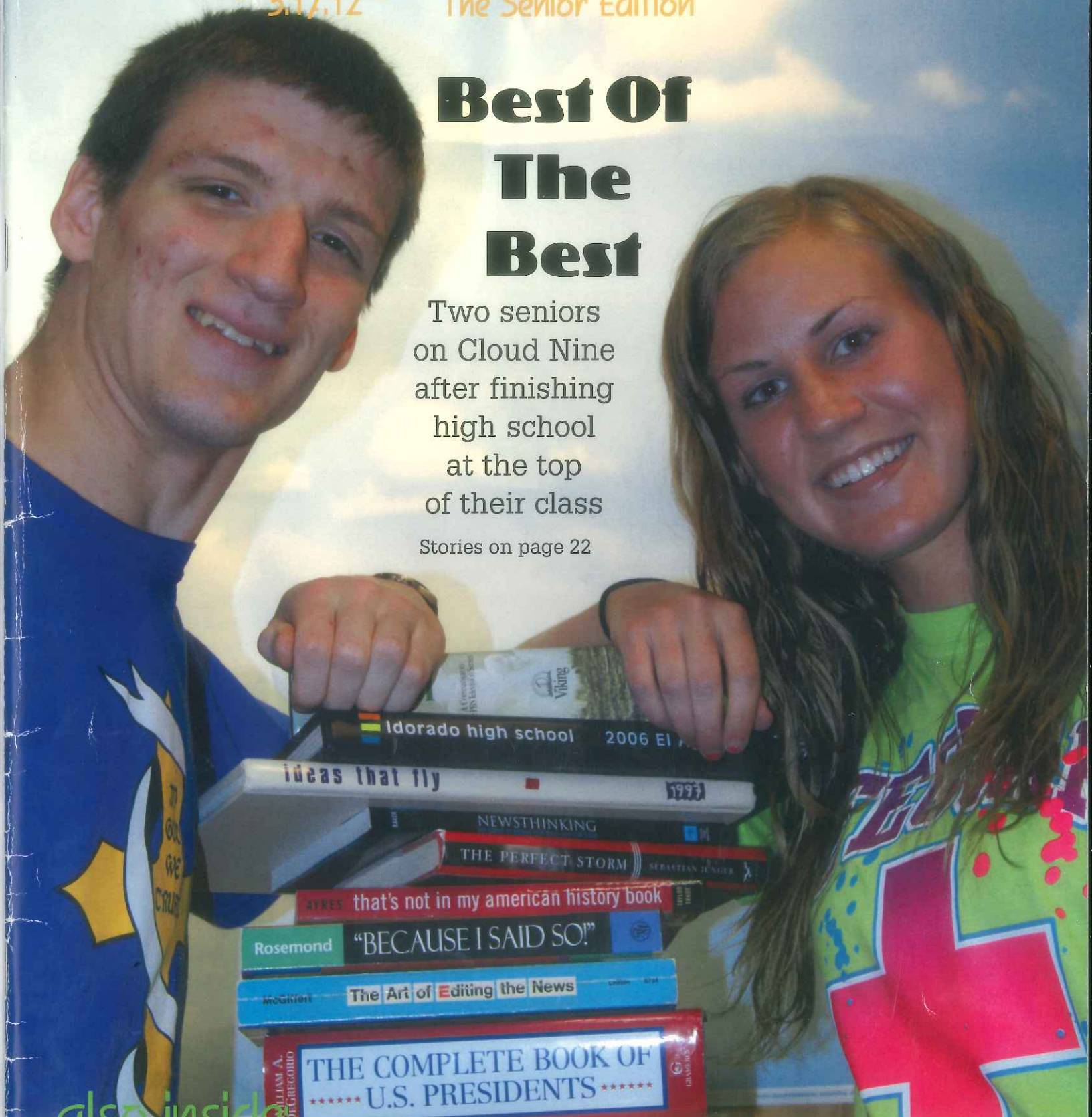


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# What's Special About Class of 2012?

By Gracie Hollars

We ask the same question every year. What makes this senior class so special?

Mrs. Dawn Raleigh, English and Theatre teacher, said, "This class is an interesting group in that it seems so diversified. There are so many students who are eclectic and creative; some are incredibly intelligent and focused; some are 'middle-of-the-road'; some are struggling but will find their path."

Just like every class, they have all grown their own special and unique bond with each other. They hold each other up and support one another.

Since the class is graduating in less than a month,

Mrs. Hanna Kikendall, English teacher, said she is going to miss hearing them say hello throughout her day and knowing what is going on in their lives.

A reason why this class might be so special is because of all the athletic, academic and student leaders that represent the class. According to Mrs. Raleigh, overall the class has done a lot for our school and community.

Many students stand out because of their leadership and academics. Haven Wegesin was one.

Haven thinks the senior class is special because even though their energy is sometimes misdirected, she says they're all creative and talented, with



advanced thinking and fresh ideas.

Overall the class stood out and made an impression on the school and everyone in it. It's sad to see them go, but we'll always have memories with the Class of 2012.

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# Behind The Scenes

*'He's got such an interesting perspective on things'*

Story and Photo  
By Leah Williams

Students at Delta High School have seen some emotional videos this year. The moment when Taps was being played outside by the flagpole in the Veterans' Day video, footage of the towers falling in the 9-11 video and teacher Mr. Tom Devine singing "American Pie" were particularly affecting. Senior Kevin Clements was instrumental to all of these productions.

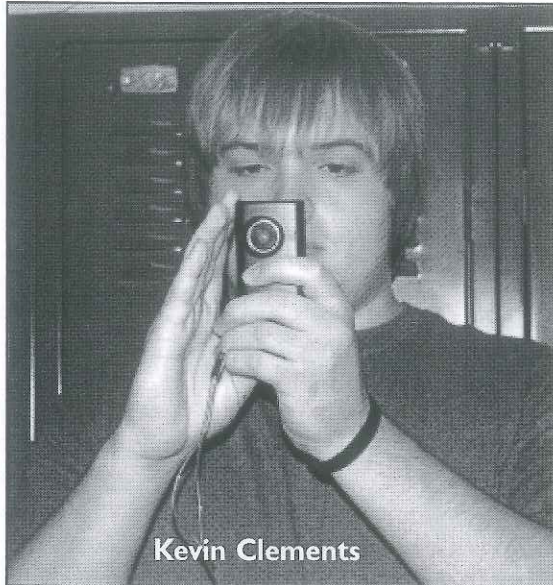
Currently, he is working on the senior slideshow of submitted photos, and spearheading a new video, one with an interview with each senior.

Clements had taken the video announcements class in the past, but really got into the video editing side this year with the 9/11 video. He discovered that he liked it. It continued throughout the year, whether it was helping to edit the daily announcements or working on the Mr. Devine video with senior Zane Naylor.

"He's got such an interesting perspective on things," said Naylor. "It's not uncommon for us to have two different ideas on what to do with a video." Their two views on things came together for the Mr. Devine video, and its success.

Mr. Tim Cleland, the video announcements teacher, said of Clements, "He comes up with ideas and runs with them and makes them happen." To Clements, it's not just an assignment. "When he has an idea at this point, I really trust him on it and I don't have to hold his hand," Mr. Cleland added.

While the topics of



Kevin Clements

Clements' earlier videos were somber, his newest one has a celebratory feel. His love of making videos led to Clements looking into the senior video. "My original idea was to have a 'Getting to Know Your Seniors' segment on the announcements," he said. This idea evolved, first as something to play with the senior slideshow at graduation, to a video available for purchase that includes an interview with every senior. He describes it as "kind of like a history DVD of our Class of 2012."

Mr. Cleland said of the video, "I think it's a wonderful idea. He had this vision of a keepsake that would be more than just pictures." Mr. Cleland stressed that, at just \$7 for roughly 200 interviews, the DVD is well worth it to purchase.

Each

interview consists of three basic statements: the senior states his or her name, three facts about himself or herself, and what he or she will miss most about high school. "I thought it'd be cool to look back 20 years from now and see how everyone looked and talked. See how the high school trend changes," Clements said.

It has taken many hours and much effort to make this

video. "I had to take a lot of SRT and study hall passes." Clements has had to seek out each senior, but he has enjoyed the job. "It gives me a chance to interact with all my classmates," he said. He has most enjoyed speaking with students he doesn't know very well, as this may be his last chance to get to know them.

Clements has been working on this project since Oct. 26 and is nearly finished. He still has to film his own name, facts, and what he'll miss most. Like many of the other seniors did before him, he is taking his time deciding what to say.

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# Changes coming to high school

## New dress code rules to affect students

By Shannon Ellery

Changes are afoot at Delta High School. Many students already know about the retirement of principal Jim Koger, but along with a new principal next year, Delta will also be getting some new rules, including ones for sleeping, graduation requirements, and dress codes.

Most students are already familiar with this year's school rules, shirt straps must be wider than an inch and three tardies result in detention. But next year, changes will be made, including rules being both altered and created.

Delta High School has a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) team that consists of Ms. Gossett, Mrs. Stinson, Mrs. Giammichele, Mrs. Ervin, Mr. Brewer, Mrs. Griffis, and Mrs. Lewman. Their goal is to find new and different methods of encouraging students rather than just the usual referral or detention. They come up with ideas for positive reinforcement in response to good behavior such as the new "Race to the Pole."

"Race to the Pole" is the school's



This photo illustrates one of the changes for next year's dress code rules. The shorts on the left extend beyond the fingertips and therefore are long enough. The shorts on the right do not; this would be a dress code violation next year.

new tardy race, where the class with the least amount of tardies between May 1 and May 18 will be the class dismissed first to the school picnic. This is because of the high amount of tardies being recorded this school year. But this isn't the only change that's coming to Delta.



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The student handbook (found in the agenda) has an infraction table that shows the different punishments for various offenses committed by students. Next year, this table will include sleeping in class and misbehaving in In School Suspension (ISS). In addition to these changes to already existing rules, there will be a new Internet responsibility policy that all students will have to agree to before they will be able to use the Internet.

The changes to the rule book that most students are probably worried about the most are the dress code changes. Currently, the dress code allows students to wear tank-tops as long as the strap is more than an inch, and students are allowed to wear shorts and skirts that are at a decent length. Next year, shirt straps will have to be at least two inches, and shorts will have to be long enough to reach your fingertips. This is in addition to the pre-existing rules about leggings, holey jeans, and undergarments showing.

"I believe it becomes a safety issue," said assistant principal Joey Gossett about the new dress code rules.

Also being changed are graduation requirements for incoming freshmen. Currently, the standard Core 40 diploma only requires three years of math: Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. The new graduation requirement for the Core 40 diploma states that "All students must take a math or quantitative reasoning course each year." SAT scores for students trying to attain their Academic Honors diplomas also have shot up from 1200 to 1750, with a minimum of 530 per section.

Students can see Ms. Gossett if they have any questions about the new rules.



Michael Smith is the only senior with perfect attendance for this school year.

# 'Michael Smith?' 'Here!' (always)

By Candace Gray

Most of us have days when we feel like the scum of the Earth. We feel so terrible that we stay home from school. But a few students push through that sick feeling and come to school anyway.

Senior Michael Smith is the master at pushing that sick feeling aside and coming to school whether or not he is feeling 100 percent. Smith has not missed a single day his entire senior year, making him the only senior with perfect attendance. And he only missed a couple days his junior year.

Smith said that he has come to school every day because he knows he has to do it. He hasn't tried to have perfect

attendance, but just the fact that he knows he has to come gets him up out of bed.

Smith also believes that the more you are here, the better your grades will be. If you aren't here to learn the material your teachers teach you, then your grades will probably go down. So that is why Smith is at school as often as he can, so that his grades can be the best that they can be.

On the days that Smith doesn't feel too well, he grits his teeth and moves on with his day.

Even though Smith comes to school every day, his overall look on school is not very good. "I still hate it," Smith said.

Smith plans to go to Ball State University to study radiology and radiology therapy.



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# I Wills ...

**Aubriana Adney:** I will CT and VB my ability of leadership on the swim team; JH and AM singing the National Anthem; AN and LW my country music; TM my spot in the Distance Lane.

**Jacob Bell:** I will....be back! Literally!

**Morgan Bergren:** I will MB my procrastination skills; LW to be MB big sister when I move away.

**Adam Brown:** I will CJ my baseball jersey; CB my parking spot; CJ my warm up ball; and my heart to CB.

**Megan Buckner:** I will the Eagle mascot to a courageous underclassman; a great Delta experience to RB; locker 125 to a lucky freshman; a great senior year and a great tennis season to JW and KS; my love for band to BW and KH; my NHS presidency to BG (good luck! You will do great!); a great sophomore year to OS; my parking spot to another VW bug owner!

**Austin Chriswell:** I will leave behind my ability to fly under the radar like a boss.

**Catricia Clark:** I will my ability to make awkward situations something to laugh about.

**Kaitlin Clawson:** I will JC the family name and my basketball skills; LW my captain spot; RH my cooking abilities; JS my brother; TD and EP my locker room spot and the #20 jersey; LC my "status"; ES my tanning abilities; JHS my intelligence; DL two new awesome locker buddies; AF my gym volleyball talent; the class of 2013 a fantastic, fun-filled senior year.

**Kevin Clements:** I will DP my spot at first chair trumpet; BF my editing abilities for the announcements; JL my lack of knowledge on cars; RB my flicking abilities.

**Lynne Costello:** I will JW and KS a great lunch table; NA, MM, AL, KS, JW, MW, SZ, and BS an awesome senior tennis season; MA a ride to school; BW fun car rides home from tennis; IW the best youth group ever; TD an exciting tennis career with a new doubles partner.

**Kysha Cox:** I will the POSC to KC when

he is able to drive; KF the ability to boss around his new locker buddies; all of the chewed gum in my locker to the new freshman.

**Kimberly Cull:** I will AG my random hiccups that I have; MH the place where my friends and I hang out at in the mornings; IR my corner in the sewing room at church.

**Nichole Ellis:** Advice for underclassmen: don't mess around. Your high school career will end faster than you think. You need to have an education to make it. I know how it feels to be left behind. You will see your friends graduate before you if you do not take this seriously.

**Brittany Engle:** I will SS, SC and DK an awesome senior year; SS the ability to let KD calm down and throw a strike; Delta softball girls a good season; a cute freshman my CLEAN locker!

**McKenzie Evans:** I will ML and JW a great


senior year and a junior year with a lot of crazy memories to laugh at; SJ and HM to find someone else to be rude and sarcastic with but still love secretly and a great junior year; AC new lab partners; JR a new person to hug everyday after 5<sup>th</sup> period.

**Alicia Farmer:** I will EG my bossy attitude toward underclassmen runners; MR my ability to laugh quietly; JW my ability to dance at prom; EP my ability to sing; all the girls basketball players my ability to work hard every day and to stick with it; MD my ability to rock sweatpants every day.

**Kaycee Fears:** I will AB my standing on the bottom of my locker skills because of my height.

**Rachel Gill:** I will MB the power to survive BSU English; KF good luck when he is surrounded by freshmen in our locker bay; RR and MR good luck in block class; BG to carry on the Gill legacy at Delta.

**Haley Gray:** Really all I have to leave is my locker, 766 was on the very end right by a trashcan. My locker was always clean and plenty of elbow room.



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**Joseph Gray:** I will leave the underclassmen my locker.

**Kelsey Grogg:** I will my ability to have the trust of teachers to be able to go out of class without having the worry of doing something you are not supposed to.

**Ethan Grove:** I will my Mariah Carey t-shirt to ASJ; my dinosaur figurines and spaceship lunchbox to JF; my master rhymes and producing studio to ER; the Jaws of Life to NW; my pizzeria skills to RH; my Prius to CT; and my winking ability to MA.

**Jacob Hagen:** I will DC my right to give "good jobs"; SZ my locker Army men; JA my secret service captain position to give to whom he wishes; both BD and DC the mission to spread the cause to the masses; something small and nice to KK.

**TC Hargis:** I will leave the ability to slack off and turn in homework at the last minute.

**Tori Havens:** I will JH my 7 1/2 dive; VB, MT, ST, KD, KG, HL, MA my cheerleading skills; TM my cat towel; AG, TG "my" Patrick magnet and duck-tape; NB my "walks" and Denver; DC my locker to be set to zero; JG my cookies for it being Tuesday; GI my low wave; KH my diving skills; and my hiccups and heart to JH.

**Ali Hernandez:** I will MT and VB an amazing senior year of cheerleading and KD and KG three more amazing years of cheerleading; my art buddy AB a new friend to gossip with; JP the front of the line for food in golf for the rest of her high school career; LC and LO a fun-filled senior year with tons of memories.

**Tori Hernly:** I will MR and JL my lunch table; KH my parking spot; JJ my computer in Mr. Jones' class; LC my "Life of the Party" spot in the senior who's who's; LD my cooking abilities in foods class; JL my merp.

**Erica Himes:** I will KL and SZ my lunch table; KW my spot in choir; SZ my singing voice; JT my ability to bash on DT; CB my amazing drawing skills; MM my brain; KL our parking row.

**Katie Holdren:** I will JW and KS a killer lunch table; JP a fabulous golf season; TD and KD new locker buddies; MH an amazing freshman year!

**Claudia Jackson:** I will the best of luck to ST, HM, MG, and GH in high school; my locker 388 and my caterpillar I made in ceramics to HM and ST; these same girls the responsibility to take over senior pranks and kidnapping at PDC; them the right to Michelle on the night of the kidnapping....make me proud!

**Kali Jones:** Leave my locker to a new freshman with a note taped inside saying "good luck and have fun!"

**Tiffany Kaufman:** I will PR our lunch table and all the most random and amazing conversations at lunch; MD all the knowledge I have learned as being a senior and all of the fun times in foods class with JM.

**Austin Lemna:** I will the fine breathing rubber duckies to DJ and BS; my sneaky ability to cut the lunch line to JR; finding the new poop butt man to DH and TH; the rights to have more summer nights of hot tub time machine to ASJ, ER, and JF.

**Alexa Lewis:** I will EG and ME a ride to golf practice; BF and TH a killer lunch table; SZ, MW, KG and CN a new big sister as wonderful as me; SR the ability to join our little family; MH my colorful tennis shoe strings.

**Sam Long:** I will the Monsters intramural team to SB; my motivation to work out to ZA and RH.

**Kevin Maddy:** I will JP my snake head out in my truck.

**Elise Mauer:** I will ST my ability to make likeable t-shirt designs; BF my spot in the morning.

**Jeremy May:** I will my ability to any who wish to do the bare minimum and still get by.

**Juliea McDonald:** I will RM the McDonald name being the youngest child; KM the greatest senior year; an underclassman secretary duties for the 2012-2013 FFA year; a freshmen my locker; the staircase by the math rooms a crazy group for 4 years.

**Tyler McDonald:** I will SP the Gator and the responsibility of managing; JC the first chair in tenor sax in jazz band.

**Bailey Mercer:** I will CM an unforgettable junior and senior year and the best of luck with everything; RR and JP the ability to kick butt during golf season, have fun, and lead the team to a winning record.

**Bethany Miller:** I will ZW my bass clarinet.

**Will Moore:** I will BF my spot in Orchard's room in the mornings; NB my crazy, violent, vomit-filled laugh; DS my purple hair; MC my locker so none of the freshmen annoys her.

**Zachary Moore:** I will leave my hardworking and dedicated skills in academics behind; my team leadership on the cross country and track teams; mostly my name for others that looked up to me as a good friend and teammate that see me as an inspiration.


**Taylor Morris:** I will JC my Native American abilities; BM my locker air freshener; NW my dancing skills; BM my dance face; JG scruffy.

**Brooklyn Myers:** I will to leave the underclassmen to work hard in school and don't slack off. It is not worth trying to catch up on credits your senior year.

**Seth Myers:** My locker to Scotty-Boy.

**Beau Nash:** I don't care who takes over the king of detention.

**Zane Naylor:** The EIC position to SN; the secrets of the past, present and future to CD; the speed and agility I use in track to BW; control of the Farmington gang to GH; the studio to BF; my spot in the weight room to RB; my skill with women to NB; my pumpkin to DR and MC; the keys to success to CD; locker 510 to SH; my morning bus rides to RB, ST, and occasionally LWV; my ability to



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procrastinate to block students; my musical ability to IW; a pancreas to SG; the newsroom to OB.

**Sean Neal:** I will my Taylor Davis's engineering skills to TH; my parking spot to BR; my good looks to DH; my ability to maintain composure to JA; the location of the secret school bathroom to JG.

