I don't think she (Emily) has ever even gotten a B," Mrs. Rosemary Kirby, Emily's mother, said. "She's very driven. Once she makes up her mind about something she does it."

While Emily may be in the top of her class, she doesn't enjoy spending all of her time studying or doing homework and would rather be watching Netflix or playing with the band.

"I honestly don't know how I've been number one this whole time," Emily said. "I guess I'm just a good test taker. I get through tests really fast. I don't deliberate on answers, and I don't second guess myself."

Emily says that doing well in school was something that has always come easily to her and her memory contributes to that. She enjoys math and science classes more than English

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As a child Emily was very creative and she still enjoys doing artistic activities. (Photo provided)

and history classes, but she enjoys them all.

She will attend Purdue University in the fall and major in engineering. Although undecided on the field of engineering she wants to go into she said that it will be a math and science heavy area.

"I have a feeling that she will end up far from Muncie doing something amazing that she loves," Mrs. Kirby said.

Emily has two siblings, an older brother, Seth, who lives in California and is an intern at Google, and Amanda, who is in the eighth grade at Delta Middle School. In 2012 Amanda was diagnosed with stage four medulloblastoma, a brain cancer that is a pediatric malignant primary brain tumor (cancer).

While Amanda was undergoing radiation and treatment, she and her parents lived in the Ronald McDonald House and travelled from Indianapolis to Bloomington every day, while Emily stayed with her grandma, Mary Kirby.

"I only got to see her (Amanda) every few weeks," Emily said. "It was really strange because I would see her and she would look the same, but then I would come back and she was losing her hair. It's like she was my little sister, but not my little sister at the same time."

Amanda had to learn how to walk and talk again and she was not able to complete most basic motor




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EYES *on the* PRIZE

Salutarian Kiera Helm
focuses on her future

By Reagan Allen

After four years of eagerly waiting, the day finally arrived when Letters to Self were returned to the hands of the senior class. The envelopes seniors spent months on in eighth grade are poured through in minutes, looking back at old pictures and love letters they forgot existed.

Salutarian Kiera Helm is getting more out of that envelope than just reminiscence of eighth grade. She's getting a new car.

A single piece of paper held an agreement made with her father when she was in eighth grade that would allow for a big reward come senior year if she followed the requests listed out. The contract requirements were no drugs or alcohol, no piercings or tattoos, no getting pregnant, have all A's, be in Top 20, and have a scholarship.

"I get a new car, a vacation wherever I want, or a shopping spree," said Helm. "I picked the new car. The car kind of motivated me"

Her dad, Troy, who bargained this deal with her, is happy she was motivated enough to fulfill it.

"I am very happy that she fulfilled the

contract we made," he said. "I'm not sure how excited I am in fulfilling my end of the contract."

Kiera will trade in her Pontiac Grand AM PT for a new vehicle sometime in the future.

The agreement made wasn't the only thing that encouraged Helm to stay in the Top 20. Freshman Kortney Helm, her sister, has influenced her in many ways too.

"My sister is probably the biggest influence because we always joke around trying to figure out who's smarter," said Kiera. "She pushes me to not get bad grades or slack off because I want to prove her wrong."

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Kiera poses by her soon to be old car.



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Lights Camera Action

These seniors got the chance to be the model in front of the camera

By Abby Shafer

It's time to turn off the flash and strut your stuff. These senior photographers get a feel for what it is like to be the model in front of the camera, rather than be the creator behind it.

Seniors Grace Hollars, Annika van den Bedem, and Reagan Allen all put their unique spin on their senior photos and got the chance to see what it's like to pose for a photographer instead of running the show.

Hollars has taken over 10,000 photos for the school publications, van den Bedem has taken numerous photos for this year's yearbook, and Allen runs her own photography business called Reagan Lynn Photographer and has plans to photograph many senior photos as well.

Hollars went with an Angelina Jolie angle with her pictures. Hollars said she likes the way she is captured in all of her photos.

"I wanted to take pictures of me and my surroundings, not having objects with me, but just focus on me being myself," Hollars said.

On the other hand both



Grace Hollars poses in her flowing dress in the water.
(Photo by Lisa Brennaman)



Reagan Allen poses in her black corset dance costume in this city scene near Taylor University in Upland.
(Photo by Laura Hapner)

Allen and van den Bedem went with more of a laid back and casual look, wearing jeans, cardigans, and blouses.

Allen added her own uniqueness to the table by incorporating one of her dance costumes in the shoot. She wore a black-laced dance costume with a corset.

All three girls went with both a nature look outside and a city theme where they posed in downtown, urban areas. All three seniors had different locations, though,

from Taylor University to the White River near Central High School and even all the way in Orlando, Fla.






In October 2014, Allen got her senior photos taken in a wooded area on the Taylor University campus during a two-hour session with Laura


Hapner.

Allen wore three different outfits in the wooded areas and wore her dance costume in the city.

GRACE

Life goes by in a **flash**.
Can't wait to see what **develops** next.



BRIAN HOLLARS
Principal



Grace Hollars poses in the water in Orlando, Fla.
(Photo by Lisa Brenneman)

"I really liked the costume I had, even though it was really hard to move in, because it was an actual corset," Allen said.

Over by Central, near the White River, van den Bedem got her senior photos taken in the brisk winter this February. She even said there was a dusting of snow on the ground, but not enough to be seen in her pictures.

Van den Bedem only wore two outfits. One was for her outside pictures, and the other was worn during her two-hour photo shoot inside the studio of her photographer, Christi Beaty.

In Orlando, Hollars visited a natural park not far from her vacationing spot over spring break. Her shoot took much longer, though, five to six hours to be exact.

Hollars said that it was much prettier than Indiana, so she took them in Orlando. Hollars' father also knew the photographer Lisa Brenneman who lived in Florida, so all the details worked out.

Hollars wore a dress, jeans, and even bathing suit because she took her shoot out into the water.

While wearing her long, flowing dress,

Hollars said, "I felt like a mermaid," describing her shoot out in the water. Both van den Bedem and Hollars agreed they liked it better behind the camera rather than in front of it.

"Well, I think I like it better to be behind the camera because it's weird for me to be in front of the camera," van den Bedem said.

However, Allen took a different spin on being in front of the camera. She said she grew to like it, and that it was cool to see someone else's perspective of her.

"When I first started photography, I didn't like taking pictures of myself, but the more I took them, the more I enjoyed it," Allen said.

Hollars explained that she couldn't figure out what poses and expressions looked good and what didn't.

"I found out I am terrible in front of the camera," Hollars said. "I am much better behind one."

All three girls enjoyed their experience, and they all learned something new that they didn't know, or didn't know was as important, before.

Allen said that her shoot helped her be more aware of how important lighting is and that it is vital to see new places for potential photoshoots.

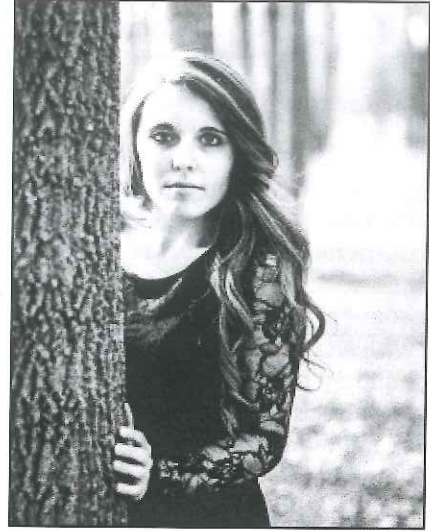
"Whenever you see a different photographer and their style, you see how they work and what poses

they do," Allen said.

Van den Bedem took out of her experience that she has to take a lot of photos, even when it is frustrating, so you can get your perfect shot. She learned it might take a time, but eventually she will get the photo she needs.

"Your fingers are really important!" Hollars explains.

During her shoot, Hollars discovered how such little aspects, like fingers and toes, are very important so that your subject



Reagan Allen gets her photo taken on Taylor University's campus.
(Photo by Laura Hapner)

doesn't look like they have body parts cut off.

In addition, Hollars discovered that shooting through things and using certain lighting can make a picture more detailed than what it was.

Although their modeling has come to an end, all the girls were able to take their next shoots.

Now it's time for these seniors to turn the flash back on, tell their subjects to strut their stuff, and create the images that are worth 1,000 words.



Annika van den Bedem gets photographed in her photographer's studio.
(Photo by Christi Beaty)



Writing a New Chapter

Head custodian Julie Griffin ready for retirement

By Sidney Barkdull

For some, retirement is the closing of a book, but for head custodian, Mrs. Julie Griffin, it is just the beginning of a new chapter, literally.

After working in the Delaware Community School Corporation for 21 years, Griffin has decided that it is time to retire. Her husband, Gary, worked with Norfolk Southern railroad building bridges for 38 years and has already retired. They plan to spend more time with their 13 grandchildren and to travel.

She began working in the corporation when she decided to leave her job in management.

"When I started working



Head custodian Julie Griffin does more than coordinate the other janitorial staff, she also participates in cleaning the school. (Photo by Griffin Wright)

here as a custodian it was only supposed to be for about a year, just until I got my head on straight, and after a few years I was made head custodian. Twenty-one years later, here I am," Griffin said.

Griffin has been a big

part of the theatre program since Mrs. Dawn Raleigh took over as director. She is the costume designer, she runs the Delta Trouper's Café, and she makes all of the baked goods for the shows, not to mention she had a role in *Fame* alongside other members of the faculty.

"Once Julie is gone I don't know what I'll do, scream, I guess," Raleigh said. "She's been a godsend in the costume department and the café as well as just being a friend. I always know I can go to Julie for help."

I want to write
because I want
to, because I
feel inspired.
-Julie Griffin-

Although Griffin plans to help for as long as she is needed, she is looking forward to having more time for the things she loves. Her father, who was an English teacher, helped her become the writer she is today.

"As a kid I was always writing things and bringing them to him to critique," Griffin said.

Her father is not the only writer in the family. Her mother enjoys writing children's books for her family members. Griffin says she has begun various

writing projects that she hasn't had the time to complete.

"I think every writer wants to be published, but I don't want to write because I feel like I have to," Griffin said. "I want to write because I want to, because I feel inspired."

Senior 2015 Profile

Andria
Henry



What is a perfect Friday night to you?
Having a movie night with Dakota Temple.

What was an exciting high school moment for you?
Getting my cap and gown.

What is your favorite children's TV show?
Rugrats

What is your favorite restaurant?
Texas Road House

What is one thing you regret about your high school career?
That I didn't do enough clubs.

Valedictorian

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functions. Emily tried to be there for her as much as she could when visiting.

One challenge that Amanda had to overcome while in recovery was learning how to understand emotions like happiness or humor again.

"I remember one time after surgery I was throwing rubber lizards at Emily, and I had a sort of flat affect at the time, but I remember it was one of the first times that I laughed again," Amanda said.

Emily has also had her fair share of medical problems in this past year, injuring her foot during soccer and having



Emily runs to get the ball at a soccer game last fall. She was playing on a broken foot. (Photo by Reagan Allen)

numerous diagnoses over several months.

She twisted her ankle in the fall and she was unable to

move it, but doctors told her it was just a sprain. She spent weeks in a cast but it did not help. The x-rays did not show any breaks.

Finally, this spring, they found that the one of the tarsal bones in the center of her foot was broken. She had a surgery to reconstruct the bone in April and spent as little time as she could get away with on crutches.

"I only sat out of four practices and I didn't miss any

games," Emily said. "I played on it all season and it hurt a lot, so I couldn't put any weight on it. Diana (the athletic trainer) told me it was probably a rolled ankle and that I should wait until it felt better."

But it never felt better. Emily powered through throbbing pain so she wouldn't miss any games during her final season. She passed the wellness test to play and spent as much time as she could on the field.

Emily's determination does not apply to just soccer. She is dedicated in band as well. She was a part of the IMEA (Indiana Music Education Association) Honor Band and played the French horn in it.

Her love of music stems from her parents, who were both choir members. Her father continues to sing in the church



Emily is all smiles as she sits in the middle of a pile of toys as an infant. (Photo provided)

choir. She looks up to her band teachers Mrs. Jennifer Olfier and Ms. Rebekah Weaver.

"The bands are all like a big family...The music department kids are the coolest kids," Emily said.

She began to play instruments in middle school when she decided to branch out from choir. From there her love of music grew and she took both concert band and jazz band classes for three of the four years she spent in high school, only giving up concert band so she could take physics.

In all aspects of her life Emily tries hard to do her best, which makes her mother proud.

"I think, for all of my kids, really, I want them to do their best," Mrs. Kirby said. "Emily is a very high ability kid, she's always been advanced. I know she always does what she thinks is the right thing to do. I'm very proud."