**Jeremy Nickens:** I will my parking spot to DC.

**Jordan Parsons:** I will JP my intern spot when she is a senior; also calling "seniority" on the golf team; GH my parking spot.

**Nikiya Parsons:** I will VB and MT the best senior year ever cheering; LO and LC to have way too much fun their senior year; BT to stay out of trouble; DW to keep cheering her heart out; AC to find someone great to bring breakfast in the morning to; KD and KG a great three years on varsity, I'm proud of you girls.

**Sherlyn Peckinpaugh:** I will KL my weird humor and sarcasm; JL my Bari sax case and front row spot; SZ my freedom and an amazing senior year; KS and KK my Best Buddies leadership position, you guys will do great!

**Logan Ray:** I will SZ and BF the SUITT legacy; TA the ability to find the last prom wallet; D to eat whatever is for dinner; BG all the swimming duties including "bababooie!"; CR my incredible pro-wrestler charisma; LXY the appropriate rockstar skills.

**Eli Riggin:** I will JS my parking spot; MM the power to open that locker and enjoy her years in HS to the full potential; KL the sketch pad from King Rex.

**Brianna Roper:** I will leave the underclassmen to have fun in high school with your friends because in the blink of an eye you will be graduating and it will be over. Let the pointless drama go and enjoy every minute of this time in your life. Once it's time to graduate, it will be very bitter-sweet as you'll be excited to close one chapter and start another.

**Nate Sanders:** I will JS my locker, my lunch table, my status with teachers, and my ability to get to lunch early; ES my parking spot and my driving skills/common sense behind the wheel; equally my knowledge of paintballing, fishing, and music to JS, LC, and ML; my football and basketball skills to JC and LC.

**Joe Schafer:** I will SB the #42 for football; TN the key to the backdoor.

**Alex Selvey:** I will to BF my Cocoa Puffs; TH pizza; MS a prom date; NB my faux haw; BM and JS my "help" in Earth Space; lastly I ask that my spot in lunch be given a life-sized statue of me sitting there and remain unused.

**Kathryn Sexton:** I will leave a piece of advise, the sooner you grow up, the easier your life will be. Trust me we have all been there and done that.

**Jonathan Smith:** LS, BD, JR, KF and JC my dunking ability and some extra height; JC the title of "Big John/Juan Grande"; LW the Brain Game captaincy; the office a new runner; SC, DK, MC, HL and KR a new #1 fan; KCS a good year as "Last of the Smiths"; all the girls somebody to tell them every day that they look pretty!

**Michael Smith:** I won't cut in the line, even if everyone around me does.

**Kasin Spay:** EP my awesome dancing and singing abilities; ML the ability to make the softball CD's; RB a great senior football and track season and a great senior year; LF a new locker buddy who hopefully isn't too weird.

**Bond St. John:** I will JR the ability to be his own person; CT a coin to make decisions; ER a leg hair; DE my backhand; BW and DH the aptitude to attend Purdue; ES the ability to be mean when necessary; JF all Borat humor; CF the cardigan confidence; DC the ability to talk more; AB my lateness; CD my APPLE products; and ASJ my car and everything else in my life.

**Shelby Starkey:** I will BF my dirty looks; EG my poptart crusts; TH all of my pizza; AO my terrible study habits; IR my baking skills; AF my forever friendship.

**Courtney Stephenson:** I will AN my soccer jersey number; JM my position on the soccer field; HL and KS my position in yearbook; my locker to a lucky freshman; MW my ability to not get in trouble; KG my position in Learn to Swim; KM my parking spot.

**Bekah Sue:** I will AM my spot at the lunch table; KD my ability to procrastinate and still prevail; JG my parking spot; TL my ability to go to school despite not wanting to; TS my spot at the light board; HA my ability to push people out of the way of the lockers.

**Lydia Summers:** I will HL to be the best base on the squad; IW to be a light in his new school; GH to make the best sugar cookies on the planet.

**Alex Taylor:** I will KD my parking spot if she is driving next year; if not, then it is up for grabs.

**Zack Tetrault:** I will AJ and JF night launching; AJ the breath of life; CC my lungs; CT the ability to win at gun mayhem; JF all the apples in the world; NW some better ideas; JR my height; KF the ability to earth bend; GI the ability to speak to animals; RB my awkwardness; DH my destructive tendencies; BW the ability to play it cool.

**Jeremy Thompson:** I will leave them all a surprise.

**Briann Thornburg:** I will SS, KD, DK, KL, EP, LB and HL a great softball season next year; KW, CB, KC, JW, MW, NB and CO a new lunch table, BR a new friend in Algebra 2.

**Ashley Twigg:** I will A.B. my locker, my parking place, and an awesome three more years! I will H.H. the best three more years with A.B. I will R.F. the best baseball season next year.

**Elly Vaughn:** I will EV my bedroom when I move out, my ability to never be late, and a fun senior year when her turn comes around.

**Joey Waycott:** I will leave all my broken dreams and lost aspirations to the 2013 freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors; oh and for the seniors I will leave the wrath of Mrs. Ervin, also known as "The Ervinator."

**Haven Wegesin:** I will AO my role in theater; TH, MJB, and B my sarcasm; those same people should ask themselves if I was being sarcastic; an adorable frosh my amazing WORKING locker; IW my lunch table; the most deserving (kind-hearted, compassionate, trustworthy) junior my "Prom Queen"; you all to be yourself and face every day optimistically.

**Lauryn Winningham:** I will our lunch table to BF and TH; RH my sarcasm; NB my aunt; MB a new big sister...me.

**Dylan Winters:** I will memories.

**Gage Winters:** I will AC the line of trust



# From v-neck shirts to Locks of Love, trends show up everywhere

By Kinsee Collins

**Whitney Witt:** I will MR, JL and ML the lunch table; JJ, JB, WC, MB, DC, JM, AC and BT a great senior year and many funny memories; CW a fantastic next two years in high school, and I hope it is drama free; JP the ability to be happy the next three years of high school because she deserves it; KG the ability to know how mushrooms grow; LW a winning soccer season; CK fun high school years.

**Callie Worthington:** I will SB, CD and DJ the responsibility to supply their own gum, and for each other; AL, MM, NA, JW, MW, and KS the senior leadership role on the tennis team and the right to kick some serious butt; SR my very close parking spot; MC my mad baking skills and the ability to yell at the freshmen; MA the responsibility to warm up with AL and have a great next season.

**Meliah Wray:** I will IW being called the name "Wray of sunshine" by Mr. Omstead; IR the heated seat on the bus; KR my swagger.

**Jason Wright:** I will AB and CD my hopes for Delta Campus Life; ST a gold key; BW my sterling work ethic; BW the enjoyment of the irony of that statement; LW a great senior year; SW a great freshman year.

**Shelby Wyman:** I will EP and LB my ability to be mature when it is appropriate; BS my ability to call people stupid and not get into trouble for it.

**Audrey York:** I will MC a mule; KR and KK my captain spot on the bowling team; TS a great senior year; AS a pair of hulk hands; MR a box of Cheez-Its; TR my best friend; TG a new lunch buddies and a big cookie; CS a 300 game and great season.

**Graham Zgunda:** I will ASJ, JF, CD, CC, KF, and JR the tradition of cardigan day; AH my position of spur; RB my love of "Ze Das"; ASJ my brother's scooters; CT the tradition of charging with swords on the last day of the week.

**Kade Zvokel:** I will Cabbage Patch Corner to CJ; TS to SB, AT, AC, JS, JT, TR, CJ and TB; my love of Eastbound and Down and Kenny Powers to ER; being the best Kade in the school to CJ; my spot as the baseball team's real number one pitcher to AC.

There are trends arising everywhere. Most people think clothes when they hear the word "trends," but trends are not just about clothes, they are about all kinds of things.

A trend that was happening this year was Locks of Love. This is when students get their hair cut and give it to the program so it can be given to cancer patients who need hair.

Your hair has to be nine inches long to donate.

"I did Locks of Love because it was for a good cause and felt nice to help people," senior Ali Hernandez said.

Freshmen McKenzie Sulfridge and Allyson Buckner donated to Locks of Love as well.

"Allyson and I did Locks of Love for our friend's parent, Kelly Bland, who was diagnosed with breast cancer," said Sulfridge.

Other trends that were very popular this year included TOMS, cardigans, Uggs, and Sperrys. Another trend that was popular was v-neck shirts. V-neck shirts

were popular for both girls and guys.

"I like the white v-necks; they are comfortable," senior Kasin Spay said.

There are some guy trends that were really popular this year. Some were the tank tops and Sanuks.

Some kids would like to bring some of the old trends back.

"If I could bring a trend back, I would bring back the sweatshirt around the

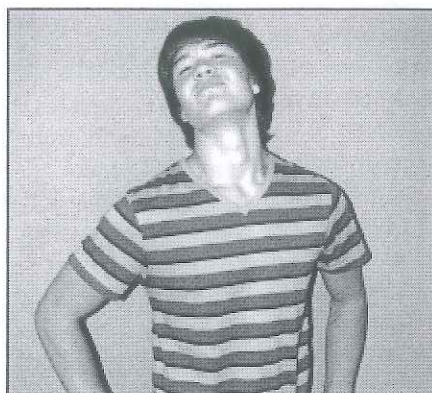
waist!" senior Rachel Gill said.

Students have their trends that they don't like, also.

"My least favorite trend is leggings as pants with no shirt covering them," Hernandez said.

Gill said her least favorite trend was spray tans.

Ethan Grove said that he didn't have a least favorite trend because everybody has his or her own style.



Christian Robinson clown's around as he models the V-neck style. (Photo by Katherine Smith)

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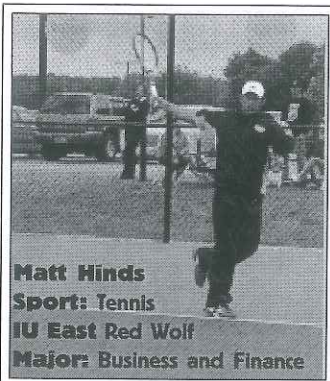
# From EAGLES To...

Many Delta athletes are graduating and moving on to play sports in college

RED WOLVES  
PILOTS  
ROYALS  
PIONEERS  
GRIZZLIES  
CARDINALS  
WILDCATS

By Seth Neal

College athletes are considered to be the best of the best of high school athletes. They



**Matt Hinds**  
Sport: Tennis  
IU East Red Wolf  
Major: Business and Finance

include the strongest, fastest, hardest working, most dedicated, and the ones with natural talent. The step between high school

and college athletics is a large one, considering the much higher level of competition and more difficult circumstances.

Come this fall, a select few of the senior athletes you see on Delta squads today may be on

much bigger ones in college. From the Class of 2012, there will be at least seven Eagle athletes who will be playing their respective sports in

college.

These athletes include Matt Hinds, Katie Holdren, Mackenzie Laboyteaux, Taran Temple, Alicia Farmer, Ozzie Mann and Morgan Bergren.

Whether they're playing at an NCAA Division-I level or in the NAIA, these specific players have earned their way into college athletics, showing that their hard work and dedication has finally paid off.

**Matt Hinds** will be playing tennis at Indiana University East in Richmond, Ind. IU East plays at the NAIA level.

Playing at the top singles JV spot last fall for Delta, Hinds hopes to play at one of the top three singles positions and two-doubles for the Red Wolves. He has high expectations for himself going into the season next school year.

"The tennis program is very young, so I would like to leave holding the singles record for most wins," he said.

Being a regular JV player for the tennis team (although receiving a varsity letter) and being able to play on a college team displays the skill level of the Eagle tennis team. Because Delta tennis plays at such a high level around the state, Hinds doesn't think that there will be much difficulty shifting to NAIA athletics.

"I've been playing at least three to four days a week and doing some lifting to get stronger," he said. "I've also been playing in tournaments and plan to continue to do that more frequently as the season approaches."

**Katie Holdren** and **Mackenzie Laboyteaux** are both going to play golf in college. Holdren is going to play at Bethel

University in Mishawaka, Ind., and Laboyteaux at Warner University in Lake Wales, Fla. Bethel and Warner are both in the NAIA.

Last season, Holdren and Laboyteaux played at the first and second spots on the school's team, respectively, yet they are moving in opposite directions from each other.

Mishawaka (Bethel) is about three hours north near South Bend, Ind. Lake Wales is... well, in Florida, about an hour south of Orlando.

They have both been working hard and have high expectations for their freshman years.

"I have been preparing all winter and spring by hitting at MD's Golf Academy and taking weekly lessons with my swing

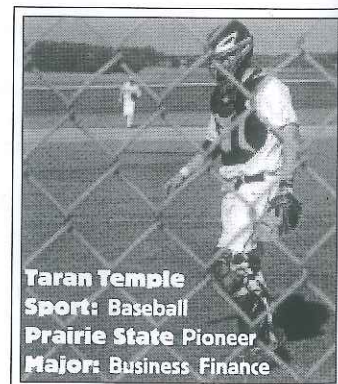
coach, Doug Bishop," Holdren said. "I hope to have quite an impact on the team in the next four years and hopefully we will make it to the NAIA Nationals all four years."



**Mackenzie Laboyteaux**  
Sport: Golf  
Warner Royal  
Major: Social Work



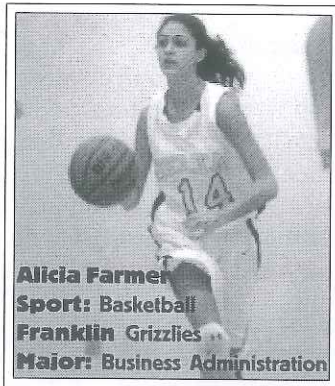
**Katie Holdren**  
Sport: Golf  
Bethel Pilot  
Major: Elementary Education



**Taran Temple**  
Sport: Baseball  
Prairie State Pioneer  
Major: Business Finance

Laboyteaux also has an optimistic outlook on her upcoming season.

"I think I will have a positive effect on the team because I am very encouraging and I think I will help the team with good scores as well," Laboyteaux said. "When I start the season down in Florida, I will continue practicing and taking lessons."



**Alicia Farmer**  
**Sport:** Basketball  
**Franklin Grizzlies**  
**Major:** Business Administration

During her freshman year, she hopes to work hard and learn from the players above her before she steps out on the court to start.

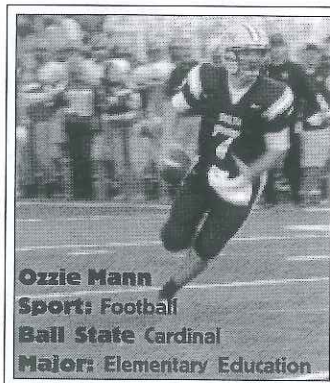
Since she has basically been a regular starter throughout her high school career, it might be a change of pace to begin on the bottom rung for awhile.

Working out and performing drills in practice is helping her prepare to take the step to move

farther up the ladder.

"I think I'll have a big effect on the team throughout my four years," Farmer said. "After my freshman year the team will lose their point guard, and I'm looking to fill that spot."

**Ozzie Mann** will be playing at the



**Ozzie Mann**  
**Sport:** Football  
**Ball State Cardinal**  
**Major:** Elementary Education

Division-I level at the quarterback position on the football team at Ball State University here in Muncie, Ind.

Mann started as quarterback on Delta's team for three full seasons. Although he just signed in February after his senior season to go to

BSU, he always said it would "be cool to be a Cardinal."

His first year, he will be redshirted, meaning he won't be playing for that season, but he will still be practicing and lifting weights with his new Cardinal teammates.

**Morgan Bergren** will also be in Division-I, playing volleyball at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Ky.

Michigan State was the first college that contacted Bergren, so it was her original first choice. But UK was the first college she visited, and she ended up falling in love with it and signed her national letter of intent in November 2011.

"I couldn't be more happy with my choice," Bergren said. "The athletics there right now are through the roof (such as the men's basketball team winning the National Championship), and they have a top five college of

pharmacy. UK was the first university I visited, and I fell in love with it from the beginning... The day UK offered was the best day ever."

Like the other athletes going into college athletics next school year, Bergren plans on making a big

impact on the team and working very hard.

"I plan on breaking records and leading (UK) to a Final Four," she said. "Right now, I'm in the gym every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m., and on Saturday and Sunday for practice. I also work out every Monday with Tony Cox (director of performance enhancement and athletic training services at Henry County Hospital) and do performance enhancement."

With two Division-I, four NAIA and one NJCAA athletes coming out of Eagle sports in the Class of 2012, Delta High School will be making a big impact on collegiate athletics this next school year.



**Morgan Bergren**  
**Sport:** Volleyball  
**Kentucky Wildcat**  
**Majors:** Pharmacy

# Minority Majors

*Some seniors to major in interesting subjects while in college*

By Stacie Sanders

Being a vet doesn't mean opening up a business and waiting for people to bring you their ill pets. For senior **Elise Mauer**, it means something different.

Mauer plans to attend Ball State University and major in Pre-Veterinary Medicine and minor in art.

Mauer says her major is interesting because you can go into so many different fields and work with practically any animal because you have to learn it all in school no matter which you prefer.

Her major will lead to small, large, equine, exotic, wildlife veterinary practices. With this major you can also specialize and just do dog optometry or horse acupuncture. There's also research and lab work.

With all the hard work she has put into school to be what she wants to be, she has her family by her side.

"My mom supports me. She wants me to have a secure job like this, and she knows my passion for animals," said Mauer.

Senior **Bond St. John** plans to attend Purdue University and major in Actuarial Science.

St. John says his major is made up of almost all math and numbers, making most people not want to do it. Because only a few

study it, there is a high demand for people in the field.

"In Actuarial Science, you work to put a price on risk. That puts many jobs in insurance companies or large corporations that need a guy to predict the

future," said St. John.

Actuarial Science is not a major a lot of people know about.

Therefore that causes St. John to get reactions like "What is that!" or he says some just nod and act like they know

what it is.

"That is understandable because it is an unusual major," he said.

Senior **Megan Buckner** is going to be a future Spartan when she attends Manchester College in the fall. She plans to major in Pre-med and Biology.

"I have really wanted to be a doctor ever since pre-school since I couldn't be a Power Ranger," said Buckner.

She said this major leads to numerous options, but she wants to be an Obstetrician and Gynecologist, or doctors who take care of women and babies.

Buckner said she has had many reactions from family and friends. "My mom is excited! But my friends think it's gross," said Buckner.

Senior **Kysha Cox** will be attending Ivy Tech in Muncie to major in Dental Assisting for Children.

"I get to work with teeth and children so anything could be interesting or unusual," said Cox.

Dental Assisting includes preparing a patient for an exam, passing instruments to the doctor, preparing dental materials, teaching preventative dental care, and helping children understand why brushing your teeth is important.

"I have had very positive reactions from everyone," said Cox.

Senior **Eli Riggin** will be attending Ball State University in the fall to double major in Conservation Biology and Criminology.

"Not many people double major, especially in those majors," said Riggin.

With these majors, he hopes to become a Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer.

Riggin said he has had a few reactions like "That's going to be a lot of work" and "That job suits you well."

Senior **Kaitlin Clawson** will attend University of Southern Indiana in the fall to major in Exercise Science and Pre-physical therapy.

"You study the movements of the human body. At USI, I have to pass a physical fitness test to continue my major," said Clawson.

This major will lead to Physical Therapy, which is a type of treatment you may need when health problems make it hard to move around and do everyday tasks.

Clawson said they only reaction she has from people is that they ask her what it is.



Senior Elise Mauer plans to major in pre-veterinary medicine. (Photo by Katherine Smith)

# Hunting Helps Student Track Down Career

By Sarah Unroe

Whether you're good at sports or chess, you can sing or dance, or you know a lot about Algebra II or Call of Duty, everyone has that "something" they are good at.

Senior Matt Mays took his first class for Mrs. Kunk as a sophomore and it was animal science. "As a student, when he wants to be, he can be very knowledgeable about what he's doing," Kunk said.

Mays grew up hunting with his father. During hunting season, he works at a deer processing place where he would skin deer. Not only does Mays know a lot about deer processing, he knows just about everything when it comes to animals.

Mays was 14 when he processed his first deer by himself. Unlike most people, the blood and guts do not bother him. "It's just a part of it," said Mays.

He has always had a knack for wildlife in general. "I like the old way of doing things. Like hunting and harvesting their own animals, meat and stuff like that," said Mays.

Although he loves the great outdoors, Mays is pursuing a career in welding. He already has

a job lined up after school at SDP Manufacturing in Dunkirk, where he will be building trailers.