Kids Say the Darndest Things

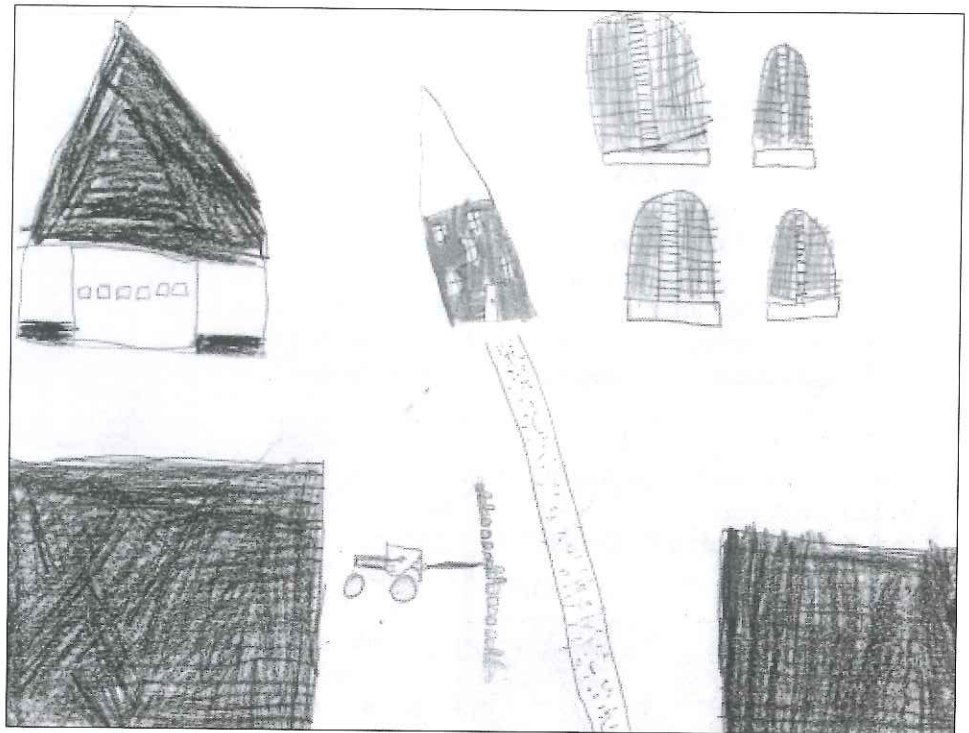
Elementary school students talk about their lives

By Sidney Barkdull

Elementary school is a time of learning, a time of discovering, a time of chasing other kids around the playground because they stole your last purple crayon.

It is a simple time. Being in high school is totally different. There are students rushing from place to place, the sound of a frustrated freshman hitting their locker can be heard in the distance, and the seniors chuckling about the distraught freshmen.

Many high school students miss the good old days when their hardest choice was what they

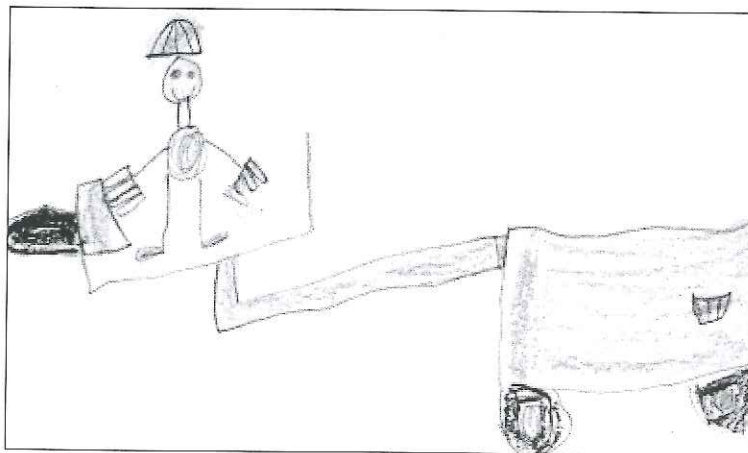


Adam, a second grader, illustrates what he thinks it would be like to be a farmer.

wanted for lunch. The days when their biggest worry was their spelling test or doing their times tables and there wasn't anything that couldn't be sorted out over 15 minutes of recess.

Growing up is inevitable but the happiness of childhood is a sweet memory that everyone can keep to get them through the days when they're down.

Peyton, a kindergartener, illustrates what he thinks he will do as a construction worker.



Kindergarten

Peyton



When I grow up I want to be... "A construction worker because they cut down trees."

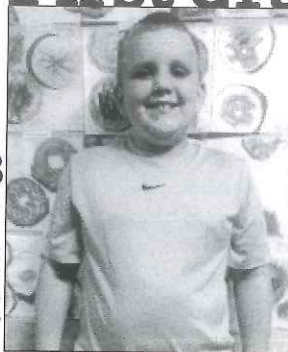
Isabella



I am thankful for... "All the cats in the world."

First Grade

Brody



I think high school is... "Hard because teachers are mean and probably don't want to help you."

Olivia



I think being a grown-up is... "Stressful because kids like to play soccer and parents have to take them there."

Second Grade

Adam



I think being a grown-up is... "Hard because you have to do more chores."

Randallynn



The best part of my day is... "All of any day that the sun is out."

Third Grade

Lance



When I grow up I want to be... "A lawyer because they make so much money."

Savannah



The best part of my day is... "When I get to learn something new."

Fourth Grade

Alex



I think high school is... "Very dramatic because teenagers are there."

Chloe



I think being a grown-up is... "Hard because you make money, then you have to spend it on your kids."

Fifth Grade

Michael



I am thankful for... "Being on Earth."

Lizzy



When I grow up I want to be... "A teacher because I really look up to my teacher and it would be fun to teach."

Never Forgets

Reagan Allen- I will never forget this year, from winning Homecoming Queen to senior ball to LL dropping cupcakes on the lunch room floor. I will always remember all the time I spent with friends annoying everyone at lunch and basically every other place we went together.

Mackenzie Alva- I will never forget when my freshman English teacher flicked me in the head for not finishing my homework. I will never forget my sophomore year during finals MF and AC played Clue all that week.

Luke Anderson- I will never forget all the good times with great people.

Alexis Barnes- I will never forget the Mrs. Ervin yelling at me on my first day of freshman year, and later apologizing... by bringing the whole class doughnuts.

Kennedy Belangee- I will never forget making it to state for cheer for the first time in Delta history. I will never forget my best friends.

Jaden Bell- I will never forget when a Yorktown student streaked across the court at a basketball game.

Paul Biner- I have already forgotten a vast majority of high school. I'm sure it will all be gone in no time.

Rebekah Box- I will never forget the time RM, MA, GA, and me went to the football game at Pendleton and MA ran across the street in front of the bus and laughed so hard she peed herself in the T-Bell parking lot. I will never forget spending my senior year with the two best sisters I could ever ask for. I am truly blessed to have MF and AvdB in my life forever.

Grant Bowyer- I will never forget lunch table euchre with BC, NH, JM, BC, JD, CL, VP, and RF.

Carrie Bradshaw- I will never forget our awesome dance parties in theater. I will never forget our delicious carry-ins at lunch.

Nate Brown- I'll never forget the time that HH, TS, RJ, and I were blessed by a Jamaican priestess on spring break in Fort

Myers. It was the funniest thing ever. And that time JR and I looked up Nicholas Cage quotes.

Brandon Burkholder- I will never forget lunch table euchre with GB, NH, JM, BC, RF, CL and JD.

Will Capps- I will never forget Mrs. Hopkins' Econ class with Thomas, Taylor, and Grace. It was the most fun I've had all year.

Jarrold Catron- I'll never forget all the FFA trips with NS, JF, BD, JS, and everyone else.

Devin Clawson- I will never forget playing football with all of the guys.

Sarena Clay- I'll never forget all the people I met and bonded with during my four years of cross country and track. I will cherish these wonderful relationships forever.

Brayton Conley- Lunch table euchre #nevaforget.

Alexia Coomer- I will never forget when LL brought in cupcakes for one of the birthdays and she dropped them all face down on the floor. I will also never forget all the times we got yelled at by JG for being too loud. Also all the bomb threats.

Sarah Crouch- I will never forget the time CB fell down the stairs and caused a major roadblock and then cried.

Joey Dalton- None. It's not too exciting. There is no fun at Delta, but there is plenty outside.

Hallie Dietz- I will never forget when it was senior night for the choir and Ms. Weaver had all the seniors speak and crying after the concert and getting four bouquets of flowers from my friends.

Dylan Dilts- I will never forget every football game coming out and having everyone cheering for us. It was amazing.

Teaghan Dishman- I will never forget when EP ran into the back of my car while in the parking lot. I will never forget the time KG and I made a girl cry because we

notched her back to back.

Kennedy Drago- I will never forget the time that JR punched me in the face at the lunch table.

Sydney Dunnuck- I will never forget the time MF and I came to school with toothpaste Oreos on April Fool's Day freshman year and convinced CB to eat one. Also the time senior year when MF and I made a prank Chewbacca roar contest with CB's number on the flyer on April Fool's Day.

Elise Eppard- I will never forget the time Best Buddies had a marshmallow snowball fight. I will never forget LC and all she taught me in ceramics.

Mollie Faust- I will never forget how much I procrastinated.

Rebecca Finley- I will never forget when BS and I dressed up as boxes for a Sadies skit for announcements.

Dale L Foster II- I will never forget the bus rides to and from the football games. I will never forget the senior prom.

Alyssa Frazee- I will never forget getting reckless in the jeep with TG.

Taylor Gaultney- I will never forget when CC, AF, and I were running out of school from the basketball game and AF tripped and went flying. Once she hit the ground she was lying there crying/laughing and I thought it was so funny. Then we got to my car and I slipped on ice and fell.

Hannah George- I will never forget MF doing parkour in the locker room. I will never forget listening to Beyonce before meets/practices. I will never forget AM's "pan brownies." I will never forget being on deck at the boys state with AM.

Kaylin Gibson- I'll never forget TD and my adventures during tennis season. I'll never forget AM and my memories from soccer.

Candace Gray- I will never forget when I clipped a hot pink hair extension to the back of CG at a football game and she ran the flag after a touchdown and it fell off and was laying on the track. I will never forget hanging out with JP so many Friday nights and singing "Booty Wurk." I will never forget the great lockout of "I can never be forgotten." I will also never forget my great friends. *cue cheesy music.

Courtney Gray- I will never forget how amazed people were my freshman year when they found out I wrestle. I will never forget senior skip day when we swam in freezing water.

Kristina Grove- I'll never forget the first night I had my license and was driving down Wheeling with KW. I'll never forget when we fit six people in MT's white mustang. I'll never forget when KD started the fight song with "Eagles Here We Go!" I'll never forget Pre-Cal with JS, CG, and SS. I'll never forget always getting paint on my clothes in art with JP, NE, and AC. I'll never forget my mornings with MR.

Nathan Hahn- Lunch table euvre #nevaforget. I'll never forget RA and KH in sixth period because I love them even though I was sassy to them. I'm sorry.

Shaylie Hall- I will never forget MS running into the fire alarm on the wall. I will never forget the spring choir concert last year when we got to sit on wooden blocks to sing. I will never forget my last choir concert.

Jack Hart- I will never forget the famous 50. I will never forget Lucas Oil and Steak 'N' Shake with CT, CA, and JH, I will never forget breaking records with AT, JH, and DT. I will never forget being undefeated.

Kiera Helm- I will never forget NH's sassypants. I will never forget MT coming to my house and making lemonade when no one was home. I will never forget seeing KRH in a dress finally. I will never forget GW state speech. I will never forget to remember with MS. I will never forget all the Columbus and Jeffersonville trips especially Columbus of 2013 and 2014.

Grace Hollars- I'll never forget going to swimming state with eight of the boys. I'll never forget every single football game. I absolutely loved taking pictures on the sidelines. I'll never forget my freshman and senior homecoming - they werre surreal. I'll never forget all of the great people I call my friends now and I'll cherish every little memory I had with each one.

Cade Jones- I will never forget when KS gave the pregame dodgeball speech during the homecoming pep session.

Jordan Keppler- I will never forget all the great times with HH, BT, and MT. I'll never forget meeting and making so many memories with DC. I'll never forget all of

the great times spent with the tennis team.

Collin Lane- I'll never forget everything. Because I'm not forgetful.

Mikayle Licht- I will never forget the time SD fell going down the lane at Clancy's.

Thomas Lundberg- I will never forget speech class with Mrs. Raleigh because I made a lot of friends from that class, and it was mostly very laid back and fun. We had a lot of freedom over what we could write our speeches about. I also overcame my "fear" of speaking in front of people.

Lauren Lykins- I will never forget seventh period alone with NH and JP or spending time with ML my underclassmen years and senior year with CL. I won't forget my squad CB, HD, DM, RA, JP, SC, WC, AC, TL, and whoever I'm forgetting. I will never forget my undying love for TH, NB, TB, PO, and KO. I will never forget PO and everything he's done for me in the past four years, take care of CL for me!

Peyton Masters- I will never forget my senior year dodgeball tournament when KS gave the best speech I've ever heard but then we still somehow lost because AC came in clutch and beat our whole team.

Delaney McCaslin- I will never forget every soccer season I have been a part of. I will never forget how loud and obnoxious my friends and I are at the lunch table. I will never forget HD, CB, and my ability to finish each other's thoughts.

Autumn McCowan- I will never forget the time that we were playing dodgeball and CA hit a girl in the face with a kickball and it left an impression!

Misty Meacham- I will never forget the time BO ordered her prom dress online then emailed the seller and said "Is this a scam??" I will never forget the time AM, me, and our sisters barely made it to our cars after school because we had to walk through an Arctic tundra.

Logan Melton- I will never forget my great conversations with JC.

Josh Minch- I will never forget winning sectionals twice. I will never forget JK's famous 50.

Angie Naaman- I will never forget AL going under the bus seats to the front where the soccer coach was sitting and

came out from under the seats with a glove full of melted ice. I will never forget when she hit the coach with the glove. I will never forget LB and EP singing "This is Indiana" on the softball bus.

Vince Palumbo- I will never forget the time RW messed with Mr. Stevens' computer during French II by plugging in his wireless mouse into it and controlling it from his desk.

Jenna Parsons- I will never forget the late night car rides to Wal-mart while listening to 2-Chainz with CG. I will never forget KG and my self-portraits in art. I will never forget the lunch table carry-ins when we all made a mess every time. I will never forget all the XC and track practices with SC and CT.

Merissa Patton- I will never forget when Mr. Cleland ripped his pants in yearbook class. I will never forget how much all of my friends impacted me one way or another. And I will also never forget GW and how much she impacted me and the effect she had on my life.

Caitlin Pease- I will never forget everything in general. The people who have come and gone, the sports/games, teachers I've loved, the lunch food, everything.

Jennifer Phillips- I will never forget all the fun times at the reservoir.