During hunting season, Mays will take vacation days from his full time job so he can process deer. The size of the deer determines how much money he makes. If it weighs 60-90 pounds it costs about \$50. Mays said, "A rough estimate from last year... we did almost 2,000 (deer)."

Mrs. Kunk is a major advocate for Mays. He may be like "any other typical teenager" that isn't interested in doing much in class work but he is still a very resourceful student. Mays has been dedicated to his "something" his whole life. He's talented at what he does and has a passion for it.



Matt Mays shows off a wild boar that he hunted down in Florida.  
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Back Row: Bond St. John(3),  
Jonathan Smith (2),  
Cameron Dennis (9), Shaun  
Hansel (5).  
Middle Row: Rachel Gill  
(20), Ethan Grove (14).  
Front Row: Kasin Spay (18),  
Zack Tetrault (16), Lynne  
Costello (1).

Profiles by Stephanie Garringer

## #1: Lynne Costello

**College:** Bellarmine University

**Profession:** Ophthalmologist (eye surgeon)

**Advice to Underclassmen:** "Take advantage of the study guides/packets teachers give you; they really help. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Be proactive!"

**Have You Always Gotten Good Grades?:**

"Luckily, yes. I was blessed with a very good memory that I am so grateful to have."

**Study Secrets:** "MAKE FLASHCARDS.

They help tremendously. Also, have study nights with friends so you can quiz each other."

**Jeopardy Category You Would**

**Dominate:** Any science category

## #2: Jonathan Smith

**College:** Taylor University

**Profession:** Math Professor

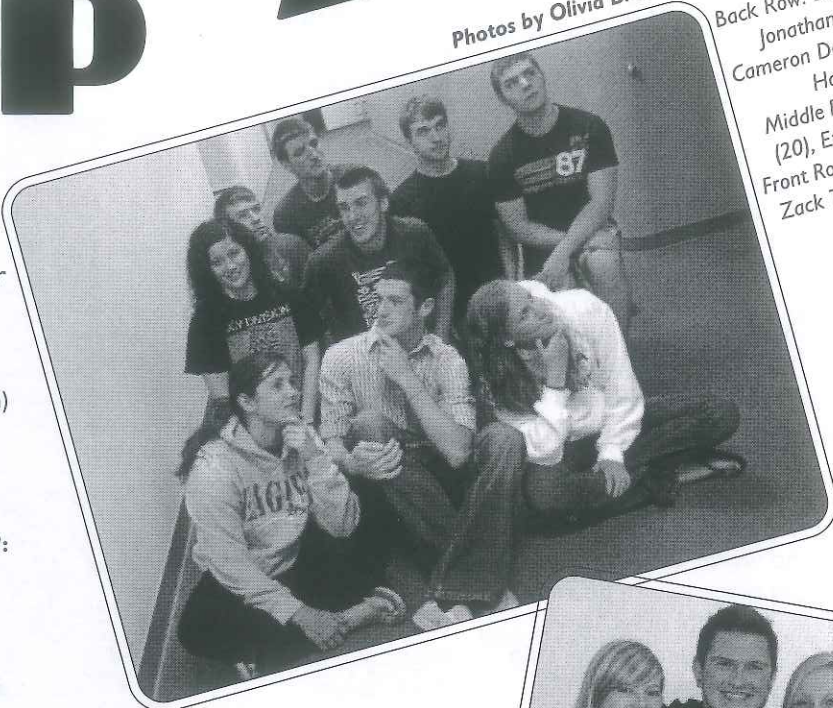
**Advice to Underclassmen:** "There is a time to speak and a time to be silent. The sooner you learn how to tell the difference, the longer you will live. Get on your teachers' good sides; if they don't like you after the first two weeks they will never like you. Ever. Do NOT procrastinate; it will be the death of you. Boys respect the girls. It's all they're asking for, so answer accordingly."

**Have You Ever Struggled in School?:**

"Yes, if class ranking were solely based on social interaction, I would drop from #2 to #50 or lower."

**Jeopardy Category You Would**

**Dominate:** NFL History, especially the Super Bowls



## #3: Bond St. John

**College:** Purdue University

**Profession:** Actuary

**Advice to Underclassmen:** "Take your harder classes early on. When you are a senior, you don't want to do anything."

**Have You Ever Struggled in School?:**

"Engineering. Nine days out of 10 I hated class."

**Study Secrets:** "Cramming five minutes before a test or quiz is often the difference between an A and an F for me."

**Jeopardy Category You Would**

**Dominate:** Watersports

## #4: Elise Mauer

**College:** Ball State University

**Profession:** Veterinarian

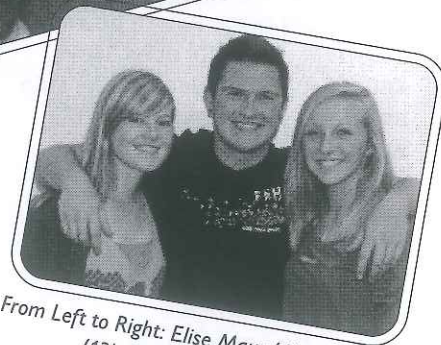
**Advice to Underclassmen:** "Try not to procrastinate because it's so hard to dig yourself out of that hot mess."

**Have You Ever Struggled in School?:**

"My biggest problem has always been that as soon as I leave school my productivity level plummets, so I struggle doing homework at home."

**Jeopardy Category You Would**

**Dominate:** Animal Trivia



From Left to Right: Elise Maur (4), Will Moore (13), Megan Buckner (10).

## #5: Shaun Hansel

**College:** University of Indianapolis

**Profession:** Surgeon

**Advice to Underclassmen:** "Maintain GPA, take challenging classes, do as much community service and extracurricular activities as you can."

**Have You Ever Struggled in School?:**

"Senior year was challenging because of the total workload."

**Study Secrets:** "Study as hard as you can for an hour then take a break to stay fresh. Read your textbook more than once to understand the content."

**Jeopardy Category You Would**

**Dominate:** World History

## #6: Max Helfrich

College: Ball State University

Profession: Psychiatrist or go in to research

**Advice to Underclassmen:** "Keep up with your assignments; if you have work time in class, use it. Ask questions when you can to keep from falling behind."

### Have You Ever Struggled in School?:

"I have fallen behind in classes and had to struggle to catch up. It is a lot easier to do assignments when assigned as opposed to catching up if you slack off."

**Study Secrets:** "If you are assigned 'optional' reading, read it. Reading the section multiple times can become the majority of your studying. For math classes, show all work. Reviewing assignments to prepare for a test is difficult if you don't understand your work."

**Jeopardy Category You Would Dominate:** World War II

## #7: Kaitlin Clawson

College: University of Southern Indiana

Profession: Physical Therapist

**Advice to Underclassmen:** "Work to your fullest potential, avoid procrastination, take time for yourself, don't sweat the small stuff, get involved, and make smart decisions."

**Have You Ever Struggled in School?:** "I have struggled with procrastination, I am practically professional. Spanish was a challenge as well as engineering."

**Study Secrets:** "I use every spare moment I have to study whether it be to a sporting event, at lunch, or during SRT. I don't have a lot of extra time, so I use whatever time I get to study for a big test."

### Jeopardy Category You Would Dominate:

Country Music, American Eagle Clothing, What is so bad about gingers? Or the sun block and ginger relationship

## #8: Kimberly Cull

College: Indiana University  
Bloomington

Profession: Manage or work at a museum

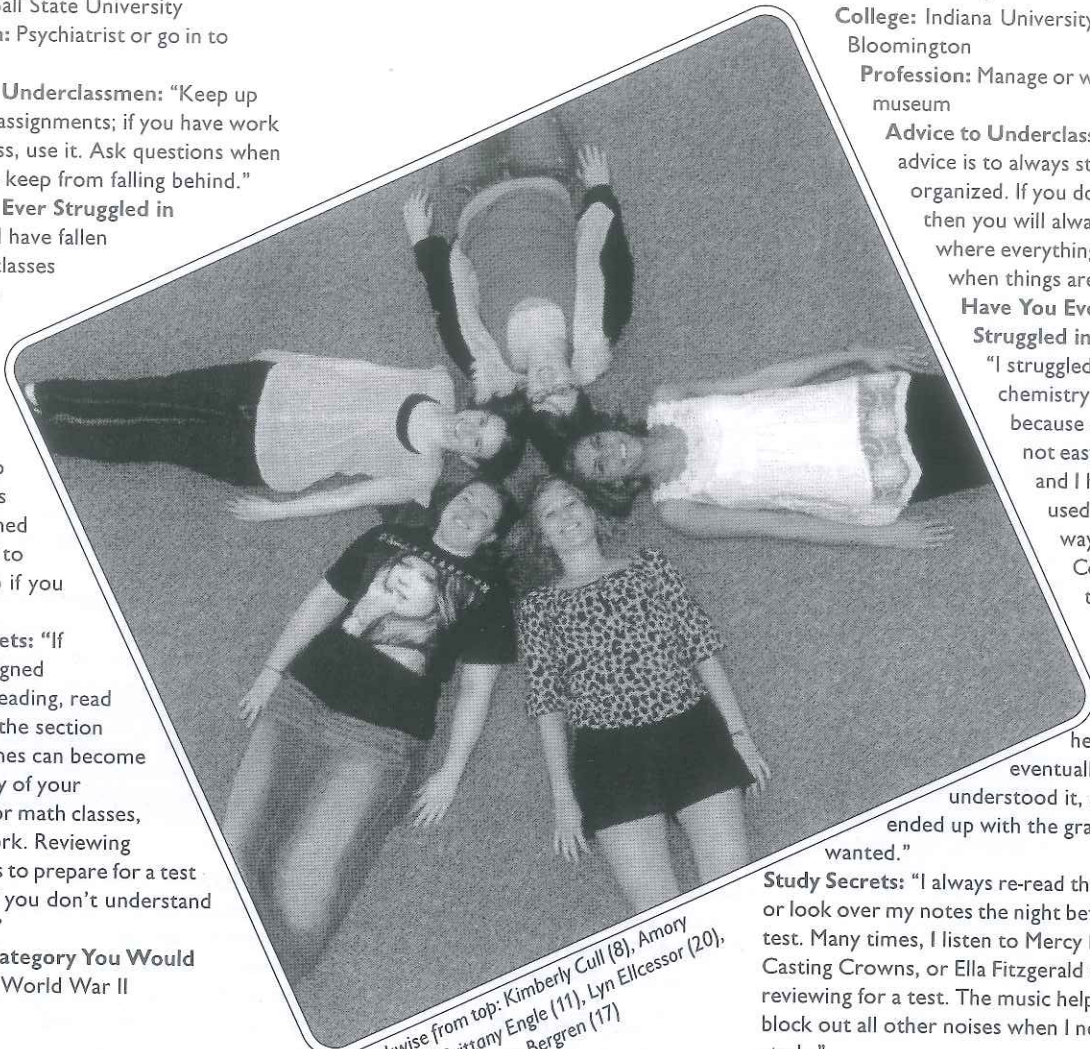
**Advice to Underclassmen:** "My advice is to always stay organized. If you do that then you will always know where everything is at and when things are due."

### Have You Ever Struggled in School?:

"I struggled in chemistry at first because science is not easy for me, and I had to get used to the way Mrs. Cope taught. I asked questions and got help, so eventually I understood it, and I ended up with the grade I wanted."

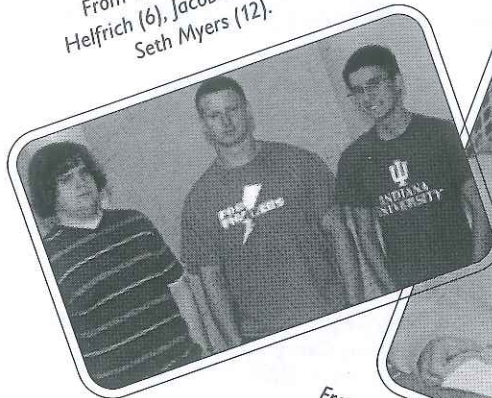
**Study Secrets:** "I always re-read the chapter or look over my notes the night before the test. Many times, I listen to Mercy Me, Casting Crowns, or Ella Fitzgerald when I'm reviewing for a test. The music helps me to block out all other noises when I need to study."

**Jeopardy Category You Would Dominate:** Disney Movies or History

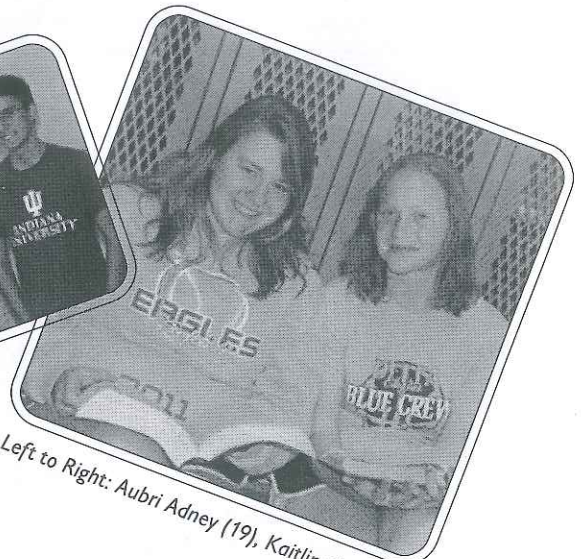


Clockwise from top: Kimberly Cull (8), Amory Orchard (15), Brittany Engle (11), Lyn Elcessor (20), Morgan Bergren (17)

From Left to Right: Max Helfrich (6), Jacob Hagen (20), Seth Myers (12).



From Left to Right: Aubri Adney (19), Kaitlin Clawson (7).



**#9: Cameron Dennis**

No information provided.

**#10: Megan Buckner**

**College:** Manchester College. "It already feels like 'home'."

**Profession:** Obstetrics

**Advice to Underclassmen:** "WORK HARD your freshman and sophomore years! The other two years are important, but your GPA is affected greatly in the beginning. Also, learn to balance school and fun. It doesn't have to be boring."

**Have You Ever Struggled in School?:**

"Between dual-credit classes and senioritis, it has been rough, but I'm still having fun and working hard."

**Study Secrets:** "Studying with friends (and food) always helps me. The main goal is to stay focused on the task at hand. My main study buddy is Shelby Starkey. We have a similar learning style."

**Jeopardy Category You Would**

**Dominate:** 90's Music or Popular Movies

**#11: Brittany Engle**

**College:** Ball State University

**Profession:** Elementary Education

**Advice to Underclassmen:** "Senior year takes its toll. Mentally stay focused and enjoy the year. It goes way too fast."

**Study Secrets:** "Most teachers will give you answers to a test if you just pay attention."

**Jeopardy Category You Would**

**Dominate:** Music

**#12: Seth Myers**

**College:** Indiana University Bloomington

**Profession:** Optometrist

**Advice to Underclassmen:** "Homework isn't worth enough to be important so don't do it. Also don't pay attention in class; it can get expensive."

**Study Secrets:** "Keep it short and sweet, if at all. The SRT before is the best time. And yes, I am serious."

**Jeopardy Category You Would**

**Dominate:** Everything

**#13: Will Moore**

**College:** Ball State University

**Profession:** Spanish Teacher

**Advice to Underclassmen:** "Have fun in high school! It goes by in the blink of an eye, so get involved, spend as much time with your friends as possible, and do something to make a difference."

**Have You Always Gotten Good Grades?:**

"Yes, I've never gotten a grade under a B ever since elementary."

**Study Secrets:** "I honestly don't study hardly at all. When I do, I find that the

best way is to get together with a couple friends and quiz each other, so that way you don't get bored but you still get something done."

**Jeopardy Category You Would**

**Dominate:** Useless Random Knowledge

**#14: Ethan Grove**

**College:** Undecided

**Profession:** Undecided

**Advice to Underclassmen:** "Get good grades and be awesome."

**Jeopardy Category you would dominate:**

Fruits That Start With The Letter Q.

**#15: Amory Orchard**

**College:** Ball State University

**Profession:** Writer

**Advice to Underclassmen:** "Take the SAT's/ACT's early, do a lot of community service, and fill out all the scholarship applications you qualify for. Filling out scholarship information is stressful and the SAT's can be long, but you'll be a lot more prepared if you start early. Also, scholarships are asking for a lot of community service. Besides, doing it is extremely rewarding!"

**Study Secrets:** "Don't cram right before a test! I've had to learn that the hard way. I also start studying two or three days before the test and only do a small amount the night before. That way, I'm relaxed and am sure that I'm ready for the test. Flashcards are also a savior."

**Jeopardy Category you would dominate:** Literature and Mythology

**#16: Zack Tetrault**

**College:** Purdue

**Profession:** Pharmacist

**Advice to Underclassmen:** "Try to get good grades and just calm down."

**Study Secrets:** "I don't study."

**Jeopardy Category you would dominate:**

The life of Zack Tetrault or Facts of Zack Tetrault

**#17: Morgan Bergren**

**College:** University of Kentucky

**Profession:** Pharmacy

**Advice to Underclassmen:** "Use your time wisely and don't procrastinate."

**Have You Always Gotten Good Grades?:**

"I have never gotten a C on my report card. Usually I am an A/B student."

**Study Secrets:** "Cram the period before."

**Jeopardy Category You Would**

**Dominate:** Fashion

**#18: Kasin Spay**

**College:** Earlham College

**Profession:** CPA (Certified Public Accountant)

**Advice to Underclassmen:** "Work hard at everything you do whether it be in school or just in life. Also to enjoy high school and take every opportunity you get and have no regrets."

**Have you ever struggled in school?:**

"I really haven't struggled that much academically. I have struggled with procrastination and being motivated to do all my work at times."

**Study Secrets:** "I really don't have any study secrets because I do not study often."

**#19: Aubri Adney**

**College:** University of Indianapolis

**Profession:** A teacher in a long term care hospital

**Advice to Underclassmen:** "Start looking at colleges before your senior year because it makes it a lot easier to decide. Always finish your homework."

**Have you ever struggled in school?:** "Yes, throughout school I have struggled a bit because I was diagnosed with ADHD. It's been hard to focus and get the correct dose and mixture of medicines."

**Study Secrets:** "I study right before the test and pay close attention in class."

**Jeopardy Category you would dominate:** Science

**#20: Lyn Ellcessor**

**College:** Indiana Wesleyan University

**Profession:** Nursing

**Advice to Underclassmen:** "Take a lot of dual credit classes so you can start college with credits already finished."

**Study Secrets:** "Make it fun and study with your friends!"

**Have You Always Gotten Good Grades?:**

"Yes, I have had to study and work but if you just do the homework and study for the tests, you will do fine."

**#20: Rachel Gill**

**College:** NYU or SUNY Purchase

**Profession:** Professional Dancer

**Advice to Underclassmen:** "Keep the ultimate goal in mind: to graduate. However, have A LOT of fun along the way."

**Have You Ever Struggled in School?:**

"Yes, I have always struggled with math and science courses, especially Algebra and Chemistry. I have a hard time comprehending things that I cannot see or find a purpose for."

**Jeopardy Category You Would**

**Dominate:** Music or Movies

**#20: Jacob Hagen**

No Information Provided



# Advisory Area

## Senior Advice for High Schoolers

**Whitney Witt:** Just have fun and don't let the little things in life get you down. High school will be a lot more enjoyable this way.

**Bethany Miller:** Don't slack off your sophomore and junior year. No one wants to go to summer school or have the stress of getting enough credits.

**Haven Wegesin:** My advice would be that they should not worry about impressing people because in the end, your friends or popularity won't get you where you want to go. Don't lose track of your grades or give up because there's always a way to fix it. Also I would say to take block because it is really the best class and take as much dual credit as you can manage. Aim high.

**Cody Dyke:** Respect your new seniors and stay away from them and their friends. Stay out of trouble and don't make the teachers too mad.

**Isabela Zanelato:** Have fun and enjoy your years in high school because it goes by pretty fast and you will miss it so much!

**Kaycee Fears:** Try not to procrastinate and have as much fun as possible. Don't let drama bother you.

**Brooke Watson:** My advice would be to just have fun while you're there, because it's going to go by faster than you think. Don't start drama and just stay away from drama because your high school years will be so much better without the unneeded drama.

**Drew Haggard:** If I could give any advice it would be to make sure you try each year and get all your credits while you can.

Compiled by Kyndal McDonald

**Jim Schafer:** Just do your homework. Life is so much easier when you take an hour out of your day and just get your work done. If you can do that, it is impossible to fail any class.