Jacey Price- I'll never forget when my sister came and had lunch with me one day and thought she threw her keys away, so we dug through the trash can. They ended up being in the office. I will never forget watching the boys' tennis team battle every point during the State Tennis semifinals. (I'll also never forget North Central's obnoxious chant because they only said it 30 times.)

Ericka Pursley- I will never forget all the memories LB and I made throughout our years of softball. I will never forget running into the bumper of TD's car in the UDHS parking lot. I will never forget when I fell backwards off the bleachers my junior year of basketball. #embarrassing.

Lindsey Reagon- I will never forget Halloween/ the Northwestern game where the handful of Blue Crew members braved the cold and snow. I'll never forget the table gang. I'll never forget my ladies: JR, MT, RB, and CG. I'll never forget all my last high school experiences.

Never Forgets

Jillian Renbarger- I will never forget painting up with all of my closest friends. I will never forget the table gang. I will never forget my best friends: CG, LR, MT, RB, KD, and KB. I will never forget when I punched KD at our lunch table. I will never forget getting pulled over on my way to school on the first day of my junior year.

Jay Robillard- I will never forget how SW broke his nose. I will never forget when I beat up BR, spraining my ankle in weightlifting, playing kickball. I will never forget Delta Tennis and all of the memories associated. I will never forget when NB and I looked up Nicholas Cage quotes. I'll never forget Coach V in general and homecoming dodgeball.

Pa'ton Robinson- I will never forget the time Mr. Omstead dressed up as a woman.

Taylor Sanders- I will never forget concert band and pep band and the fun times I've had with my friends.

Madison Savage- I will never forget the Columbus trip of 2014, the great lockout of 2011, I will never forget to remember with KH. I will never forget AT's pterodactyl noise, or GW's state speech. I will never forget going to Moe's every Thursday or the way ZW and I became friends.

Allison Sherwood- I will never forget my spring break adventures with CG. I will never forget my uncontrollable wheeze laughs with SC. Also, bomb threats?!?!?!?

Kam Slaven- I will never forget my incredible dodgeball speech on homecoming and the fun nightly activity I participated in with JS and AF at JS's house.

Olivia Smith- I will never forget all of my friends here at Delta and all of the memories I have made with them.

Mattie Snyder- I'll never forget the day I was at my intern at the vet clinic in Albany and a lady brought in a stray Golden Retriever. He was in bad shape and she was unable to keep him because she had

a puppy and was expecting a baby. My family was looking for a golden so I offered to take him in. That's how we got Moose.

Tate Stone- I will never forget the time.

McKenzie Sulfridge- I'll never forget the countless amount of memories I've made with AB. I will never forget the feeling before volleyball games.

Jazmine Swoveland- I will never forget MF speech's in COMM210. I could not contain my laughter. I will never forget my after school "tutoring" sessions with SS and PC.

Bethany Taylor- I will never forget when I got a concussion from a pencil sharpener and MP had to save me while I sneezed blood in the teacher's bathroom. I will never forget when JK had a stroke and how strong she is for getting through it. I will never forget how DM and CB always cheered me up in Econ. I will never forget how HH was always there for me.

Chelsie Taylor- I will never forget all of the proms or all of my great art teachers.

Maggie Thompson- I will never forget when MA, SR, and I all would have dance parties in Delta's parking lot after matches. I will also never forget the best group messages ever with LR, JR, CG, and RB. I will never forget TC and the tennis family because TC is my absolute favorite coach and the girls and guys on the team are another family to me.

Stacia Tracy- The main thing I will never forget in high school is the time I spent with the band. We were a huge family, I made most of my friends there, and it was the hardest thing having to say "goodbye" to that group.

Chloe Turner- I will never forget winning both my basketball and football senior nights and my senior homecoming. I will never forget when HH knocked over MS's and my pencil castle in the middle of class. I will never forget meeting my best friends NE and DC. I will never ever forget meeting CD at my first Happy

Friday.

Gregg Walker- I will never forget midnight madness and the bus rides with the boys' tennis team. I'll never forget boys' tennis state finals my junior year. I will never forget the stupid or ridiculous stuff that has happened at Delta High School.

Ben Watters- I will never forget that elevator ride with RB and cross country/track with JP and JR.

Grace Wilson- I will never forget how my friend group sat in the same area for four years.

Nick Wilson- I will never forget having a great season and going to state with the best group of friends this side of the Mississippi.

Danni Wright- I will never forget when JW streaked across the gym floor at a basketball game.

Taylor Wisley- I will never forget all the random inside jokes and laughs I've had with friends like SD, AvdB, WC, TL, MF, AC, NS, SR, MP, JM, MF, and others. I'll never forget that, even though track itself wasn't that great, I still looked forward to seeing my teammates, especially my throwing teammates, everyday. You guys make high school less miserable. Thanks NG, JK, ER, JR, AvdB, SW and DB! Much love fam! I'll never forget all the friends and teachers that made high school memorable. J

Nick Zachary- I will never forget the soccer game in which I got a yellow card for essentially a made-up rule, and when I got back to the bench and told my coach what I got it for, he threw his chair and got thrown out.

Paula Zylka- I will never forget being in choir. I will never forget being in Best Buddies and meeting DY and BS. I will never forget reconnecting with my friends from elementary school and making new ones.

Salutatorian

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One of the biggest places where they poke fun at is class ranking.

"I like jabbing her this year that I was number two freshman year and she started out as number three. It's really killing her because she thought she was smarter than me," said Kiera. "It doesn't really prove anything, but I like to use that against her."



Kiera and Kortney when they were younger. (Photo provided)

Kortney doesn't want to stay behind, and is influenced by Kiera as much as Kiera is influenced by her.

"She definitely motivates me to do better and to be a nicer person," said Kortney. "She pushes me to be more social and not be scared to do stuff."

Kortney plans on working hard to move up in class ranking so she can beat Kiera.

Kiera's hard work and dedication even from a young age has earned her the salutatorian spot.

"I want to be a leader by example, not by being the loudest in the room."

This has been the main goal for Kiera throughout her high school career. Many who

have known her most or all of her life, would agree that she has a good head on her shoulders and will go far.

"Kiera has always been excited about learning and could not wait to start school," said her mom, Karla Helm. "I took her just to tour the preschool and she ended up staying all day. She has always put a lot of pressure on herself academically. She is a quiet leader who leads by example, and I am so proud of the person she has become. She has such a strong work ethic and is continually setting new goals for herself."

Her next academic path leads to Indiana University where she'll major in Human Biology to pursue a career in Optometry.

To get a feel for the field, Kiera has a paid internship laid out for the summer with Dr. Karon Nowakoski at Family Vision Care.

She will follow Dr. Nowakoski and optometric assistants around the office to have hands on experience in the life of an optometrist, allowing her to work with patients and technology she would use in the field. Once she understands how it all works, she will be able to do the work of an optometric assistant by herself.

"Eventually I get to test the patients and do the pre-work before the doctor comes in," said Kiera. "Even though I'll be taking a pre-optometry course, this is



Kiera prepares for her match on senior night. (Photo by Reagan Allen)

stuff I won't be learning until grad school so I'll be ahead. It will help me make sure this is something I want to do."

Kiera wants to be an optometrist because there are no call ins and the pay is good. She hopes to one day live in Chicago with her husband and kids, with a steady job as an optometrist.

Athletically, her tennis career will only continue recreationally so she can focus on academics, but the impact that tennis has had on her is so enormous. It was an impact she might not have had if she hadn't decided to try something new.

"Tennis was something I decided to try on a whim. I had always played softball and right before tryouts I decided to try something new," she said. "I'm glad I decided to play because it has given me a great group of friends who I don't feel pressured to be anyone but myself around."

Some of Kiera's best memories from tennis have come from boys' season and the summer events she participated in. Tennis has taught her to work hard and be selfless, allowing her to become a better leader and more outgoing.

Her dedication and drive through the years have proved she has what it takes to journey on with her next adventure, and that she's already been on the road to success all along.



Kiera with Kortney after their dinner in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. (Photo provided)

SENIOR

Stunts

Past pranks and their consequences

By Sydney May

Several different animals have been set loose in the school, a car slid through, and bleach has been purposely spilled. With the pranks of the past and the consequences of them today, seniors are more cautious with their pranks.

Though many schools and colleges have incidents of streaking, Delta is known to have two. One of the homecoming days of the week was called Get Up and Go, and one boy did just that, running through the school wearing only his underwear.

The student ran through the commons just prior to the 10-minute bell in the morning and ran out the front door. He was followed closely by the principal, Mr. Pat Mapes, who ran him down in a nearby cornfield.

"He decided he was going to run through in his skivvies," biology teacher Mr. Brian Brewer said. "I didn't see the young man, but I was told that he was wearing pretty tight underwear and that people were chasing him down. It was kind of funny."

The other streaking incident was during a basketball game at Delta. That is now on YouTube with 10,000 views.

Many of the pranks involved animals. One year there were crickets turned loose, once a hefty amount of mice set free, and a parakeet that the assistant principal had to deal with. Even exotic animals such

as snakes, were set loose. But even larger animals, such as chickens and pigs, were turned free by students purposely throughout the years.

These pranks weren't as damaging to the school as others. Students decided to put super glue in some of the teachers' doors so they could not get in. The school had to hire a locksmith to fix each door.

THREE THINGS THEY CHECK

1. If any laws are broken. (The school will have to contact the police.)
2. If it violates the student handbook. (They will give that student the consequence as written in the handbook.)
3. If something is damaged. (The student will have to pay for it.)



The location where the bleach prank occurred is right beside the new lounge area in the commons. There is a line where the new carpet is noticeably a different shade than the old carpet.

The locks being fixed were extremely expensive just as the floor being bleached put up a costly price. Three or four students poured bleach in the middle of the carpet in the commons, spelling out their graduating year. This occurred shortly after Delta got new carpeting, so they had to replace the carpeting with even newer carpeting. This made it a slightly different color so today it is obvious to find where the incident happened.

Along with the bleach they brought toothpicks. They put them in many of the doors and broke them off, making it impossible to put a key in.

The locksmith had to come in for another visit. They also zip-tied many of the lockers.

When a prank occurs, the school does everything in their power to make it look like nothing happened, because then the student doesn't get to enjoy their aftermath. The other students don't realize what happened and don't get a good laugh. It's part of the prankster's punishment.

"I got a call at 2:30 in the morning. I was in charge of cutting those ties off all the lockers. I wasn't happy!" head custodian Julie Griffin said.

"The bleach incident and the toothpicks in all the doors was the riskiest because it definitely caused some expense and of course they were reprimanded for it and couldn't go through graduation and things of that nature," health teacher Mr. Joe Scott said.

The students involved had to work in maintenance for the school all summer.

Also in the commons a car has been set out for everyone to see. Students in the 1970s or 1980s managed to bring in a Volkswagen Beetle through the shop and took out the divider of the doors to manually carry it through the school.

Items have been taken out of the school as well. There used to be individual chairs in the lunch room before they were connected to the tables. Some students decided to hide all 300 chairs.

"Somehow somebody found them," Griffin said. "They were in the dugouts of the baseball field."

Three of the custodians, including Griffin, were told to get all of the chairs back in place before the students got to school. Two of the boys that did the prank came up to Griffin apologizing, saying they fully intended to bring the chairs back and they never wanted the janitors to do it.

"I love those guys," Griffin said. "There's about three of them I still communicate with. But at the time I could've choked them out."

Maybe back in the day when the school wasn't locked tight and cameras weren't at

every corner the students could get away with senior pranks, but today it would be extremely hard to do something big and get away with it.

"The school used to be open. You could walk into this building at any time. There was always a door open even at night. It's all locked up now. Times have changed."

-Mr. Brewer-

The doors are locked and there's a keypad and a camera in order to get inside.

Even if students wanted to break in and got away with it for a senior prank, there's always at least a group of custodians there for the night shift that could see anything that happens and could report it.

If a student breaks in at night, it's on purpose so it's breaking and entering. The student has to pay for the damage and they don't get to walk at graduation.

"The school used to be open. You could walk into this building anytime. There was always a door open even at night," Brewer said. "It's all locked up now. Times have changed."

The worst consequence that could happen from a senior prank is a student could be expelled. This means that the student does not earn the credits which might impede graduation.

"If it's a prank it's not good," said assistant principal Joey Gossett. "If it's meant to be a joke, like that they're playing on somebody, and no human or animal is harmed, and no laws are broken ... OK."

Senior 2015 Profile

*Candace
Gray*



What is a perfect Friday night to you?
Watching sad documentaries that make me cry with Madison Savage.

What is one of the most memorable moments of your senior year?
When Mr. Stevens dressed up like a woman.

What is your favorite children's TV show?
Lizzy McGuire

What is your favorite restaurant?
Moe's

What is your hidden talent?
I can lick my elbow, well almost.

Future Plans

Reagan Allen- I'm going to Ball State to study Photojournalism. I want to work for Time and travel the world and photograph it all. When I'm done with my adventures, I want to open my own photography business with my photographer husband (who will have to be able to rock a man bun).

Mackenzie Alva- I will attend Ball State to study nursing. Then, I plan to travel around the United States as a travel nurse. Then, after a couple years, I will adopt kids from all over the world.

Luke Anderson- I will further my education in some field, find my wife to be, get married and have kids, buy a small farm and house, and then live life to the fullest.

Alexis Barnes- I will attend Taylor University to study business management. I will spend my first semester studying abroad in Ireland with my best friend AM.

Kennedy Belangee- I plan to go to IUPUI to major in Biology. Then, become a physician and marry Logan and have four kids.

Paul Biner- I'm going to Ball State, but am unsure of my major at the moment. I'm considering neurology or pharmaceuticals. I don't like to plan too far into the future so that I am pleasantly surprised.

Grant Bowyer- I plan to attend Purdue for engineering.