## Teacher Advice for Seniors

Compiled by Adam Brown

**Mrs. Ervin:** Going to college is going to college. People think that Ivy Tech is for people who are unable to get into the bigger schools. Sometimes people choose schools like Ivy Tech for financial purposes. Going two years there and then two at a school like Ball State is just as good as four at BSU.

**Mrs. Raleigh:** Don't overload yourself. Take classes that fit you. In high school you can take classes that are easy A classes and still get a good education. Use college as a way to make a future career.

**Mrs. Blakely:** Students may party too hard and have to face the consequences. Make sure you get your priorities straight because real life isn't like high school; you don't get many second chances.

**Mrs. Raleigh:** Set goals for yourself, strive to be the best you can be and never look back. Many high school students just try to get by, but in college you are spending thousands of dollars and you need to make the most of it.

**Mrs. Blakely:** Enjoy the little things in life. The time between being a child and turning into a full-blown adult is a very hard time, and you have to make sure not to be so hard on yourself.

**Mrs. Ervin:** Figure out if the job you want pays the money that you need. With inflation and the way things are going, it is going to take more than \$10-12 per hour to be where you want to be.



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# That Was Then, This Is Now

By Chloe Crump

As a kid you want to be many things. Over the years it changes numerous times.

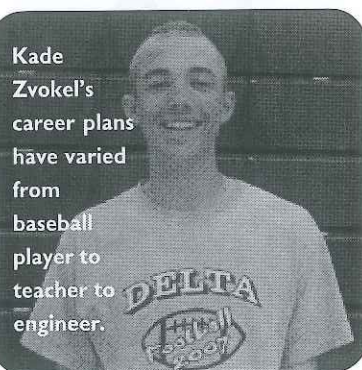
In middle school, senior Will Moore was really excited to be a senior, but the closer graduation gets the more scared he is and the more he hates it. Throughout high school he has gotten good grades, made great friends, and has had a blast doing so.

Moore's sophomore year he had to move to Fishers. "That put a lot of stuff on hold," he said.

Moore has accomplished many of his long-term goals, such as good grades every year and having a high leadership role in his church. He hopes that he has made an impact on someone's life.

Moore never really thought of himself being a role model throughout middle school and part of high school, but his junior year he really wanted to start being a good influence and a role model for others.

"For the longest time I wanted to go to Indiana Wesleyan, but because of the price and miscellaneous other factors I'm going to Ball State," he said.



Kade Zvokel's career plans have varied from baseball player to teacher to engineer.

challenge, but I love Spanish and I'm excited to learn a lot more about it," Moore said.

Senior Sam Long's view of being a senior hasn't really changed since middle school. He always thought his senior year would be great, and it has been.

He has always wanted to be able to go to

the college he wanted.

"I haven't really wanted to go anywhere specific just as long as I can attend a college," said Long.

When he was younger he wanted to become a biologist. It's changed many times, and he is still

unsure of what he wants to be. Long feels like once he sets his mind on a degree it won't be too hard to get the career he wants.

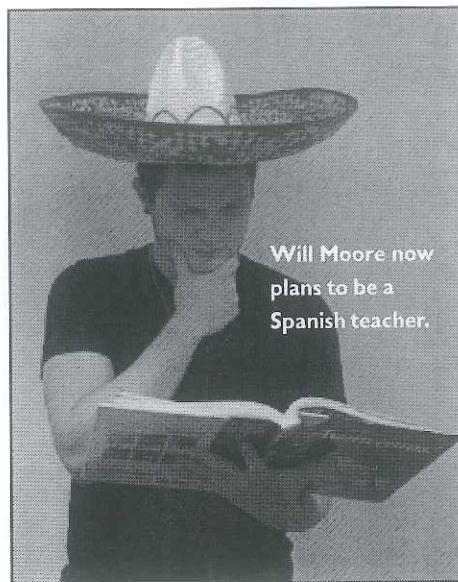
Senior Kade Zvokel has long wanted to be someone that younger people look up to. He thinks he has accomplished mostly everything he wanted to in high school, but he thinks he could have done some things better.

"I wanted to be many different things when I was younger. They ranged from professional baseball player to more logical careers such as a teacher or engineer," said Zvokel.

"I always thought that I would be scared to graduate, but the closer it gets to graduation time, the more excited I am to graduate," he added.

His choice in colleges has changed numerous times, but he will be attending Indiana University which he decided on this year.

These seniors have progressed from toddler years when they were taking naps to being a young adult where they have taken many years of their life to work toward specific achievements. They are ready to take every necessary step to set goals and work hard to get their dream job.



Will Moore now plans to be a Spanish teacher.

## SENIOR MEMORY

### Nate Sanders

Over this year, seniors have had a lot of fun and memorable days. For Nate Sanders, his favorite day of the school year was Nerd Day. This is where a lot of people, including Nate, dressed as nerds. It was fun for Nate because it doesn't happen very often and it's fun to do silly things every now and then.

# Laugh While You Learn

## Mr. Brewer Carries on His Father's Tradition

By Joey Dalton

Mr. Brian Brewer likes to think of his students as individuals first and students second just like the philosophy of his father, Mr. Ray Brewer. He tries to make everything he teaches relative to his students' lives. He is also known for his sarcastically funny jokes.

"Being in my father's class was a great experience," Mr. Brewer said. "He helped to make class fun and enjoyable with his humor. I try to do the same."

Freshman John Clawson has Mr. Brewer for first period Biology. "He has a really good sense of humor but is very sarcastic," Clawson said.

Brewer grew up a mile south from the high school. Living so close made things convenient for his father to be a teacher at Delta Middle School and Delta High School. Brian Brewer attended Royerton Elementary and went through Delta middle and high schools. Now, he lives in Blackford County and is the active 4-H Council president for Blackford County.

Mr. Brewer has been teaching science at Delta High School for 20 years. He started in 1992 and has taught Biology, ICP/Physical Science, Earth and Space Science, and Advanced Biology throughout the years.

He originally wanted to be a veterinarian, but he got caught between wanting to be a pharmacist or a veterinarian while working on his schooling.

He thinks that today's students have more

opportunities than what was available when he attended DHS. When he was in high school he was active in the Honor Society and Selectones (which was a traveling show choir that was accompanied with a band). He played basketball for two years, track for one year, and baseball and football for four years.

He was in his dad's Biology class and he hopes that his children, Jacob, 8<sup>th</sup> grader, David, 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Naomi, 3<sup>rd</sup> grader, and Isaiah, 1<sup>st</sup> grader, will behave as well in class as he did. His children attend school at DMS and Eaton Elementary.

Mr. Ray Brewer was a teacher at Delta Middle School and Delta High School for over 30 years. He played an active role in the community and helped to start the Hamilton Township Volunteer Fire Department and was the president of the Royerton Little League. He taught middle school sciences and taught biology at the high school.

He passed away four years ago and left an impact on many who had him in class or knew him throughout the years. The Ray Brewer Memorial Scholarship was established to help remember his work at DHS and to leave something for the students who don't qualify for scholarships that are more complicated to earn. It was made mainly for FFA students because of Ray Brewer's work with the FFA.

Mr. Brewer said, "Dad always loved his experiences with the FFA and 4-H. He would have been proud to know that we are helping students that participate in FFA."

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## Fashion Changes With Age

By Ashley Martin

People all over the school have different styles in clothing or hair. Some may be from this decade or from recent decades. Either way styles are still trending.

"My favorite styles as in hair are curly and maybe even big poufy style of hair," Junior Lauren Eldridge said.

Sophomore Suzanne White agrees. "My favorite kind of hair style would be poufy and long," said White.

Eldridge said, "My favorite in clothing would be jeans," the reason being that she like the looks of how they are making the jeans. It's her style.

Freshman Bethany Taylor said, "Some of my

favorite fashionable clothing is lacy things. I don't have much of anything else I like. It's mainly just my clothing."

Junior Samantha Thompson said, "I really like jean clothing. My favorite is the destroyed denim look. I mainly like the Vintage and classic looks."

So many people are just changing within the school year. Whether it's their grades or their fashion, people are starting the year out fresh.

Taylor said, "I don't know I think I will go 'soccer mom' in my high school years because I don't want to look like a teenager when [I'm] older."

People that are getting older from their high school years tend to look more like an adult because when you're older it tells the person that they're more mature.

Junior Celeste Taylor said "I'm going to be poor."

Just as styles from earlier generations have been brought back to the high school era, who knows what will be brought back one day from our era?

# How High School Changes You

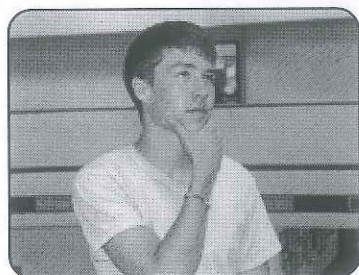
Students, teachers reflect on four years of growth

By Frederik Birk

As a freshman you just came to high school and had a big change in your life, but how will the next years change you? The maturity you gain through high school is extremely important for your future. As you take on the next three years, you gain a lot of maturity. "Maturity comes with experience," sophomore Chandler Davis said.

Many freshmen are a little bit more energetic and aren't taken seriously for the most part. Then, they grow up and gather experience. As a freshman, you rely on other people's opinions. Soon you realize that it is not about your reputation but about personal character when you grow older.

Lynne

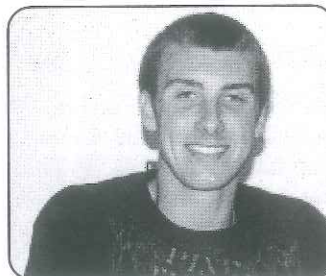


Bond St. John contemplates the end of his high school career.

Costello, senior, said that as a freshman she felt like a little child "timid and hiding behind other people." But now four years later, she said, "I feel grown up enough to where I can conquer the world."

According to business teacher Mr. Steve Wuthrich,

the most obvious qualities he sees in the students are their behavior and study habits. The students change their personality, from self-centered to a more adult view. Usually there is not a huge difference in students'



Ethan Grove believes his leadership role on sports teams has benefitted him.

grades, because either people care about school or they don't. The students' maturity comes with "experiences they have in high school, especially extracurricular activities," Wuthrich said.

Sports have had an influence on maturity in Ethan

Grove's situation. He said he gained the most maturity in junior year, because he was a leader in most sports he participated in.

Some people realize as their senior year approaches that they should "get ready for the next stage in life," said Bond St. John.

Each incoming high school student looks forward to experiencing a new chapter of their life in high school.

## Transformation: Ready to move on

By Shelby Cumings

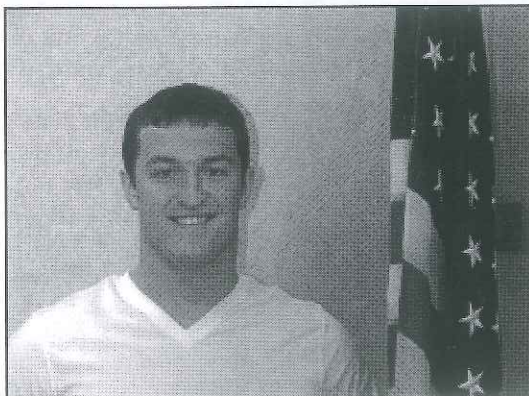
Entering through the doors that August morning as a freshman, who really knew what the next four years would bring?

When some people were younger they wished they were older. Now that high school is almost over and they are growing up, some wish they were younger again.

Senior Kali Jones said, "I have grown up a lot because I am a little more mature and I have gotten older, but sometimes I wish I was younger again."

Growing up means making big decisions. When we were younger the biggest decision may have been what you wanted to eat for lunch. Now, the biggest choice might be what college you will be attending after high school.

"Studying for high school tests is a lot easier than college. I will have to work hard to get through



Nate Sanders will serve in the National Guard after high school. (Photo by Joey Longo)

college," senior Kim Pasheilich said.

For some people the biggest choice is not what college to attend but what branch in the military they will join.

For senior Nate Sanders this is a decision he has made. Sanders has his mind set to join the National Guard after he graduates. "It will make me a better leader." Sanders says.

about my future and what I will do later on in my life."

Overall, the most change that takes place is the maturity level.

Not everyone matures at the same time. But over time when you look back, you can see how you may have gone from a squirmy freshman to a well-mannered young adult.

These four years try to prepare you for life after high school as you take one step closer to a career.

In some way high school has changed you. Senior Daniel Smith said, "I have changed the way I think

# When They Were Young ...

By Maggie Thompson

Every person had a childhood dream when they were young. Seniors Isabela Zanelato and Carrie Fairchild both wanted to be vets. Isabela said, "I wanted to be a vet because I love dogs."

Carrie said, "I was obsessed with animals and was around them all the time." How did they decide on what they want to be now?

Isabela said, "My parents got divorced, so I decided I would try psychology and help people with those types of issues."

Carrie said her interest in being a vet stopped "when my dad told me the main reason people take pets to the vet is to be put down." She then found an interest in writing and wants to be an author.

As a young child, Adam Brown wanted to be "an astronaut because I wanted to be able to defy

gravity."

One day his teacher told him he could see the man on the moon if he looked. So Adam decided to look but instead of looking at the moon he looked at the sun every day for a week straight. It hurt his eyes so much that he decided he didn't want to be an astronaut anymore.

Not every guy wanted to be an astronaut. Three seniors, Kevin Clements, Michael Lehman, and Coy Turner, all wanted to be firefighters.

Lehman said, "I wanted to be a firefighter because I was curious what it would be like."

Clements said he liked the thought of helping and saving people and thought he was suitable for the job. Turner said, "I don't know why I wanted

to be a firefighter. I guess when I was little I took the professions I knew to get people to stop asking me what I wanted to be." Now all these guys have a different career in mind, but what changed their minds?

Clements said, "When I



Coy Turner and Michael Lehman wanted to be firefighters when they were younger. (Photos by Gracie Hollars and Maggie Thompson)



Carrie Fairchild (left) and Isabela Zanelato once shared a dream of being a veterinarian. (Photo by Gracie Hollars)

was in first grade, my mom read me a book about firemen and how they put out fires and suddenly I got terrified of my own house catching on fire and till this day I am still terrified that it will, thanks to my mom."

Lehman decided he wanted to be a mechanic instead because it interests him working with cars and trucks. Turner said, "I started taking different classes in art and technology and I refined it into an exact category I could make into a profession."

Instead of doing such an intense job, Kimberly Cull wanted to be a teacher. While sitting in a classroom, she found a new interest. She said, "I started having an interest in history in Mrs. DeNeal's class, and I have wanted to do something in history since then."

So as you can see, we all had a childhood dream. Even though it might have changed because of a divorce or possibly thinking your house may catch on fire, many seniors know exactly what they want to be.

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# VALEDICTORIAN

## Vision of Lynne Costello helps give sight to others

By Zane Naylor

Precision and accuracy are absolutely necessary when dealing with a delicate, careful process like surgery. But while a surgeon takes the scalpel to the organ, inside them a war may be raging to keep pressure under control. This is very similar to a situation one senior faces every day as she tackles the task of leading the entire senior class in academics.

Lynne Costello faces a lot of pressure in her position as the valedictorian of the class of 2012, but not always from others. "I'm a very driven person and I don't like to fail. It's like one of my biggest fears," said Costello. While family and friends often put pressure on her to do well, most of the pressure comes from within. Lynne challenges herself to do her best every day. "I think I just put a lot

of internal pressure on myself to do my best, and if I don't do my best I'm not happy," said Costello.

It's no wonder why she feels pressured to do well. Lynne's two older sisters, her only other siblings, both placed in the top 20 of their graduating classes at Delta. Michelle Costello, Lynne's oldest sister at 25, was the salutatorian of her class. Kelly Costello, 23, was not far behind. Both of the elder Costello sisters were involved in other activities while attending Delta.

Michelle participated in the Dance team while at Delta along with dancing at Premiere Dance Company in Muncie. Kelly loved to play sports and took part on the basketball and soccer teams. Having older sisters who did well in school while participating in sports helped to prove to Lynne that it could be done.

"I look up to them. I'm one of those people that look at standards ahead of me and just because my sisters have both done well in school

... I just kind of wanted to meet their standards and prove to everyone that I was as good as my sisters, too."

The very blonde Costello defies stereotypes while leading her class in GPA. Students in the class of 2012 look up to her both for her academic leadership and her stature, as she stands at 5-foot-11. With hazel eyes full of determination, Lynne dominates the tennis court at the No. 2 doubles spot for the girls' varsity tennis team.

Lynne piqued her interest in tennis at the end of her sophomore year of school after being on the team. She attended several camps during the summer and met with other players to practice in an



Lynne Costello

attempt to improve her skills. The effort paid off when Lynne became a part of the varsity team that next year.

Now, during the tennis season, Lynne spends most of her time on or around the court. If she has a match, she does not usually get home until around eight or nine in the evening. After getting home she spends her time working on homework before heading to bed around midnight. On days when she only has practice, Lynne tutors a seventh grade student from Delta Middle School in the areas of math, science, and social studies. "He's precious," Costello said of the boy whose tutoring sessions give her a distraction from her workload. "That's like one of my favorite things to do."

On the weekends, Lynne's commitment to the courts does not waver. She spends most Saturdays in the spring playing invitational meets. On Sundays, Lynne goes to church at St. Mary's Catholic Parish. After Mass, Lynne usually tackles her chores; mowing, doing laundry, and taking care of other tasks. On Sunday evenings, Lynne goes to youth group at Selma United Methodist Church.

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# SALUTATORIAN

## Interest in math adds up for Jonathan Smith

By Reed Borgmann

Standing at 6-foot-8, senior Jonathan Smith is at the top of his class.

"If I had it my way, I would be in the NBA by now... or a Jedi, but whatever," said Smith about his favorable career choices.

Sadly for Smith, the NBA doesn't have as much interest in him as the world of math does.

"Mathematics -- so far -- has not required hard work. He gets it," said Ball State history professor Kevin Smith, Jonathan's father.

Math and physics teacher Mr. Gary Seidner added, "He has a really good and strong work ethic, and he

Jonathan Smith hangs out with his favorite team.



keeps his mind focused on that."

One reason that Jonathan just "gets math" is because he has somewhat of a photographic memory.

"As he once explained to me, it's not like a digital snapshot of today, but like the old Polaroid pictures that after you took the picture and waited a little for it to develop, then it's there," said Sharon Smith, Jonathan's mother, recalling

how he described it to her. "So once he has exposed his mind to a statistic or interesting bit of trivia, it 'develops' and is in his mind for good."

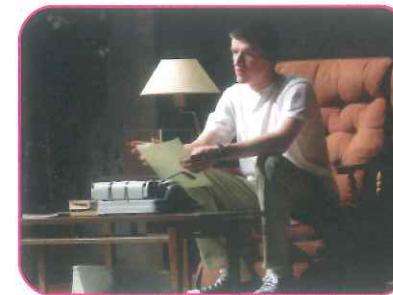
Although Jonathan has spent four years at the top of the academic world, he has not spent all of his time focused in it.

He has also played a part in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, National Honor Society, theatre, and the Brain Game. He played basketball and tennis. He is also a huge fan of the girls' basketball team.

Of the many extra-curricular activities that Smith took part in, he praised theatre as the most important to him.

"Theatre, going into my junior year, I realized I may not be the best actor in the school, and then going into my senior year and getting the lead role," Smith said about his role in theater.

Smith got the lead role in the first play this year without even being in the class because of this he had to go down to the theatre room during his lunch to run scenes



Jonathan Smith performs in *Flowers for Algernon*.

and learn the stage directions and blocking.

"His performance and work ethic in *Flowers for Algernon* will be remembered. He was devoted to the role and gave it all he had," said theatre instructor Mrs. Dawn Raleigh.

Smith also took up an interest in the girls' varsity basketball team that was much appreciated by the girls.

"Jonny would always come and support the girls' basketball team. He was the first to take pictures with us after winning county," said Kaitlin Clawson, senior. "He's our number one fan."

Jonathan has kept a certain set of values close to him that have helped him through high school.

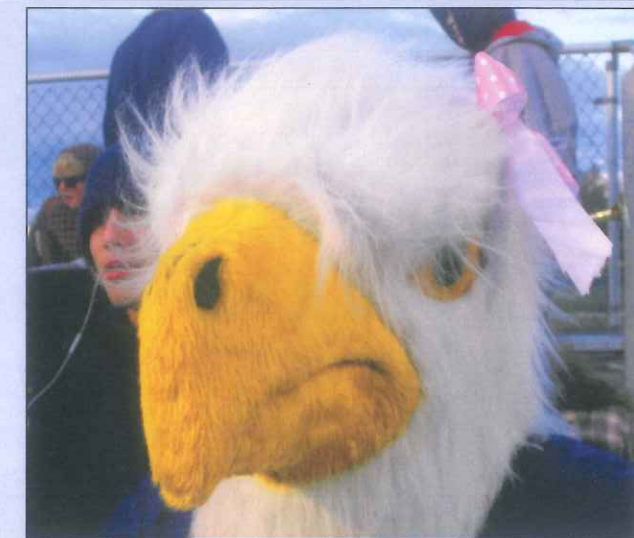
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when to speak up if necessary," is Smith's number one rule.

"Respect the ladies, if I can't respect the ladies I can't respect anyone," falls in as rule number two.

"Find ways to resolve conflict. Add some comical effect to it, and then find out the situation," is Smith's third rule.

"Don't act like you're better than anyone...even if you are, show some humility," is Smith's fourth and final rule.

On Smith's list of colleges, Taylor University stands out due to a good small environment, an elite math program, and an astonishing theatre program. Taylor's performance of *Flowers for Algernon* inspired Jonathan's role in Delta's performance of the play.

Smith's second choice is Ball State University, but he has never had an official visit there as he has had two to Taylor.

"Taylor is where Jonny belongs. He has loved that place ever since he was a little boy when we would go to the plays," said Sharon Smith.

A lot can happen in eight years, but Smith is pretty sure it's going to be exactly how he has been picturing it, "fresh outta grad school and ready to teach college math, and 7'1, we'll see."

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## SENIOR MEMORY

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### Kyle Maine

A pretty memorable day for everyone at our school and for Kyle, his favorite day, was on May 1 when everyone had to go into the gym and then to the middle school because of a note a teacher found. Kyle liked this day mainly because he got to get out of class the rest of the day without having to do anything.

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Match the senior with the interesting facts at right.  
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# Fun Facts About the Class of 2012

- \_\_\_\_\_ Megan Buckner
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jonathan Smith
- \_\_\_\_\_ Haven Wegesin
- \_\_\_\_\_ Travis Vannatta
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lynne Costello
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nate Sanders
- \_\_\_\_\_ Zack Moore
- \_\_\_\_\_ Shelby Poland
- \_\_\_\_\_ Erica Himes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Kevin Clements
- \_\_\_\_\_ Brooke Watson
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jacob Hagen
- \_\_\_\_\_ Kaitlin Clawson
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Kali Jones
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adam Brown
- \_\_\_\_\_ Andrew Evans
- \_\_\_\_\_ Courtney Stephenson
- \_\_\_\_\_ Max Helfrich
- \_\_\_\_\_ Joel Keller

- A. I go to a magic convention every summer
- B. I can sound like Donald Duck
- C. People call me Turtle
- D. I do color guard at Muncie Central
- E. I can sound like Perry the Platypus
- F. I'm the youngest senior
- G. I can ride a unicycle & juggle simultaneously
- H. I want to work on a military base
- I. I am Italian
- J. I love to sing and am auditioning for American Idol
- K. I have worn the same watch for 9 years
- L. I own a 1974 Plymouth Duster
- M. I'm 5 feet tall.
- N. I can lick my elbow
- O. I have webbed toes
- P. I have one eye that is green and one brown/blue
- Q. In my spare time I am an Elvis impersonator
- R. I can flip my eyelids.
- S. Tallest kid at Delta all four years
- T. My brother lives in England

## Answers

Megan Buckner: T  
Jonathan Smith: S  
Haven Wegesin: F  
Travis Vannatta: G  
Lynne Costello: A  
Nate Sanders: P  
Zack Moore: O  
Shelby Poland: D  
Erica Himes: E  
Kevin Clements: R

Brooke Watson: B  
Jacob Hagen: C  
Kaitlin Clawson: H  
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Kali Jones: J  
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# Lost Letters

By Mckensie Polk

Everyone who went to Delta Middle School remembers their eighth grade year. All the special things they got to do, being the oldest group of kids, and writing their letters to self.

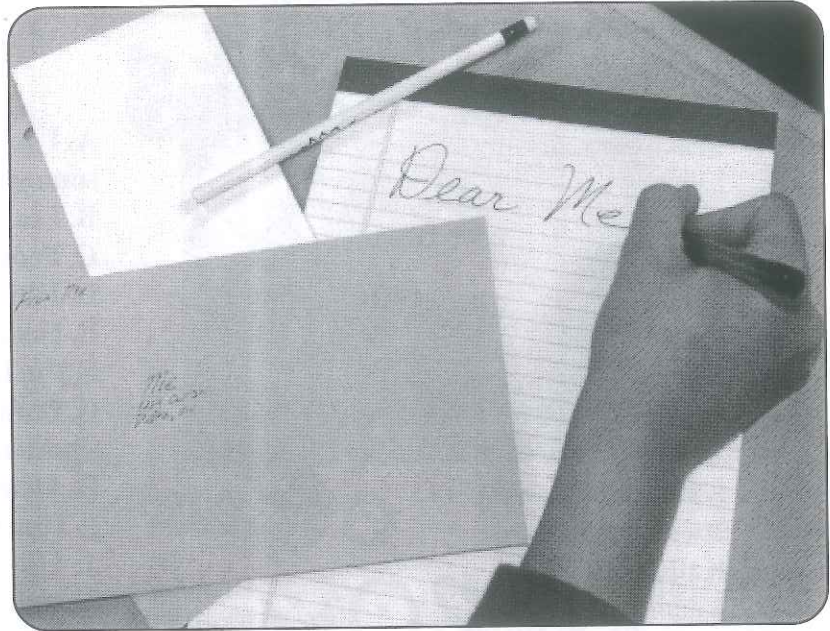
For those who didn't go to the middle school, a letter to self is basically a journal. You are given certain writing assignments like favorite things, or plans for your future. You can also put anything you want in your letter: photos, personal things, important sentimental items, and even things like jewelry, money, CD's, and other valuable items.

Your parents are required to write you a letter, but you can also have friends and other important people write you one, too. One of the best things about this project is that the letters are yours. No one can read them without your permission, even the teacher. She just checks to see that you have completed the assignments, but does not read what you wrote so they are totally confidential.

The letters are then stored until your senior year when you get them back. Eighth grade English teacher Mrs. Angela Decker started this project. She learned about it at a National Council for the Teachers of English conference in Indianapolis several years ago.

Decker said, "Eighth graders really have fun with them. They like that there are few rules, and they can write anything they want. Seniors who worked hard on their Letter to Self really look forward to receiving them. Students who didn't write much are generally disappointed." On May 16, seniors received their letters, but the class of 2013 may not get them. Mrs. Decker has confirmed that unfortunately the rumors are true. The class of 2013's letters are lost except for the box labeled T-Z.

Decker first realized they were missing last spring while she



was looking for an envelope of a student that had moved away. "The class of 2011 and 2012 were still there." Decker said. "Only the class of 2013 was missing so I felt like they were all together somewhere and we would find them."

The boxes containing the letters were stored in the storage room by the sixth grade bathrooms. During the summer of 2010 the room was cleaned out and relocated the person cleaning out the room put some boxes in the hallways to be stored elsewhere. Many things were moved to storage at Eaton Elementary, but Principal Mr. Tom Johns has already checked there.

Decker said, "I called (former principal) Mr. (Don) Harman to see if he knew anything. I drove to the house of the head custodian at that time. Neither knew where the boxes might be. Mr. Johns has been very helpful. He helped me search DMS, and he went to Eaton to look. I sent out an email to the entire corporation last spring admitting that they are gone and asking for everyone to be on the lookout. I don't know what else to do. I haven't totally given up hope, but I would consider it a miracle to find them at this point."

Many juniors are very upset that their letters are lost. Many have letters that family members that have passed away wrote to them, and many have very important items that cannot be replaced such as jewelry and money.

Grace Hatcher said, "I am really mad and angry that we don't get to receive them like all the other classes did. I have letters from my parents and grandparents and pictures and letters from my friends in there."

Elijah May said, "It upsets me. I really got into the project and I wrote a lot more than was really necessary." May added, "I put personal information about myself, stuff I had on my mind at the time. I wanted to convey to my future self what I was like so to do that I had to write down how and what I thought."

Adam Gordon said "It's a heartbreaker; I had a lot of cool memorabilia and some money. My mom wrote me a letter along with most of my friends and those are things I will never get."

Many students said that if there was a search for their letters that they would join. Decker has not said anything about there being one, but it is an idea.

Decker said she has taken precautions so this does not happen

again. The boxes containing the letters are now kept in or around her room, and students are even given the option to take their home for safekeeping.

Decker then said, "I'm devastated. I'm also furious. Those boxes should have been safe. I hate that the class of 2013 is disappointed. I hear a lot, 'I heard you lost our letters.' I didn't lose them. They should be there like they have been for every other class. The worst part is students lost many items that cannot be replaced. That is what is so devastating. It is kind of like losing valuables in a fire. Letters to Self cannot be replaced. I expect students to feel cheated. They will be sad and angry just like I am."

## SENIOR MEMORY

### Ola Kjaer

Ola's most memorable day of the year just so happens to be the first one. It was his favorite because everything was so different and new. "All of the Americans are friendly and want to get to know you," Ola said.

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# Bonjour to France

By Audrey Benbow

Some are getting ready to say "bonjour" to France next summer. Any student who is enrolled in the 2012-2013 school year with good citizenship can go on this trip.

The trip will take place in late June, early July. They will stay in both England and France.

French teacher Madame Jennifer McNely has already planned the trip. She already has where they will be staying to the activities they will be taking part in.

More recently, Madame McNely has announced that she will be leaving Delta to move out of state with her husband for a new job. She said she can't go on the trip, but whoever is the French teacher can go. Family and consumer life teacher Miss Kortney Gray also has volunteered to go.

The trip will be 10 days long. Some of the cities they will be staying in are London, Caen, St. Malo, Tours, and Paris.

Day 1 in London they can go to the London Eye, which is the world's highest Ferris wheel. Day 3 they will be going London city sightseeing and have free time there. Day 4 they will be seeing Stonehenge and taking a ferry to

Caen. Day 5 they will get to visit the D-Day beaches and the American Cemetery.

Day 7 they will be visiting the Eiffel Tower and may have dinner there. Day 8 they will see the Palace of Versailles. Day 9 is a free Paris sightseeing day.

The cost of the trip per person is \$3,903. On top of that there are some things you may add on such as the London Eye Ferris Wheel and dinner on the Eiffel Tower.

The French Club is hoping to do fundraisers to raise some money for people to go.

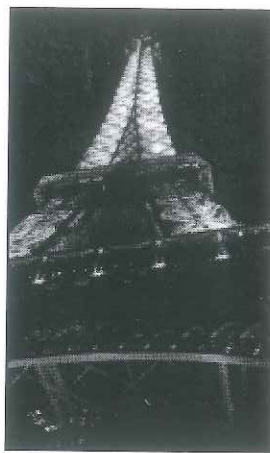
McNely has been to France four times before. "I told the travel agency I never got enough time in Paris, and they gave us a free night there," she said.

Tanner Wilburn hopes to be going on the trip. "I think it would be a great experience," he said.

Madison Savage plans to be going on the trip, also. "It's a great opportunity to go and experience it instead of just learning the language," she said.

Madison said she will probably have to get a job to help pay for it.

If you want to go you can contact Madame McNely.



## SENIOR MEMORY

### Joe Drago

For Joe, his most favorite day happens more than once a school year. It's when there are stuffed breadsticks for lunch. He enjoys this delicious meal with his friends Landon Lambert, Ozzie Mann, Jake Greenberg, and Austin Conway.

# I Will Never Forget ...

**Aubriana Adney:** All my teammates and all the fun times we've had: singing at the top of our lungs, team bonding, making fun of our coaches then them finding out and laughing then making us run for it, and the family that we make when we are together.

**Perry Bailey:** I'll never forget all the good times I had with friends and family that supported me through school, all the teachers that helped, but I will never forget the teacher that influenced me the most which would be Mrs. Griffis. She encouraged me so much to do my work to do something in my future. She will always be my friend and favorite teacher of all time.

**Cody Bales:** I'll never forget having welding class with Mr. Lyons.

**Jacob Bell:** All I gotta say is freshman year me and TH in Mr. Lyons's class. Real talk!

**Blake Bennett:** All of the good times with my friends.

**Morgan Bergren:** Winning state as a freshman, and getting the privilege to play with my little sister for two years. I will also never forget Mrs. Ervin and all of her sayings....My favorite, "Kick 'em to the curb."

**Adam Brown:** I'll never forget sitting front row at football games. I'm really going to miss all the good times with the baseball team. Most of all I'll never forget Coach Jones.

**Megan Buckner:** I'll never forget having sleepovers with LC, SS, LS, LE, and so many others; going to state finals my junior year for tennis; having a completely successful garage sale with AL and AF; being homecoming queen; senior prom; and freshman biology with AB, BE, and JS.

**Austin Chriswell:** I will never forget 11/11.

**Catricia Clark:** I'll never forget all the long nights, short weekends, and the friends I spent them with.

**Kaitlin Clawson:** I will never forget beating Yorktown in a PK shootout my

sophomore year; winning county my senior year in basketball; running against TC in the senior class president election; freshman gym with Mr. Devine; homecoming week every year; food class conversations with LW, EG, and RH; and my many memories with friends, ZN & NS.

**Kevin Clements:** All of the videos I created my senior year and how much fun I had in T-com. It will definitely be something that I will remember and never forget.

**Lynne Costello:** I'll never forget having sleepovers with MB every weekend and talking to her in my sleep; Black Friday shopping with AF; going to the state finals my junior year; and all the friends I have made.

**Kysha Cox:** I'll never forget when D.K., J.G., and I put my car in neutral and pushed it out of her driveway at 1 a.m. Best night ever!

**Kimberly Cull:** I'll never forget all the times my friends and I went to Fazoli's, played hide-and-seek at Meijer, and went Cosmic bowling; having Spanish IV with Sherlyn; "Ya kill it, ya fill it" with K.J., A.T., and B.M. at Fazoli's.

**Nichole Ellis:** I'll never forget all of the friends and teachers that helped me make it through my high school career, and the ones that left during this time.

**Brittany Engle:** I will never forget lunch with JD, DD, KK, CL, BP, and KK: thanks for all the laughs! Also six years of math with AA; senior prom with HW, JH, JG, HW, and JW; calculus with HW, SP, KG, LM, and JE.

**McKenzie Evans:** All the crazy stuff that has happened the past four years.

**Alicia Farmer:** Winning state in eighth grade with all my AAU girls; going Black Friday shopping with LC; my senior year of basketball; going to all the basketball games with LW; making such close friends with AL, LC, LW, and KH.

**Kaycee Fears:** Lyons' class, Ervin's advice and factoids, and Mrs. Kunk made school worth going to.

**Rachel Gill:** I will never forget Spring Break 2012 with all my friends, football games, sleepovers at McKenzie's Dome, the greatest neighbor-AH, adventures with LR, and the countless carpool rides with MB and GB.

**Haley Gray:** I'll never forget all fun times I've had in my Ag. Classes like Mrs. Kunk and Mr. Lyons. Greenhouse was a blast Miss Lady

**Joesph Gray:** My Chicago field trip with my Civil Engineering and Architecture class and the creation of Cardigan Day.

**Kelsey Grogg:** In Mr. Wray's class sophomore and junior year all of the tricks and funny moments that were made.

**Ethan Grove:** Tennis state finals my junior and senior years, also all my friends and all the great memories.

**Denae Grubb:** The bike trip last year with Mrs. Waugh's class and going to the corn maze with Best Buddies.

**Tori Havens:** Cheering football/basketball games; Falling off the diving board; Early morning practices; Sleepovers at my house; Hanging out with the kid that lives in the box; Working with the preschoolers;

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Spring Break 2011 and 2012; Warped tour; Senior Kings Island trip; SBS junior year; Dressing up for homecoming week; Running to lunch; T.H. running to catch the bus; Saying gordo; Playing hide-and-seek at A.C. house; and many more.

**Ali Hernandez:** I'll never forget SB 2K12 with my best friends NP, AE, LC, RG, and ME iYolamos! Cheering with the best group of girls ever NP, LE, LS, KP, and TH; Golfing with KH, JP, and ML; Army crawling during the blackout with RG and AE; The smell of the trashcan I fell into...SM, LC, NP, ME.

**Erica Himes:** Homecoming this year ("In the Air Tonight"); late night Taco Bell runs; SZ's face; Halloween 2010 at the haunted corn maze; New Year's 2011; Mr. Lyons; football games; summer 2010 with MJ; Prom!; my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party; drawing pictures with BW; December 7<sup>th</sup> in block class (the day that will live in infamy!); talent shows; my eighth grade year.

**Katie Holdren:** I will never forget Prom 2011 with my best friends; Being the second girl at DHS to make it to the state finals in golf; The beginning of two incredible friendships "3 lights"; The stress and magic of homecoming week; Spring Break 2010 and 2012; Winter Break 2009 with LS; My favorite concerts with LW; Summer 2010 at the Kappes/Summers house; and my best friend who has been there for everything, AL.

**Ryan Ice:** I'll never forget the girl next door...

**Kali Jones:** When my friends and I went to prom and I won a Kindle Fire.

**Tiffany Kaufman:** I'll never forget the day I met the love of my life, TK in resource room, and all of the fun times with my best friends, BM and JM at the National FFA Convention in Indy, soil judging, FFA meetings, and the best teacher in the world Mrs. Kunk!

**Cory Kissick:** Brad Paisley with CS, NS, and MM 2011.

**Marina Kreps:** I'll never forget all the friends I made, all the inside jokes, fun memories, advice I never took but I'll always remember.

**Mackenzie LaBoyteaux:** I will never forget our conference match this golf season. It was a rainy gloomy day and my whole

family was there and I shot my best round of a 76. It was perfect and I tied for second.

**Austin Lemna:** I'll never forget SB with Drew especially the last two days and the Kentucky girl; hanging out with my boys J.F., A.S., E.R., and J.R. all the time; getting destroyed in the championship game with B.S. and D.J.; poopy butt man with D.H. and last but not least the night of HTTM with E.R., A.S., and J.F. during last summer.

**Alexa Lewis:** I'll never forget Prom 2011 and 2012, my vacations with LS, spring break senior year in Arizona with my best friend KH, having a killer garage sale with AF, MB, SL, and RH; AF being my A-squared, becoming best friends with my future roommate LW, KM almost fighting people to get my fish, and spending my senior year falling in love with SL.

**Sam Long:** I'll never forget every year I've spent at Delta and all of the great memories and wonderful times I have had with all of my friends. Also every moment I spent with the football team; it was one of the best decisions I ever made to play.

**Joey Longo:** When I first moved here my sophomore year I went from a school with 3,000 kids to a school of like 800-850 and by the end of fifth period everyone knew I was the new kid.

**Kevin Maddy:** I will never forget Mr. Lyons and eating lunch with Mrs. Kunk.

**Elise Mauer:** I will never forget junior year in block class when we were all representing fake countries. Our group was the country of Sandia. We all did the Time Warp Dance while wearing trash bag outfits and sunglasses. We praised the Yeti, the symbol of our nation and sang "Yeti and the Jets." It was hysterical.

**Jeremy May:** I'll never forget 11/11/11, the day I became Dovahkiin.

**Juliea McDonald:** I'll never forget Rushville district competition, farm festival, senior year, Christmas party with WW, BM, MB, CA, MM, CK, CS, fire alarm, national convention 2011 and 2012, maple syrup slushies with WW, Pizza King with KC, Three Muskateer Pirates with AT and KC, and all the other memories I have.

**Tyler McDonald:** Driving KC to school and going to Monster Jam with NJ, marching at the Indy 500 when I went to Wes-Del in sixth grade.

**Bailey Mercer:** I'll never forget when I got my first eagle during a practice round on hole 4 at Lakeview, and when I went to the Hunger Games premiere and my group was the first ones in the theater.

**Bethany Miller:** I'll never forget my whole senior year; all the friends I have made and the memories I have here have made my senior year awesome; hanging out at Meijer, Fazoli's, Cosmic Bowling, and Target with all my friends; I hope my friends and I will be as close as we are now when after of high school.

**Will Moore:** I'll never forget when 12 of us Blockheads united and formed the country of Sandia; drowning a chipmunk with NB; car rides with SS; or all of the madness of my senior year.