Rebekah Box- My future plans for after I graduate are to attend Ball State and get my degree in some area. Then go on mission trips. When I return, I'll move out west and start my career by developing biodegradable plastic or helping kids in impecunious countries achieving education. Then, get married and have a nice family on a ranch with a mountain view in Oregon.

Carrie Bradshaw- I will go to Ball State. My sophomore or junior year I will attend school in London. I will graduate and have a fabulous job and be a famous novelist on the side. I will marry a gorgeous man and we might have kids and travel the world.

Nate Brown- I will attend Indiana University to study business. I then plan to go to either New York to strike it rich on Wall Street or out to California to live in the sun.

Brandon Buckner- Going to U of Indy to play football, then go on to the NFL.

Brandon Burkholder- I will attend Indiana University to study medicine with a B.S.N. and a minor in Spanish.

Will Capps- I am going to IU to get my undergrad in biology, then I will get my master's degree somewhere and travel the world as a conservation biologist, studying and saving every species I can.

Jarrod Catron- I will attend Ivy Tech to study Agriculture and Business Administration. During college, I will farm part time. After college, I will farm full time.

Devin Clawson- College, job, death.

John Clawson- Go to college, attend IUPUI, and become president.

Sarena Clay- I will attend Ball State University and study criminal justice and political science. After completing school JH and I will buy an English bulldog whose name will be Hank.

Brayton Conley- I'm going to the University of Toledo to major in Political Science and minor in Business. Go to law school, buy a lot of land, raise some farm animals, get married. Ya know, that "American Dream" stuff.

Alexia Coomer- I will attend Ball State to study Spanish and sign language. After I graduate I will become a translator, find a nice husband or wife, travel the world, and maybe have a kid or two.

Sarah Crouch- I am going up to the U.P. (Upper Peninsula) in Michigan to become a member of a pack of Huskies and study Environmental Engineering. Then, I will save the world.

Joey Dalton- Doctorate in psychology and move away from the tundra known as Indiana.

Hallie Dietz- My future plans are to attend Indiana University in the fall. Past that, I have no clue!

Dylan Dilts- I will attend BSU, Ivy Tech, or both. I'll be studying to be a physical therapist.

Teaghan Dishman- I plan to attend Med School. I want to get married. Have cute little babies, live next to KG, and become a pediatric orthopedic surgeon.

Dreydon Dowd- I plan to attend Ivy Tech for more than likely engineering.

Kennedy Drago- I will attend Indiana University to study medicine and cheer on the Crimson Squad, and then become a surgeon. I then plan to move to Arizona or California and get as far away from Indiana as possible. I will find a husband and have kids sometime after that.

Sydney Dunnuck- I will attend Purdue University and study Criminal Justice. Then, I will plan on attending law school to be a personal injury attorney in North Carolina. Then, I will get married, live in the mountains, and own a bunch of dogs.

Elise Eppard- I will attend Ivy Tech for two years for culinary and pastry arts. Then, transfer to Ball State for another two years for the business program. I will get married, open my own café, and start a family.

Mollie Faust- I am going to Ball State and studying elementary education. I hope I can do missions in Africa somehow. I cannot wait to be a teacher.

Rebecca Finley- I will attend Ball State University to study computer science or computer technology. I plan to get out of Indiana and travel, perhaps.

Dale Foster- I will join the Army and become a policeman. During this time I hope to visit Japan and Germany (Deutschland). I hope to eventually marry and have two or three children.

Alyssa Frazee- I plan to hold it down at the Tech with TG for a year, while continuing to make SC cry. The, I'll transfer to another school and eventually marry LO.

Hannah George- I will attend Ball State and major in Speech Language Pathology. I'll be helping out with the men's swim team and continue being around the pool.

Kaylin Gibson- I'm going to the University of Saint Francis in Ft. Wayne to study Business Administration and Public Relations. I will also be playing tennis there. I will one day be the CEO of a big company and move out of Indiana. I'll find my husband and we'll have a big family and live happily ever after.



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Candace Gray- I will attend IUPUI and study Forensic and Investigation Sciences, minoring in Psychology. I will also spend every Thursday for the rest of my life with MS at Moe's Southwest Grill. While in college, I will study abroad and fall in love with a guy named Paolo and sing with myself on stage...wait.

Courtney Gray- I will go wrestle in college, study sports management, find my soul mate, move out of Indiana and travel the world, and stop in Sweden for a few years to spend time with my Swedish sister.

Kristina Grove- I will attend Ball State University to study elementary education and special education. I will marry my "super man" and have cute little babies. I will be a cheer coach and a teacher who will hopefully make an impact on someone's life. I will travel the world and live happily ever after.

Nathan Hahn- I'm going to Ball State to major in microbiology and I plan to become a neurologist. In the process I will get married, have a few kids, and learn the ways of The Force

Shaylie Hall- I will attend BYU-Idaho and work to get into nursing school. I will minor in Spanish. When I finish nursing school, I will find a job in a NICU probably in the Southwest so I can use my Spanish minor. At some point during or after school, I will get married. When I have kids, I will be a stay-at-home mom.

Jack Hart- I will go to college in an unknown major and will get an English Bulldog named Hank with SC.

Kiera Helm- I will be attending IU to study pre-optometry and major in human biology. I want to travel Europe during and after college. After college, I hope to move to Chicago or near the water, get married, have three kids, own a boat and lake house, and have a couple of adorable dogs.

Grace Hollars- I plan on going to Ball State and majoring in Media and Business.

My goal is to be a CEO of some big media company. Once I make my millions I will retire early to a farm in Texas where I'll have 7 Barrel Horses, and I will travel across the country in a fancy trailer and fulfill my childhood dreams of going to the National Finals Rodeo.

Cade Jones- I will attend DePauw University to study Business and Management, while also playing baseball and football.

Jordan Keppler- My future plans are to attend BSU majoring in biology. I will move to Indianapolis to go to Dental School to become an orthodontist. I will marry my soulmate, then move to South Carolina, open my own practice, make lots of money, have the cutest kids ever, and live happily ever after!

Colin Lane- Be a marine biologist and make mucho bucks.

Angela Lankford- I will attend college at USI to study occupational therapy. I then plan on moving out of Indiana to find a job and start a family, where I want two or three kids.

Thomas Lundberg- I'm going to stay in America. I can't go to college next year because my immigration isn't complete yet, but 2016 I can. I will try to get into Ball State University and major in sound engineering. Until then, I'm going to work, skate, and play music.

Lauren Lykins- I plan on futhering my education in Art and History in college. Living a long and prosperous life surrounded by loved ones. I want to be happy wherever I am with whoever I am with. And dogs, I want dogs.

Peyton Masters- I plan to attend Ball State and study business and possibly transfer to IU. I do not have exact plans for what field of business, but I will see where it takes me.

Delaney McCaslin- I will go to Ball State University, figure my life out, and become successful. After that, I will meet and marry Chris Evans, get a big house, maybe two, have several beautiful children, and live happily ever after.

Autumn McCowan- I will attend International Business College/Vet Tech Institute to study veterinary technology. I plan on getting married soon after graduating from college. We will have two kids and continue living on a farm and raising livestock.