**Zack Moore:** I'll never forget the great times I had at Delta High School in the classroom and on my sports teams, the astounding teachers that gave me great confidence for the future, and lastly the way I will be leaving Delta, completely satisfied with what I've done.

**Brock Morgan:** I'll never forget all the good times that were well spent with my boys and all the dances/sporting events.

**Taylor Morris:** I will never forget the girl fight I saw my sophomore year. They rolled all the way down the stairs, then stood up and continued to fight.

**Brooklyn Myers:** I'll never forget my closest friends I had my junior year when we went out to the movies or just hung out at my house.

**Seth Myers:** H2O is polar.

**Beau Nash:** I'll never forget Mr. Lyons; my friends; the amazing lunches; and mostly the last few years I had with my buddy Jake Monroe, also known as "Playboy J."

**Zane Naylor:** Gymnastics 2010; Block Class; Talent Show; Freshman Biathlons with Mr. Devine; Movie marathons in TM's basement; Exploration... "The Senior Guys" (2011); Cardigan Clan; Beef Nachos Club; Lumberjack Club; 3.5 years of weekly Jazz Group; Pumping iron with KS; Campus Life with JB and SB; Writing for the EE; long nights in the studio making movies; Avoiding class like the plague; J-Day; Locker pranks; Sticker collecting; Starting a grease fire; Track 2012 with KC; Swinging at Burris with SH and EA.

**Sean Neal:** The day Mr. Parker called me TinTin.

**Jeremy Nickens:** I'll never forget all the fun conversations in Miss Smith's class and the fun times in the IT academy at the MACC.

**Jordan Parsons:** I will never forget when I had the best score on my golf team my junior year; spring break last year with Campus Life and my best friend GH; when KM and JP did the "cinnamon challenge" and it went way wrong! SO FUNNY!

**Nikiya Parsons:** I will never forget Spring Break 2012. YOLO! I had the best week of my life with my girls AH, LC, ME, RG, AE; amazing years of cheering with TH, LS, LE, and KP; how great of a teacher Mr. D was; sharing secrets with Mrs. K; my senior year overall.

**Sherlyn Peckinpaugh:** I'll never forget "In the Air Tonight" with KL, EH, SZ, and KM; lunch conversations with SP, EH, SZ, and KL; hilarious bus rides with NB, WM, and JL; that night at Sunshine Café and Wal-Mart with SP and KL, those creepers were funny! I'll never forget senior year at Delta and all those teachers who had an impact on my life.

**Cody Pike:** I will never forget how awesome Mr. Matt Lyons is. Lyons belongs here at Delta.

**Eli Riggin:** I will never forget the cheesewheel; the 2011 FFA Christmas party and the fire alarm; the bus rides from FFA. My senior year has had its ups and downs, but I would never trade a minute of it for the world. I will especially never forget MM.

**Brianna Roper:** I will never forget the amazing friends I've made in high school; the crazy-fun times I've had with my BFF Ashley; great memories with Sammi and Niki that will last a lifetime; and of course my high school sweetheart JS who has given me some of the greatest years of my life and some of the greatest memories that I will never forget and cherish forever.

**Austin Russell:** I will never forget my sophomore to junior summer.

**Nate Sanders:** I'll never forget two-a-days for football having all the guys over to hangout in between practices. I'll also never forget having the guys over for paintball wars.

**Joe Schafer:** The days that Jim, LL, LR, and I would go out to eat before intern.

**Alex Selvey:** I'll never forget the time WM burped in a bag and blew it in AL's face and when Mrs. Kunk sang Lion King with SS and me.

**Kathryn Sexton:** I'll never forget the teachers that helped me get my head straight. I wouldn't be where I'm at now if it wasn't for them!

**Michael Smith:** I'll never forget how much I enjoyed Delta's friendly staff and students.

**Jonathan Smith:** The four great years I spent with LL, JG, EG, TC, OM, and KC in the Delta Basketball program; KC, KS, AF, CT, and SW being County Champs (You're the best!); Flowers for Algernon with HW, TV, TS, and JP; Keller's Pre-Calc junior year with HW and JW; TD performing "American Pie"; the 56-person Block Class; dancing at my Senior Prom with KR.

**Kasin Spay:** KS and the one time we dressed up as Smurfs; all the great times I have had with my friends during my high school years; having lunch with CT every year; and weightlifting with ZN and our handshake we made up

**Shelby Starkey:** I'll never forget starting the Baking Club with Miss Gray. She's a great teacher and I loved having her all three years I was at Delta. I'll also never forget the friendships I made in Buddies. They all really know how to have a good time. And finally, I won't forget when Mr. Omstead yelled at the Block Class on the last day of school during an attempt to take a group photo.

**Courtney Stephenson:** I will never forget senior year soccer game vs. Ytown; Painting the MC sewer drain; Great conversations in Mr. Wray's class; BW, ER, and BC in 7<sup>th</sup> period English; Spring Break 2012 with SW, WW, and MW; My car crash with OB and KL; All my memories with CW in Mr. Cleland's class; and my teachers who helped me along the way.

**Ashley Sterling:** I will never forget the friends I've made over the years and the teachers I loved having: Scroggins, Goodman, and Ervin!

**Bond St. John:** I'll never forget launching water balloons and making videos with EG, ZT, and GZ; throwing snowballs with ZT; the student section at football and

basketball games; my 16<sup>th</sup> birthday party; Jeffersonville with the tennis team; MF hitting a golf ball 50-yards onto the green from a parking lot; laying under the black lights and getting people to get us food with EG, ZT, and GZ; and singing in the car with ASJ and SSJ.

**Marissa Stotler:** I will never forget the time in 1<sup>st</sup> grade I got off the bus and realized my mom wasn't home, so I ran after the bus crying and my mom was just down the road. Kind of embarrassing!

**Bekah Sue:** I'll never forget my junior year lunch table or my pre-calc class; the performance of The Outsiders; World and US History with Orch; and all the Vande Graph incidents, especially the electrified water bottle or the chain shock.

**Lydia Summers:** I will never forget the endless heart-to-heart discussions with my best friend in the whole world LE! Spring Break sophomore year in Panama City with AL and our feet being burnt! My senior Spring Break with LE on our cruise to the Bahamas and Key West! "Winter break" freshman year with KH, 7 school days missed. MB introducing me to the love of my life, JW.

**Alex Taylor:** I'll never forget all of the conversations in Miss Smith's pre-calculus class about the "red-headed stepchild."

**Jeremy Thompson:** I'll never forget the time me and all my good friends from school went to Hasper Acres.

**Briann Thornburg:** I'll never forget all the good times in high school, all the teachers that have helped me through the years, and all the friends I have made.

**Autumn Troxell:** I'll never forget my friends, Fazoli's, Pizza King, or Cosmic bowling. There have been so many great times, great laughs, crying times, and all the other amazing times we have had. I'll also never forget our emergencies when one of us had a bad day and the others all banded together to cheer the one that's down back up.

**Ashley Twigg:** I'll never forget the Block talent show with Mr. Devine and I will never forget the time CJ had to sit in front of Block for talking.

**Elly Vaughn:** I will never forget the fun I had during my senior year, all the good weekends with JE and CD, and also great

memories with JR, GW, and DW.

**Joey Waycott:** All the times I've had with different people here and some of the conversations we used to have.

**Haven Wegesin:** I'll never forget the theatre crew and all the crazy stories I have from class/rehearsals; how most of my first impressions of people were wrong, like how I thought WM had a disease because he had shaved his head bald; how I thought life was ending because of reading quizzes, pre-calc, and Block journals; and PROM!

**Lauryn Winningham:** I'll never forget speaking in British accents with AL and KH, spring break and baseball games with AF, personal concerts with LC, when ME convinced me there was a skeleton in the wrecked car in her backyard, Warped Tour every year with TH, when WM and SS crept into my house, study hall junior year, and so much more.

**Dylan Winters:** Prom

**Whitney Witt:** I will never forget the Christmas FFA party when the fire alarm

went off; maple syrup slushies with JM; prom nights with JM and AL; good times with JJ, WC, JM, AC, and MB; planting and talking to JS in horticulture; Senior Ball with OB, LW, KC, and TA.

**Callie Worthington:** The DHS tennis family; all of the overnight trips, inside jokes, dinners, and much more; making it to state finals; Tim Cleland, he's an amazing coach and an amazing person who has inspired me in so many ways; Mrs. Hall has also made a very big impact on my life, she's like my second mom! I won't ever forget all the great times with JP and CS.

**Meliah Wray:** "It's not gum!" –ER

**Jason Wright:** The most important lessons I learned in high school: admit when you can't do something alone; when you get knocked down, don't stay there; know how you think; you don't usually need a better reason to do (or not to do) something other than "I wanted to"; don't take yourself too seriously, because the time here is short, and almost everything has the capacity to be a joke anyway.

**Shelby Wyman:** I will never forget all my memories with sports especially my senior year. Basketball and soccer gave me so many memories and I couldn't have asked for better coaches. Also all the memories I have made over the years with my friends and all the new friends I made.

**Audrey York:** SB 2011 Madeira Beach, FL; Homecoming 2010; Prom 2011; Life guarding class junior year, dropping CP in my pool; Mr. Devine's nickname for me all through school: Yorktown Peppermint Patty; all my amazing friends and teachers!

**Graham Zgunda:** making class projects with EG, ZT, and BSJ; being known as the guy who puts holes in walls; the blackout in Weight Lifting II; meeting the girls from Daleville; Guild meetings and Bdubs trips; all of the memories from Delta Football; BSJ's house

**Kade Zvokel:** I'll never forget all of the great times I've had with my friends, all of the great times I've had at basketball and football games, and all of my memories made with my brothers on the baseball team: JD, TT, AB, SB, AC, AT, JS, JT, TB, and CJ.

# Senior Regrets

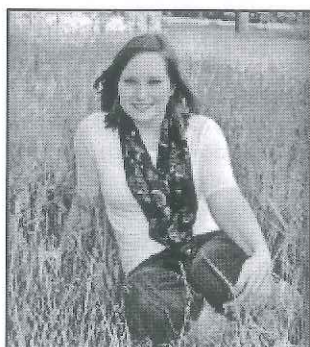
## DHS seniors reflect on the things they did in high school that they wish they would've done differently

By Chelsie Taylor

Entering high school as a freshman can be scary, and everyone has expectations for their future high school career. These expectations are not always fulfilled.

"Everyone has regrets," said senior Kevin Clements. "I regret not holding Zane Naylor back in eighth grade when he hit Alex Selvey in the mouth." He laughs and then tells how he wishes he hadn't quit the freshman basketball team as well.

Many seniors regret not trying their hardest in school. Marina Kreps and Jake Bell are now in the Delta Learning Center trying to gain back some much needed credits. They said that regrets aren't things that need to be dwelled upon every day. You just need to be able to learn from your mistakes and not repeat



Jenni Edmonds

them.

Best Buddies was the "highlight of high school," said senior Jennifer Edmonds. Jenni wanted to join more clubs going into high school as an eighth grader. That didn't happen until she made her decision to join Best Buddies. She has enjoyed her senior year more than any and is excited to leave for college and not have any more

regrets.

Sherlyn Peckinpaugh has regrets that hit closer to home than just school. She regrets not being closer to her grandmother.

"The reason sounds stupid," she said, "but I feel like she and I grew apart over the last four years." Her grandma passed away and now this is one regret she will not repeat. She plans on making the most of the time she has left with other family members.

What would you do if you had no regrets in high school? Does it mean you did everything you wanted to, or just didn't have that high of expectations for your high school career? For Coy Turner, he said that it means, "I jsut don't make any mistakes." He feels very good that he never has the burden of regrets on his shoulders. Obviously, it is not true that everyone has regrets.

# Future Plans . . .

**Aubriana Adney:** To attend the University of Indianapolis to study Elementary Education and Special Needs Education; find a teaching job; get married and have children; then live a perfect life in a house with a picket fence in the country.

**Charity Albertson:** To start classes at Ivy Tech this fall; to work toward earning my CNA license. I am currently looking for a part-time job for the summer. I need to start somewhere.

**Perry Bailey:** To go to WYO Tech for collision and repair and get my master's degree to start my own business; to go to college to learn how to fix motorcycles, repair them, and how to restore; if I could, I'd get my master's degree in that so I can make my big shop I've always wanted.

**Cody Bales:** To look into joining the Army for Diesel Mechanics or Welding.

**Blake Bennett:** To become an Architect / Engineer.

**Morgan Bergren:** To attend the University of Kentucky in July and major in volleyball and Pharmacy; fall in love; get married; travel the world; have a cute little family; and live happily ever after.

**Adam Brown:** To attend SCLSU, home of the Mud Dogs, and major in water management.

**Megan Buckner:** To attend Manchester College in the fall; to major in Pre-Med / Biology and eventually attend medical school; to become an OB- GYN, and I would also like to be involved in youth ministry at my church; eventually, I will get married, have a family, and continue to serve Jesus Christ.

**Austin Chriswell:** To be a graphic designer and do conceptual art for video game studios.

**Kaitlin Clawson:** To attend the University of Southern Indiana and study Exercise Science; to apply to graduate school to be a physical therapist; to work at the Mayo Clinic or on a military base; to get married to the love of my life; have 3 or 4 kids; build my dream home; and live my life to the fullest.

**Kevin Clements:** To attend Ball State and major in Telecommunications and hopefully become a high school teacher and work my way up to a high school principal.

**Lynne Costello:** To go to Bellarmine University to study Biology/Pre-Med; to go to med school and become an ophthalmologist; to live in a nice house with a cute little family and live happily ever after.

**Kysha Cox:** To attend Ivy Tech to get my Dental Assisting degree; marry the man of my dreams; and have 1-2 kids.

**Kimberly Cull:** To go to IU Bloomington and major in History; to get involved in a church down there; to stay out from underneath my

very protective brother's umbrella. Other than that, I have not really looked too far into the future.

**Jennifer Edmonds:** To be a Geneticist.

**Nichole Ellis:** To attend Ivy Tech to learn about child care; to open my own day care and tend to children of low income families.

**Brittany Engle:** To make the long journey to Ball State to study Elementary Education; to grow old with ZG and live a long, amazing life.

**McKenzie Evans:** To go to school for athletic training and physical therapy; marry the love of my life; and live happily ever after.

**Alicia Farmer:** To attend Franklin College where I will major in Business Administration; play basketball; get a job as a health care administrator at a nursing home; get married; have 2 or 3 kids; live somewhere far away from Muncie.

**Kaycee Fears:** To go to college; get a good job; buy a house, and start my little family fest.

**Rachel Gill:** To attend NYU or SUNY Purchase; major in dance; travel the world; and eat a lot of delicious food.

**Haley Gray:** To go to Ivy Tech and then switch my credits over to Ball State for Architecture; later down the road I would really love to go to the Art Institute in San Francisco, Calif., to get a degree in Landscape Architecture.

**Joseph Gray:** To go to Ivy Tech and then Ball State; then into the Police Academy. I hope to eventually be a detective and to live in either Philadelphia, Pa., or Tennessee.

**Kelsey Grogg:** To go to Ball State for Architecture and then move to Georgia, or transfer after a year at Ball State to Purdue for civil engineering (earthquake engineering) and move to Florida or to Japan with my uncle and his family.

**Ethan Grove:** I dunno.

**Denae Grubb:** To go to Ivy Tech and study early childhood education and special education, then work in a daycare or as a teacher's aide. One day I want to open my own daycare for children with special needs.

**Jacob Hagen:** To go to Ball State; and study ... something.

**Austin Hammel:** To work for a couple years then get a college degree in firefighting; once I turn 21, try to become a professional firefighter.

**TC Hargis:** To attend Ball State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in either computer technology or computer science. I hope to then move to either Tennessee or Hawaii.

**Tori Havens:** To go to Ball State University and double major in early childhood education and elementary education. I hope to one day have a house with at least four cats inside.

**Ali Hernandez:** To attend Ball State with a major in public relations and a minor in Spanish.

I plan to travel the world and then get a job in my favorite city, Chicago. Finally, I will marry my Prince Charming, have babies, and spend every 4<sup>th</sup> of July with Nikiya and her family at our lake house.

**Tori Hernaly:** To move to Florida and attend cosmetology school; work in a salon and build up clientele, then become a top hairstylist and travel all over the world and become a billionaire.

**Erica Himes:** To move out; work full-time all summer; save up college money; attend Ball State in the fall; major in Criminal Justice; start a stable career; get married; have 3 kids; become rich; travel all over the world; and until then party on.

**Katie Holdren:** To play golf for the next four years at Bethel College in Mishawaka; major in elementary education and study areas of special education; after graduating I hope to find a teaching position somewhere in Indiana, marry the love of my life, and live happily ever after.

**Ryan Ice:** To join the Military / Air Force.

**Claudia Jackson:** To go to college and major in psychology; to go all the way and get my doctorate; to continue dancing some way or form; to have fun; and to dance at Premiere.

**Kali Jones:** To go to Ivy Tech and Ball State, get a bachelor's degree in childcare and open a daycare center.

**Tiffany Kaufman:** To go to Ivy Tech to get my administrative degree in medical assisting; marry the love of my life TK; have amazing kids; and live on the most awesome farm ever.

**Marina Kreps:** To pursue a career working with kids; I'm thinking preschool teacher but I may work in a daycare until then, just to gain more experience.

**Mackenzie LaBoyteaux:** To attend Warner University in Florida and play golf. I will be studying social work and soaking up the sun in Florida.

**Austin Lemna:** To go to Ball State; move to South Florida; live on the beach; and be a bartender.

**Alexa Lewis:** To attend Ball State University, major in graphic design; live with LWV, and save the world.

**Sam Long:** To get to college and either pursue becoming a lawyer or go into education; graduate; then get a wonderful job and earn a good amount of money; and settle down and have a family of my own.

**Joey Longo:** To join the Air Force for 20-plus years, then retire to someplace warm.

**Kevin Maddy:** To work, go to school for welding, have fun, and live life.

**Elise Mauer:** To go to college and then go on to veterinary school. I want to minor in art during my undergraduate years. I would love to have a career as a vet at a zoo and a wildlife preserve.

**Jeremy May:** To be my normal, socially

awkward, cool guy self.

**Juliea McDonald:** To join the Air Force; graduate Basic Training; go to technical school; be stationed somewhere like Germany or in the States; marry an officer in the Military; have 2 kids; and live happily ever after.

**Tyler McDonald:** To go to Ivy Tech for two years, transfer to BSU for meteorology, and NEVER STOP CHASING.

**Bailey Mercer:** To go to Ivy Tech in the fall for two years and then transfer to Ball State to major in Psychology; get a steady job, get married, and raise a family.

**Bethany Miller:** To attend Purdue for a Zoology degree; later, I will hopefully own my own rescue center or work with wild animals.

**Will Moore:** To attend Ball State to double major in Spanish and teaching; other than that I don't have much planned except to live life and go wherever God wants me to.

**Zack Moore:** To become a chiropractor; and work with people that are in need of better health.

**Brock Morgan:** To go to college and go into the medical field and eventually move to Florida. I would like to do a lot of traveling in the future after my schooling.

**Taylor Morris:** To start off at Ivy Tech for a year in general studies; then transfer to Ball State to get a degree in psychology.

**Brooklyn Myers:** To take care of my son Karsin; to do online classes for college to become either a nurse or an OB-GYN.

**Seth Myers:** To not be a drag on society.

**Beau Nash:** To go to Ivy Tech then transfer to Purdue; I want to be a farmer / plant geneticist. I'm going to stay in Delaware County for as far as I can see ahead.

**Zane Naylor:** To go to a 4-year school; get my degree in something and start a career. I'll get married when I'm 39 and 7 months to the love of my life; of course I will be rich and be doing something I love; I will either be famous or infamous; I will never stop exploring.

**Jeremy Nickens:** To attend Ball State; play Quidditch; become an International Attorney; and travel the world.

**Sean Neal:** To become an engineer.

**Jordan Parsons:** To go to the University of Southern Indiana; study either elementary education or speech pathology; and come back here to get a job.

**Nikiya Parsons:** To attend Ivy Tech and maybe transfer to become a RN; deliver beautiful babies; marry the love of my life; have a big family; share a lake house with Ali's family.

**Sherlyn Peckinpaugh:** To go to Ball State and study education. I will keep in touch with those of importance and live life how I wish; go hard when you can and have no regrets.

**Cody Pike:** To learn how to run Bridgeport mills and high speed CNC and EDM mills, also.

**Eli Rigglin:** To spend 4 years at Ball State and obtain a double major in Conservation Biology

and Criminal Justice; go to the Indiana State Police Academy; become a conservation officer for the Indiana DNR; have a house with a white picket fence; have 2 kids; and live the American dream.

**Brianna Roper:** To relax and enjoy life; to go to college in the fall; become a nurse; start a family; get married; and do what people do.

**Austin Russell:** To go to Ivy Tech and go from there.

**Bond St. John:** To attend Purdue University; earn a degree in Actuarial Science; become an Actuary; spend some time out West; to live on a lake so my wife and kids can enjoy water sports; to grow in my faith; be a positive influence to others; to seek answers to questions that need answered and question answers that need questioned.

**Nate Sanders:** To go to Basic Training; go to AIT for the Army National Guard in the 11 Bravo Infantry unit; to work at an armory near the University of Southern Indiana; begin college at the University of Southern Indiana in the spring to study nursing.

**Joe Schafer:** To attend Ball State and major in business; then hopefully win the lottery.

**Alex Selvey:** To be a vigilante and fight crime.

**Kathryn Sexton:** To go to college for Psychology and possibly go for my doctorate in clinical psychology; to live my life to the fullest and have fun doing it.

**Jonathan Smith:** To major in mathematics at Taylor University; then obtain a doctorate and become a math professor.

**Michael Smith:** To go to Ball State for my bachelor's degree in radiotherapy.

**Kasin Spay:** To attend Earlham College next fall; major in Business Finance and Accounting; to play basketball; graduate; get married; have two kids; be the best parent ever; and live happily ever after.

**Shelby Starkey:** To go to Taylor University to study psychology; get my master's at an undecided program; go to med school to get a degree in psychiatry; and open my own office for child psychiatry.

**Courtney Stephenson:** To go to Lafayette in July; attend Ivy Tech for 2 semesters; go to Purdue to major in an undecided medical field as well as minor in journalism; and possibly join the Air Force after college and move south.

**Ashley Sterling:** To work as a hair dresser in a salon or spa; then go to esthetician

**Marissa Stotler:** To become a physical therapist for children; move to Colorado to further my occupation in the mountains; and then retire.

**Bekah Sue:** To go to college and then figure out what I want to do while there.

**Lydia Summers:** To go to Indiana Wesleyan to study nursing with LE; 4 years later, I will work in Indiana for the next 4 years; then I will become a nurse practitioner and move to South Carolina with my husband and LE will be my neighbor and my maid of honor.

**Alex Taylor:** To attend Ivy Tech for graphic arts in the fall; over the summer, I'm moving out and working full time to pay rent and for my car.

**Jeremy Thompson:** To go to Ivy Tech; go to a bigger college for engineering.

**Briann Thornburg:** To attend Indiana University East; complete a 4-year program for dental hygiene.

**Autumn Troxell:** They include college, a job change, and moving south somewhere

**Ashley Twigg:** I will attend Oklahoma Christian University majoring pre-law. Then head to University of Oklahoma.

**Elly Vaughn:** To go to college and decide what I want my career to be.

**Joey Waycott:** To join the US Marine Corps; depending if I like it or not I may pursue a career of 20-25 years; after the service then go to college to major in History to become a high school history teacher.

**Haven Wegesin:** To go to Ivy Tech Bloomington for Pre-Med; to finish those 4 years; join the Navy for my Med school (so it will be debt free); to marry my dream man; and to live in Maine or California.

**Lauryn Winningham:** To attend Ball State and major in nursing; to get a degree in forensic nursing; live with AL when all our friends leave us; then move to a big city and live happily ever after.

**Whitney Witt:** To go to Ivy Tech for nursing and then transfer somewhere else for a higher medical profession; then have a family and a nice house.

**Dylan Winters:** To work.

**Gage Winters:** To go to college and get a degree in law enforcement.

**Meliah Wray:** To go to the London Olympics; meet a hot British guy; travel to Paris and Madrid to visit Pablo Fernandez.

**Jason Wright:** To graduate from Wabash and Columbia University in a dual-degree engineering program; go to grad school; become a biomedical engineer; to become an authority on neuroprosthetics and powered exosuits.

**Shelby Wyman:** To move to Indy and attend IUPUI for a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner's degree and specialize in Cardiology.

**Audrey York:** To attend Ball State for radiation therapy; graduate; move West; start my career; go back-packing in Europe for a summer; get married; have a family; and live happily ever after.

**Graham Zgunda:** To graduate from Ball State's nursing program and meet new people; to move to a larger city and travel to New York, California, Hawaii, and other places while I still have the chance.

**Kade Zvokel:** To attend Indiana University in the fall; study something in the business field (probably finance); become a general manager of the Chicago Cubs; lead them to their first World Series since 1908.



# Blast from the Best

By Christi Dalton

Each year the valedictorian and salutatorian, the two seniors with the highest grade-point averages, graduate and move on to college to prepare for careers. We caught up with the valedictorians and salutatorians of the past four years to see where they are now.

One of Delta's top students has spent the past few months living in Australia, while others also are studying outside the United States in Jerusalem and London. Four of the eight are at Purdue University.

**Aaron Fry**, class of 2011 valedictorian, has just finished his first year at Purdue University. He spent the majority of his time with students from other countries.

"The best college experiences for me thus far have all centered around meeting new friends from different parts of the world. The majority of my friends are from Asian countries. Talking to them about their experiences in their own countries and the differences they have faced in America is very interesting," Fry said.



While attending Purdue, Fry is studying engineering. He has not decided on a minor yet, but maybe Chinese and energy studies.

Fry has always wanted to be an engineer, along with one day getting to be a writer. He would be writing just for his own enjoyment.

"Delta was a great four-year experience for me. It helped prepare me for engineering with various classes such as the Project Lead the Way courses and the Ball State English course taught by the great Mr. Omstead," Fry said.

Through all of his years at DHS, he learned how to balance academics with having fun. While attending Purdue the challenging engineering program has not burnt Fry out so far.

**Alice Grasso**, last year's salutatorian, is studying optometry at Purdue University. An optometrist is an eye doctor.

"I decided to work toward becoming an optometrist because I find the eye fascinating. There are so many interesting things about eyes, and I see myself being very successful in optometry," Grasso said. "I shadowed an optometrist last December and absolutely loved it! I get to work for the same optometrist this summer, and I am very excited."



Last year Grasso decided that she wanted to be a pediatrician; however, over the summer thoughts started to run. Grasso had put thought into what she truly wanted to be. That is when she decided to be an optometrist.

Regardless, Grasso is going into a field where she can help a person.

She is studying abroad in London this month.

"I've been able to experience a lot through all of the clubs and activities available to students. The freedom of college is also really great—not just being on my own, but also making choices that affect my future (classes, studying abroad, career choice, etc.). I really enjoy having more control over what I do and how I do it," Grasso said.

For all we know, one day Alice Grasso will be the one to give us the sight to see in order to do our best.

**Kristen Smith**, valedictorian of 2010, attends Purdue University, where she has been accepted into the professional Pharmacy program. Smith has found a way to balance being involved, having fun, and learning.

Smith decided to go into pharmacy after one of Delta's former Chemistry teachers advised her to go into the profession. Mrs. Karen Cope also had inspired Alice Grasso.



"Mrs. Cope suggested pharmacy since I enjoyed her chemistry classes so much. So I did some job shadowing, decided I liked it, and applied to Purdue's program. It seemed like a flexible and rewarding career, as well as one involving topics I enjoy," Smith said.

Purdue University allows students to come in and meet with actual students from the school. This year Smith was chosen to be a leader to show students why they should go to

Purdue.

"This fall, I had the opportunity to be a Team Leader (TL) for Purdue's Boiler Gold Rush program. Basically, I showed 12 freshmen why Purdue is awesome for a week. We had a bunch of convocations, free giveaways, comedians, midnight Target runs, and two solid days of insane move-ins to dorms," Smith said. "It was a constant adrenaline rush. There were 450 TLs, about 90 people in charge of us, and 5,000 freshmen. And we all fit into Purdue's Elliot Hall of Music. You're having so much fun and growing so close to your 'kids' and fellow TLs there isn't even time to be tired."

**Ashton Letsinger**, salutatorian of 2010, is now a junior at Ball State majoring in accounting and minoring in operations management. Outside of school, Letsinger has been working as a lab assistant at the computer labs.

When it comes to accomplishments in college, Letsinger is the president of Alpha Kappa Psi, along with just completing a learning project in a foundation called the Banking on a Better Economy.

Letsinger decided to minor in operations management after attending and listening to a speaker.



"I went to this speaker and that was his major. He was describing his job and I really liked it. He got to kind of take a managerial role and look at the operations of the business and find ways to improve it to make it more efficient," Letsinger said.

Letsinger decided to go into accounting as a major, because ever since she was a little girl she has always liked numbers. Her mom was also an accounting major, and now her mom is a teacher in the field.

"My honors classes and dual credit classes taught me how to study. BSU English taught me how to write. In general, though, DHS made me independent and ready to go to college. They always support and encourage me and I learned a lot from them about who I want to be," Letsinger said.

**Jared Bullock**, valedictorian of 2009, is now in his third year at Washington University in St. Louis. He is majoring in Biomedical Engineering, which combines medicine, biology, and engineering.

While pursuing his college education, Bullock has been in Brisbane, Australia for a semester.

"So far I have seen the Sydney Opera House, gone snorkeling and scuba diving on the Great Barrier Reef and learned to surf, among other fun experiences and trips," Bullock said.



When it comes to his near future, Bullock hopes to be working in research and development with neural engineering.

"I've always been interested in the brain, and there's still a lot that the scientific community does not yet know about why it works the way it does," Bullock said.

Students have been choosing their careers in part due to the classes that are offered here at Delta as well as influence from the teachers that have taught the classes.

Bullock was inspired by many people that had been in his life while in high school, from Biology and Anatomy teacher Dr. Lance Brand, Economics teacher Mrs. Pat Ervin, to last year's Chemistry teacher Mrs. Karen Cope, and Journalism teacher Mr. Tim Cleland.

"My time at DHS allowed me to get involved in a variety of activities that I believe helped to make me a well-rounded person, which colleges really like to see," Bullock said. "It also provided me with mentors who challenged me to push my boundaries and become a better student, athlete, and friend."

**Kelly Crider**, salutatorian of 2009, is now a junior at Butler University. With an interest in the science field, she has decided to have two majors, Chemistry and Biology.

However, when Crider walked across the stage and graduated from Delta, she did not know what she wanted to major in in college. She said there were just so many interesting fields to go into.



"The neatest experience has been watching myself learn and grow in so many different ways. I think so often people are afraid of change, but change can be a very positive thing. It is important to allow yourself to be a dynamic person rather than a static person, and college has definitely helped

me embrace that," Crider said.

A person does not just become in the top two of the class alone. With support of family, friends, and teachers Crider was able to become the person whom she is today.

"I am so thankful for the opportunity to have attended Delta High School. My teachers helped me establish a solid background in the sciences that has served me well in pursuing my majors," Crider said. "More importantly, my teachers taught me the importance of an inquisitive mind, which has aided me tremendously both as a student and as a human being. Beyond that, the students of Delta taught me that you often find friendship when you least expect it, which is really a beautiful lesson."

**Erika Hapner**, valedictorian of 2008, will be graduating this summer from Taylor University. She is majoring Elementary School Education.

Ever since she got out of high school, she has wanted to be a teacher. Being a teacher means a lifetime of learning, along with getting to help students. She is also getting her master's in gifted education.



"I love being challenged and challenging others and I am excited for all the opportunities I will have to be creative - room decorations, lesson planning, adaptations for diverse learners, and in so many other ways! I was also motivated by the teachers I had throughout my years in Delaware

Community Schools," Hapner said.

Delta seems to be inspiring students to go around the world and attend different schools. Hapner is getting a once-in-a-lifetime experience. She was able to study at Jerusalem University College in Israel.

"I loved walking through and learning more about the history of the land, the people there, and the conflicts going on in the area. I got to stay in a building that very much resembled a castle and slept in a room that was literally on the roof of the college," Hapner said.

Maybe one day Hapner will be able to motivate her young students, as Del-Com teachers did for her.

**Justin Wilder**, salutatorian of the class of 2008, is graduating from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree this month.

Wilder is majoring in Computer Graphics Technology (CGT). In CGT a person programs video games, creates 3-D models, and animates characters.



Next thing the gaming world could experience may be a Wilder creation.

"I think that my experiences (at Delta) in Art class and in the Tech classes with Mr. Glaze helped instill my interest in the field I am in. That and the exorbitant amount of video games I played while in high school," Wilder said.

All of the years of studying and hard work can get a student anywhere if they keep their studies and work habits up.

"Academically speaking, last year we had a team of four people and one semester to create a three-minute animation from scratch. It took a ton of work and we had a lot of trouble throughout the whole process, but in the end we really came together and made something to be proud of," Wilder said.

He said he enjoyed many other great experiences in college. "I moved into a cooperative house with a group of 50 guys that have become my best friends," he said. "I recommend to everyone to get out there and meet people and make some memories!"

# Light at the End of the Tunnel

Juniors share their expectations for their senior

By Sarena Clay

## Stephanie Garringer

I am expecting my senior year to be a really fun year.

I fear that I will come down with a bad case of senioritis, but hopefully I can overcome it.

I know next year will be 10 times easier than my junior year because I am not taking as many dual-credit

classes. I will also be interning at The Star Press.



Senior year will probably

be more stressful than junior year because of applying for scholarships and finding the right college.

I am somewhat planning for college by taking the SATs this summer and visiting colleges.

As a junior, I have to take my SATs and ACTs and take as many dual-credit courses as possible.

My high school years have been the best and the worst times of my life. I have made mistakes and learned from them. I have made friends and lost some, as well, but the most important thing is, through all the chaos, I found myself.

## DEREK SCHWINDT

I think senior year will be easier than my junior year for the most part.

In my case, senior year may be harder in the fact that I have to get certain classes done that I need to graduate. I am planning to go to Ivy Tech for a few years. I



also have a few careers that I am looking at.

As a junior, I just need to make sure I get my difficult classes out of the way and then start really looking at some of the careers I am interested in.

I would really like to change my work habits before senior year.

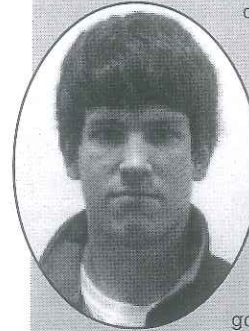
High school was pretty fun, but I was a bit more laid-back than most people.

## JAKE MULLINIX

I was really looking forward to going first for the picnic, but my dreams were shot down.

My senior year will be easier than my junior year. I will only have three periods.

I plan to attend Ivy Tech for my general studies. I am also planning on going to Motorcycle Mechanics Institute in Florida.



To get ready for college, I have already gone to visit some colleges. Also, this summer, I am going to Florida to visit MMI.

Senior year, I want to be able to ride a motorcycle to school.

## Olivia Brown

I really want a fun year next year with my little brother. I also want the year to go by fast!

Senior year will be different because I am taking two BSU classes, but I also have an intern.

I wish I was still homeschooled. I don't like public school at all! There is a lot of drama that I could have avoided if I were homeschooled. Some of it has been fun, though, like picnics, dances, and football games.

By senior year, I want to change my attitude about school and relationships with my friends. I want my senior year to make up for all the years I have gone to public school and hated it.



## TRISTAN NOBLE

Senior Year, I want to be a Golden Eagle in weightlifting and to have a 3.4/10.2 GPA.

I feel next year will be easier, my classes anyway. Harder in a stressful way, but I'm not too worried though, because I have my plans all figured out.

I am planning to go into the military after high school so I can pay for college. I am going to attend Marine MEchanics Institue with Anthony Webb.

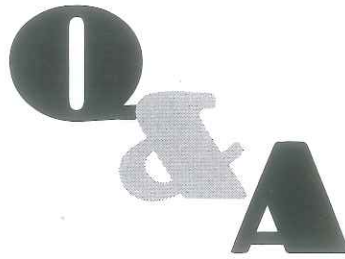
As a junior, I am sending the applications, taking online surveys and SATs and visiting colleges.

By senior year, I wish to have enough points to get my letter jacket and get my class ring.

For me, high school has been great. I have enjoyed it for the most part.



Compiled by Lukas Jetmore  
and Lindsey Reagon



### How often do you plan to come home for the weekend, while you are off to college?

Matt Fisher (Grand Valley State): Not very often. My freshman year I plan to go to Grand Valley State (in Michigan). I plan on being at a junior credit level after my freshman year and transferring to California-Santa Barbara.

Michael Smith (Ball State): Very frequently.

Eli Riggan (Ball State or Vincennes): I plan on visiting home every weekend.

### What concerns do you have about leaving home?

Bond St. John (Purdue University): The little things like laundry and keeping my dorm clean.

### What do you fear the most about college?

Bailey Mercer (Ivy Tech): I guess just getting used to the new atmosphere of college.

Matt Fisher (Grand Valley State): I hope to find levels of academic subjects that will interest and challenge me.

Bond St. John (Purdue University): Beating the college triangle 1. Social life 2. Sleep 3. Grades ... Pick two.

### What are your expectations for college?

Bailey Mercer (Ivy Tech): I expect to have a lot of homework and a busy schedule through the week.

Eli Riggan (Ball State or Vincennes): Independent life, creating a more selected curriculum of classes

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## Soccer again seeks coach

By Kenzie Sulfridge

Going from off season to school season can be a transition for athletes, but most come back to a coach with whom they have been with for a few years and feel comfortable. For the boys' soccer team, they haven't had that for the last few years.

This fall will be the third new coach in the last three years for boys' soccer. Some players might look at this as a disadvantage, but sophomore Chandler Davis thinks that it's actually beneficial. "Every coach has a different technique and being around different coach's helps to improve our skills," said Davis.

Even though that is a benefit of having a new coach every year, there are some downfalls to it. The chemistry of teams that have been with the same coach for more than one year could be better because they know how the coach acts in pressure situations, what annoys them during games, and other tics they might have. Even though the team chemistry including the coach might not be as strong,

the players that have been together get along great.

"Our team chemistry won't be affected. I think we have the best group of guys on our team than any other. We get along and play very well together," freshman Reed Borgmann said about the team.

For the sophomores and freshman they have had a new coach every year for school. Since they have all gone through this together they know how each other reacts to the changes and can help others get adjusted.

If a player and the coach don't get along very well, they still have to represent Delta positively and leave their differences behind them.

"When looking for a coach, I look for someone who will represent Delta High School positively and be a good influence for the players," said athletic director Mr. Chris Conley about the search for a new coach. Finding a coach that can be 100

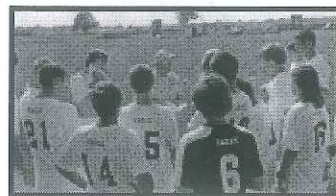
percent committed to the team is difficult. Recent coaches have had outside responsibilities like families, and other jobs.

"When you're on the look for a new coach, it's always a positive thing to have a coach be a teacher at our school. We just haven't been

lucky enough to find that someone yet," Conley said.

Some of the players think that the change will either be positive or not affect them that much. Others think that the transition to another coach could be difficult since they had just got adjusted to another new coach.

Sophomore Nick Walters thinks that if the new coach doesn't have a good sense of humor it could be a rough season. "It's going to be hard to start out with the new coach because our team likes to joke around a lot, and if the coach isn't very easy going it might be a bad or boring year," Walters said.



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With such a high-intensity lifestyle during the school year, most of her relaxation time gets put off until the summer. Costello spends her summer days at the family lake cottage in Colon, Mich.. The two-hour trip from Muncie is worth it to her to spend time in her second home, and in some ways her first. Lynne grew up around the community on the lake.

"They were like my family growing up," said Lynne. "When I was a little baby my mom would put me out in the little playpen on the porch. I would sit out there for hours and watch the boats go by. People would come in and come out, and that's my family, they're who I grew up with." There are some days that it's the preferred place for her to get away from all the pressure. "It's like my favorite place to be."

When the summer passed last year, Lynne knew she was entering the home stretch. Her senior year would be the last in a long run of academic excellence, and she was ready to hold fast and fight the good fight. Lynne sees what's ahead of her. She's a very goal-oriented person in that she sets her sights on something far off and sets goals to reach that vision.

Vision is what future success looks like. For Lynne, her vision is to become an ophthalmologist, known to most as an eye surgeon. In order to make that happen, Costello is attending Bellarmine University this fall to major in Biology. Bellarmine is a private liberal arts university located in Louisville, Ky. They have about 2,000 students. Lynne is comforted by the fact she will know a few people there.