Misty Meacham- I am attending IU Bloomington to major in nursing. I then will work towards a master's degree to become a nurse practitioner. I want to specialize in neonatal care. I will get married after college and live in a small city with my family.

Logan Melton- I plan to go to Ball State and be the best soldier I can be.

Josh Minch- I'm going to Ball State. I will major in computer science and retire in about 10 years. Gonna then move to Cali, live on the beach and surf, or travel the world, it's undecided yet.

Alyvia Morgan- I will be attending Taylor University in the fall, but studying abroad in Ireland my first semester. I will be majoring in Christian education ministries. Someday, I hope to have a large family and live in a house out in the country.

Angie Naaman- Go to Ball State and major in exercise science, find a good job to pay all student debt, live in my dream home with acreage and trees, find the perfect man, and have a long, happy life.

Brooke Oliver- I will attend Ball State University and study biology/pre-med. I then plan to attend medical school to become a pediatrician.

Vince Palumbo- I will attend Pennsylvania State University to study forensic criminology. Later plans are still undecided.

Jenna Parsons- I will attend Ball State to study English Education. After graduating, I hope to marry my "country boy" and move to Maine and have two kids, then travel the world together.

Merissa Patton- I'm going to Ivy Tech to study Early Childhood Education and intend to work in a daycare or preschool (hopefully also be able to travel to Italy and Greece).

Caitlin Pease- I plan on attending Ball State for criminal justice and psychology, and eventually transfer to IU and finish out my college career to become a forensic psychologist.

Jennifer Phillips- I will work in a salon, since I will have my cosmetology license when I graduate. I will also take an EMT class the summer of '15. Then, I plan to either move to California with my boyfriend that's in the Navy, or stay here and get my own house.

Jacey Price- I plan to go to IU and study biology and/or neurology. I want to get my doctorate, but I don't know exactly what field I want to get into. I also want to travel a lot to different places.

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Future Plans

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Ericka Pursley- I will attend the University of Indianapolis to study Physical Therapy. After college, I'll start my career, and eventually I'll get married. My husband and I will build my dream house and we'll fill it with babies.

Lindsey Reagon- Attend Ball State for graphic design. Work for a magazine company. Travel the world. Find a hubby. Probably have a few kids. But most of all, follow the pursuit of happiness.

Jillian Renbarger- I will attend Ball State to major in Secondary Education/Math. I then plan to get my masters in Administration to be a principal. I will eventually get married to the love of my life, have two kids, a few dogs, and a beautiful house.

Jay Robillard- I will attend Indiana University and study some type of business. I then plan to move somewhere warm and run a company with my friend Reed. I'll probably just fly solo with Reed my whole life and adopt kids together.

Paton Robinson- I will attend Ivy Tech for two years to get my associates degree in nursing, then I will transfer to Ball State to further my education. After I get my bachelors degree, I plan on becoming a Trauma Nurse. Then I would like to find my husband, and have two kids.

Taylor Sanders- I will attend Ivy Tech University to study Early Childhood Education. I then plan to get a job teaching children. Then, I will eventually get married and have my own kids.

Madison Savage- I will attend Ball State University. I'm not 100 percent sure on my major yet, but I'll figure it out. I hope to have a family and two dogs. Maybe a cat, who knows, life is

crazy. I plan to live somewhere warm and meet Candace at Moe's every Thursday.

Nicholas Shafer- I will attend Ivy Tech studying ag and engineering. Get a full time job at 3M in Hartford City and then get married and have two kids.

Allison Sherwood- I will become a tree, and after about four years of being a tree, I will travel to see different and more exciting trees.

Abbi Simpson- After high school I plan on going to college to get my basic studies done so I can transfer to Ball State. While at Ball State I will meet prince charming and get married and have two kids, River and Sadie.

Kam Slaven- I plan on going to Saint Francis University to play basketball and study business. I will graduate and get a really hot wife and have tons of babies, probably just two.

Olivia Smith- I plan to go to Ball State University and major in nursing. I hope to eventually become a nurse practitioner and work with the disabled. After that is up to chance. I don't believe anyone can fully plan out their life.

Mattie Snyder- I will attend Purdue for Pre-Vet school. Eventually, I will own my own practice to care for small animals. I plan on living in a house with a big yard so my two dogs have plenty of room to play. I'll also have other exotic animals such as geckos, and I really want a pet otter.

Tate Stone- I plan to go to DePauw University and major in biology.

McKenzie Sulfridge- I plan on going to school for dental. Then, I plan to live a little before I settle down and have three babies. A boy first, then two girls. And dogs, I want them all.

Jazmine Swoveland- I will attend Ivy Tech for their nursing program for two years, then transfer to Ball State into their nursing program. I plan on marrying a chunky ginger with pretty blue eyes. We will have two boys and one girl.

Bethany Taylor- I plan to attend Xavier University and major in Chemistry, then go on to many more years of school to become an ophthalmologist (eye surgeon).

Chelsie Taylor- I plan on attending BSU and double majoring in environmental law and ceramic art. After this awful time in college, I will be rich.

Maggie Thompson- I plan to graduate from Ball State with a master's to be a pediatric nurse practitioner. I then plan to find a husband, have kids, and live somewhere new. As I get older, I plan to keep pursuing happiness and living life to the fullest.

Stacia Tracy- I plan to attend Ivy Tech to take my basic classes. Then, I want to go to IUPUI to get my master's in Psychology and minor in Photography. I hope to meet a good man there and get married. After college, I want to move to a different state and start a family.

Chloe Turner- I will attend Indiana University in Bloomington, and attain my master's degree in speech pathology and audiology. Then, just live a long healthy life with my family, and have lots of dogs.

Gregg Walker- My future plans are go to college at Indiana State University, graduate with a degree in Archaeology, join the Army, and be in the Airborne or a tank.

Ben Watters- I am going to go to Ball State and date around.

Nick Wilson- I will attend Indiana University to major in Entrepreneurship and Corporate Innovation while taking premed classes. My dream is to own my own company.

Danni Wright- I will attend Ivy Tech and then transfer to Ball State.

Taylor Wrisley- I plan to go to Great Lakes Christian College and major in Family Life Education. Hopefully, after college, I'll get married and have like three kids. I'll also hopefully get a job as some sort of counselor.

Nick Zachary- I am attending Northern Arizona University and majoring in Forestry. I hope to work as a park ranger or forest manager in a National Park around the West Coast. I hope to travel around the country and visit Europe as well.

Paula Zylka- I will go to Ivy Tech for two years then to a major college to study in Social Work. After college, I will go into my field of study. I will marry and have two-three kids or just be single forever.



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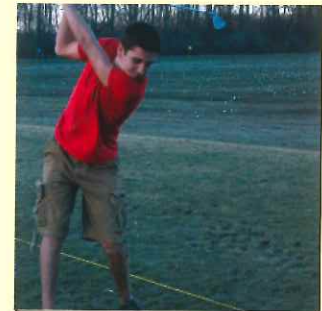
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