Josh Farmer, a Delta grad, is the older brother of Lynne's best friend Alicia Farmer, a senior here. Also attending Bellarmine is Michelle McFerran, a student from Alexandria whom Lynne has played tennis with previously.

Mrs. Amy Lewman, Media

Specialist, has worked with Lynne the past few years while serving as an advisor for Delta's chapter of National Honor Society. With her experience in education and working with Lynne, Lewman knows some of the challenges Lynne might face in the future. "Lynne may have to work even harder than she has in the past on her grades and obtaining the balance she has had in the past," Lewman said. "I know that college will be easy for her, but studying medicine requires a lot of hours of 'hitting the books.'" After

graduating from Bellarmine, Lynne plans to attend Indiana University Medical School to get her medical doctorate, following in the footsteps of her mother who is a retired nurse and her father who became an anesthesiologist. She is excited about the opportunity to become an ophthalmologist.

"I job shadowed for different doctors around here that do that, and I fell in love with it. Being challenged every day, I love the stuff that you get to work with. It's just so interesting to me," said Costello.

After becoming a doctor, Costello hopes to work with a charity to do doctoral work in developing countries. "I'm really interested in doing mission work. To go into other countries where they can't even afford to have glasses or need surgery and giving them the gift of sight would be just immeasurable. I can't even explain how awesome that would be to impact someone's life that much," said Costello.

Along the way to reach her dream, Costello has hit high and low points. But she says the most important thing is to learn from your mistakes. She was nervous when she transferred to the Del-Com school system because it was different than the private school she had attended before. The pressure started piling on when she quickly began to realize her potential.

"I was kind of put in the mindset of 'you need to push yourself harder'," Costello said. "When I got into middle school that's probably where my pressure built up the most. I was just kind of very driven and

I wanted to be the best. And then I felt like... I have to meet up to [my friend's] standards. I don't want to disappoint people. That's one of my biggest fears along with failure."

She excelled quickly in middle school because she didn't like to do poorly. "Knowing you didn't do very well...just kills me on the inside. I just try to avoid that." But all of that meant that the pressure started building up. "I just wish that I could handle it better. I feel like I've gotten to a good point now, but all around I wish I could not get so nervous and stressed out about things."

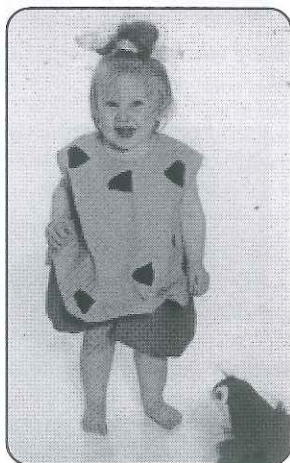
Lewman has found Lynne to be a "true blessing" this year as her teacher's aide. "I could be having a cruddy start to my day and she would always have a smile on her face when she walked through the door," Lewman said.

While the future is always a mystery, Costello knows her time at Delta is coming to an end. She has accomplished all she can here and is ready to advance. Lynne offers these words of wisdom: "Be your own person. Don't let other people define you as who they think you are. Just get comfortable in your own skin."

We can all take a note from the journal of the valedictorian. She won't be around long, for her heart is pushing her on to bigger and better things.



A young Lynne Costello looks at the world from her playpen at the family's summer cottage in Michigan. (Photo provided)



Lynne Costello in a carefree time long ago. (Photo provided)

# Getting Ahead

Delta surges forward with dual-credit courses

By Tiffany Flowers

College costs can add up, but with dual-credit options in high school some students are getting a head start on the competition. These classes are open to most juniors and seniors and can provide you with an understanding of the immense work load and maturity expected out of you during your college career.

Delta offers about a dozen dual-credit classes, with five more classes that will be introduced in coming semesters. These classes have not been specified.

Gary Seidner, math teacher, is involved in the dual enrollment program. He is in charge of the Ball State calculus class and covers the college credit material. "The advantage in the calculus course [and others] is that you have a whole year to do a one-semester

class," said Seidner. He feels that in the future not only will more of these classes be offered but more students will be taking advantage of the dual-credit classes.

Students who take part in dual enrollment have several advantages. Dual enrollment allows students with higher abilities to get ahead and or fulfill their full potential. The classes also allow them to be prepared for college and engaged in the material. These classes also help students get more comfortable with the idea of college and lowers intimidation of life after high school.

Dual enrollment also can give a boost in college admissions, but students should be warned that once they start their classes they are officially beginning their college career. If a student is not ready he or she could receive poor grades which are permanently on their transcripts.

One of the biggest advances in dual credit courses is the Global Scholars program, which will begin its pilot year this fall when school returns. Global Scholars is a customized program that is made to fit the individual interests of each student. It is not a dual credit course but a class for students that combine several of their self



Students in the Anatomy 201 class examine a bone model while on a field trip.

guided dual enrollment classes.

"Global Scholars is about allowing each student to passionately pursue a topic of personal interest, conduct a yearlong research project similar to a college thesis project, and present and maybe even publish their work," said Dr. Lance Brand, science teacher. Dr. Brand will be a teacher involved in piloting the program.

While taking the program students will have the opportunity to be open to various cultural events, guest speakers, community service, and the chance to work hard and reflect on their achievements. The initial pilot year will be flexible towards students' schedules and may look a little different every student. After the trial of the program is done they hope to transition it into a senior year two-hour block class.

Grading for the Global Scholars program will essentially be the same as the dual credit courses except that the yearlong projects will be evaluated by a committee of teachers. The normal dual credit classes are given an eight percent addition to their high school semester grade.

During the pilot year seniors will be expected to take two or more dual-credit courses. In the following years students who are planning to enter the program should take at least one dual-credit course their junior year and then three or more courses their senior year.

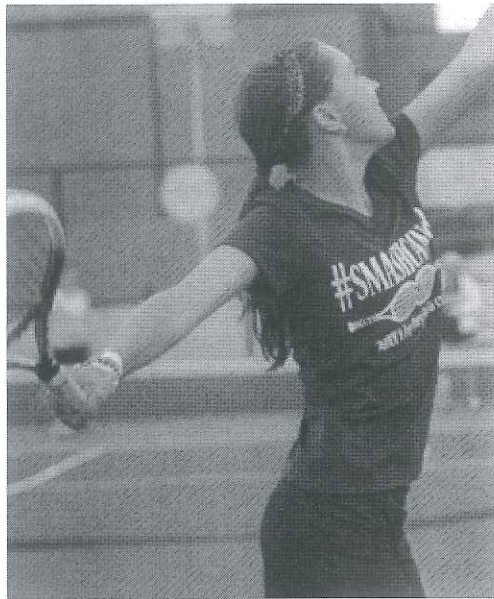
As Global Scholars and the basic dual-credit courses advance there will likely be more courses offered in the fields of business, agriculture, the arts, foreign language, and many more.

Class	Teacher	School
English 103	Mr. Omstead	Ball State
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Calculus 161	Mr. Seidner	Ball State
Biology 111	Dr. Brand	Ball State
Anatomy/Physiology 201	Dr. Brand	Ball State
Physics 110	Mr. Seidner	Ball State
Physics 112	Mr. Seidner	Ball State
World History 102	Mr. Orchard	Ball State
Anatomy/Physiology 10	Dr. Brand	Ivy Tech
American History 102	Mrs. Ervin	Ivy Tech
Spanish 102	Mrs. Davis	Ivy Tech

# Springing Into Action

DHS athletes are reaching their goals this season and helping out their teams

By Matt Hinds



## Matt Fisher

### Boys' Golf

**Highlight:** Winning the county tournament and the Delaware Invitational in back-to-back weekends.

**Individual Goals:** Win at least one more invite and make it to the state tournament.

**Team Goals:** Win sectionals

**Quote:** When asked why he plays golf, Fisher responded, "I do it for the kids."

## Breana Anderson



### Girls' Track

**Highlight:** Reaching her personal goal of getting a ribbon in every event she's participated in.

**Individual Goals:** Continue to do well and make it to State.

**Team Goals:** Continue to improve and hopefully make it past sectionals.

## Madison Ashman

### Girls' Tennis

**Highlight:** Getting the opportunity to play varsity and have a major contributing role on the team.

**Individual Goals:** Have the best personal record possible and help the team make it as far as it can.

**Team Goals:** Take it one step at a time, but hopefully make it back to state.

## Kasin Spay

### Softball

**Season Highlight:** Hitting over .500 so far and being a leader on the team.

**Individual Goals:** Continue to be a good leader on the team and come up with clutch hits and defensive plays.

**Team Goals:** Win Sectionals

## Mason Bechdolt

### Boys' Track

**Highlight:** Winning so much as a freshman and beating Brendan Barnes and JaRon Terry from Muncie Central

"I didn't expect to do this well at all. And beating Brendan Barnes was a pretty big highlight too."

**Individual Goals:** Make it to Regional

**Team Goals:** Win Sectionals



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## Taran Temple

### Baseball

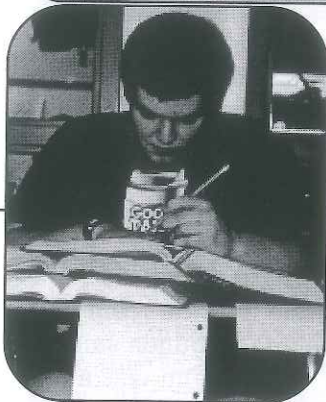
**Season Highlight:** Hitting a home run off of Texas commit Trey Ball from New Castle.

**Individual Goals:** Hit over .400 for the season and be in the top 10 in the state in RBI's

**Team Goals:** Win county and win sectionals

By Teaghan Dishman

Senior	What college do you plan on attending?
Ashley Twigg	Oklahoma Christian University
Ethan Grove	Grace College
Cody Dyke	Ivy Tech
Jason Wright	Wabash College
Jenni Edmonds	IUPUI
Joel Keller & Shaun Hansel	University of Indianapolis
Lyn Ellcessor	Indiana Wesleyan Univeristy
Jeremy Pierce	Indiana University or Ball State



Jason Wright studies to keep up with his school work.  
(Photo by Bailey Hood)

Senior	What is your favorite thing about the college you will be attending?
Ashley Twigg	It's close to my family and it's the perfect size.
Ethan Grove	The tennis program and campus.
Cody Dyke	I don't have to move and my friends will be there.
Jason Wright	The Gentleman's Rule and Liberal Arts structure.
Jenni Edmonds	Great location in downtown Indianapolis.
Shaun Hansel	Class size and personal attention
Lyn Ellcessor	The campus is beautiful.
Jeremy Pierce	BSU: cheap and IU: the courses

Senior	What are you most scared about?
Ashley Twigg	All of my stuff fitting in my dorm room!
Ethan Grove	College debt
Cody Dyke	Nothing.
Jason Wright	Keeping up with the work.
Jenni Edmonds	Being away from home.
Joel Keller	The very first class and moving into the dorms
Lyn Ellcessor	Not making Chorale (the traveling choir).
Jeremy Pierce	If I go to Indiana University, the debt.



Senior	What do you think you will miss about home?
Ashley Twigg	Hanging out with my sister and family.
Ethan Grove	My family, friends, and my room.
Cody Dyke	I am not going to miss home because I am never leaving.
Jason Wright	Hanging out with my friends and doing fun, pointless things.
Jenni Edmonds	My grandma's cooking!
Joel Keller	All my friends and Coach Wray.
Lyn Ellcessor	My own bedroom and bathroom.
Jeremy Pierce	If I go to Indiana University, I will miss my dog.



# Who's Going To Fill Ozzie's Shoes?

By Jillian Renbarger and Jordan Keppler

To be a quarterback you should meet the needs of yourself and the team. Certain traits also need to be achieved. Some include leadership, mental toughness, and, of course, physical skills.

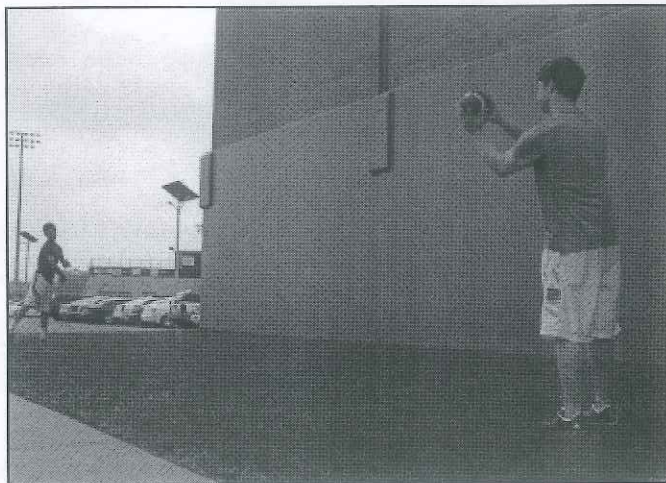
"There is a lot of preparation that goes into being a quarterback," said sophomore Colin McCaslin. "It has always been said that the quarterback should be the first player to arrive and the last player to leave every day. In my opinion, that is the best way to do it. It ensures that the quarterback is prepared."

With Ozzie Mann graduating this year, many people are wondering who is going to take the place of the three-year starting quarterback. The position has been narrowed to two players: McCaslin and freshman Cade Jones.

McCaslin plays baseball for Delta. He plays in the spring and summer, as an outfielder. But his number one sport is football. He said he enjoys everything about football from the preparation to the competitive nature of the sport.

McCaslin got started during one of his first practices of his third grade year.

"I was throwing the ball as far as I could and it caught the eye of my coach. He tried me out at quarterback right after,



Freshman Cade Jones throws a pass to sophomore Colin McCaslin.  
(Photo by Jordan Keppler)

and then I had the job for the year," said McCaslin.

"I want this spot. It is as simple as that," McCaslin added.

If McCaslin is not picked for the quarterback position he will probably try to be a linebacker.

Besides playing football, Jones also plays shortstop for the varsity baseball team. He has been playing football since he was in elementary school when his cousin got him involved. Jones believes his athletic ability and mobility to throw on the run helps him stand out.

Jones has wanted the quarterback position since he was younger. He also feels that being the quarterback means being a leader which always has high pressure. He says if he isn't picked for the position he might play defensive or offensive line.

Head Coach Grant Zgunda said the new quarterback will be eased into the role slowly. "They're not going to pass the ball a lot at first," Zgunda said.

The next big question is how the team will respond to a new quarterback. "Fine. It's hard to replace Ozzie, but the team will be fine," Zgunda said.

Mann was a three-year starter after he came to Delta his sophomore year. He is going to graduate with a 27-9 high school record. He signed an NCAA Division 1 scholarship with Ball State University. He is being

red-shirted, which means he won't play his freshman year, but he will still have four more years to play.

Even with a new quarterback coming in, some Delta students still plan on watching Mann play throughout his future Ball State career.

"Ozzie is a good quarterback and I enjoy watching him play," said freshman Kyle Cox.

We know where he will play, but we still don't know who is to fill his shoes on the Delta High School turf.

# Operation: Return Home

By Olivia Brown

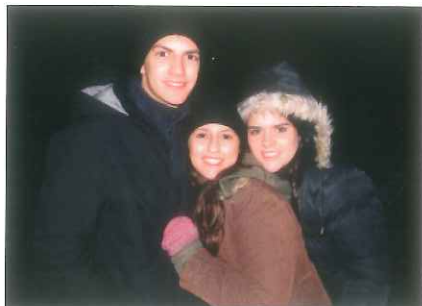
Soon the four foreign exchange seniors return home to carry on with the rest of their lives. But first they must walk across the stage on June 2 at Emens Auditorium along with the other Class of 2012 graduates.

**E**ight months ago, when Isabela Zanelato flew here she had some guesses about what life would be like. In Brazil, they have a lot of brunettes. She expected many blondes and overweight people here. "I thought I was going to see a lot more blonde people and fat people. Sorry!" she said jokingly. She was surprised to find out different.

She realized that many high school students play sports and are so athletic, and we have many brunettes. She's leaving here on June 11 with her family, who are coming all the way from Brazil to watch her graduate.

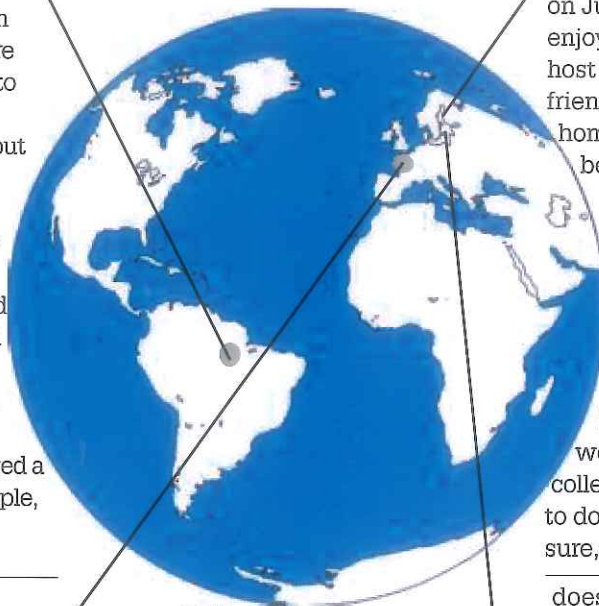
"I'm excited to leave, but at the same time no because I know I'm leaving right after graduation," she said. Isabela is very excited to be going home although she will miss Delta and all the memories from this year. From tennis and soccer practices with all of her friends, she has grown a strong bond.

Her attitude has changed a lot here, "I care more about people,



family and friends," she explained. Pizza King, Taco Bell and Texas Roadhouse are her favorite restaurants here, but she's sorry to say she can't pack them up and take them home with her. She'll be returning home to attend her last semester of high school until December, then on to college.

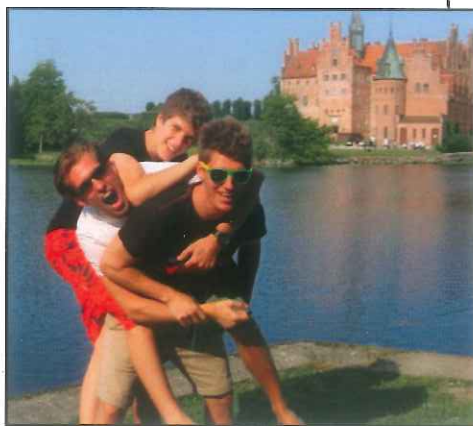
especially who are having a hard time. I also learned to appreciate more my



**O**la Kjaer, is going home on June 20. Over this year he's enjoyed his stay in America with his host family and meeting many new friends. Now he is ready to go back home to see his friends and family before he finishes his last year of school. After he's done with school, he intends to travel to some other part of the world. He will most definitely miss the American food...Wendy's and Taco Bell, in particular. Ola said he will be coming back later to visit his host family. "I would love to take a year in college here, but if I won't be able to do that I'll come back and visit for sure," he said.

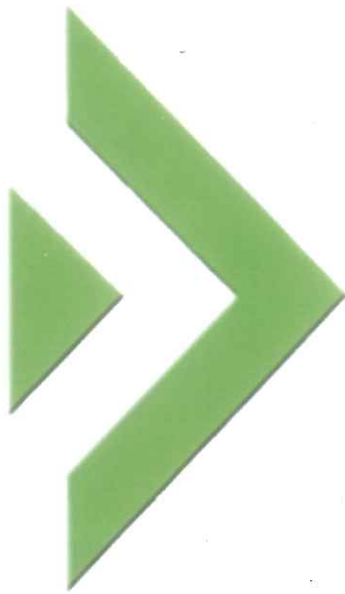
**A**dios from Pablo Fernandez, as he goes back to Spain on June 9. He will miss the fun attitude of education here; people are nicer than he thought. And everything here is bigger than he expected. Pablo will be going home to two more years of high school and will try to get a job. His attitude while being here has made him more independent and for that reason he plans on coming back next summer to visit. When he arrives home, there will be a family meal with all of his extended family. He is very excited to see all of them.

**W**ith mixed feelings, Frederik Birk, leaving on June 3 wants to go back to Denmark but



doesn't want to leave his family and friends here. His first thought about America was the same as Denmark, then he realized how "overly friendly" everyone is here. Being friendly and having what he calls a "God" food place, worthy of God to eat, like Steak 'n' Shake has definitely impacted his life. When he goes back home, he must finish eight more years of school.

Since he's come to Delta, he's matured and plans on coming back to visit. "I'm excited to walk across the stage, but I hate what it represents. Because a lot of the people I spend time with every day, I won't ever see again," Frederik said.



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