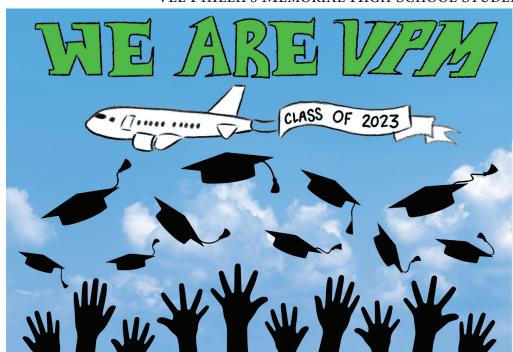
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## FINAL NOTE FROM THE

As the first year of *The Sword & Shield* being online comes to a close, we'd like to thank our 22-23 team for all their hard work for making this huge transition. Another big thanks to our readers who have been supporting us throughout the year.

To the seniors: Well folks, we made it. We're the first class to graduate from the newly-named Vel Phillips Memorial High School—what a thing! Four years filled with unexpected interruptions, hard transitions, and all sorts of challenges. Four years of laughter, tears, and excitement. Four years have come and gone. No matter how you feel about VPM, I think we can all agree that we're excited to graduate and move out into the world.

To the juniors, underclassmen, and incoming freshmen: We wish you the best of luck. The week is long, and the weekend always ends too soon, but you'll make it. So no matter what path you walk, remember to stop and smell the roses—enjoy what you can in high school, before the world gets too real.

Putting this issue of the newspaper together, we were amazed by this year's class. So many talented and hardworking students, musicians, artists, athletes, and more. You'll do fantastic things no matter where you go!

It's been a wild ride, and we wouldn't have it any other way. Congratulations to the VPM Class of 2023!

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Emily White
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Graduating seniors can attain this status if their seventh semester cumulative grade point average is 3.5-3.79 for Honors or 3.8-4.0 for High Honors. Transfer students are eligible only if letter grades (A-B-C-D-F scale) were posted in each year of high school, grades nine through semester one of grade twelve. Seniors graduating with Honor or High Honors will wear gold cords during the graduation ceremony. Distinctions between Honors and High Honors will be listed in the graduation program and at the Honors Convocation.

# MORE SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Hazel Paschall Scholarship

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> Victor Albright Michael Mahaffey

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# Academic Excellence Recipients & Alternates

Tomas Gonzalez, Daleep Sandhu, Yunna Gopan, Warren Shelton, Qing Ng William Shelton, Sanjay Palta-Hill, Kathryn Sun, Nitya Patil, Elliott Weix, Tammo Phaneuf, and Madelyn Wendler

### Technical Excellence Recipients & Alternates

Kastle Barber, Brady Niesen, Harrison Brown Cayden Schimelpfenig, Mackenzie Castellucci, Emily Spengler, and Ethan Hanson

### **Information Technology Academy**

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### Downtown Kiwanis Club

Clare Murphy Evan Prince

### West Towne Middleton Rotary

Daniela Enriquez Arianna Warner-Villarreal

### West Towne Middleton Rotary STEM Scholarship

Lukas Wehlitz

### Downtown Rotary Club Youth Awards

Senior Improvement: Dionte Howell Jr.
Senior Achievement: Nitya Patil
Outstanding Senior: Sanjay Palta-Hill
Community Service: Gersely Rios Carmona
Community Service Judge: Elliott Weix

### Downtown Rotary Club Foundation

Adrian Angeles Ordonez, Manar Maali, Abea Fobate Corey Moore Jr., and Hao Luong

### Madison West Lion's Club

Jamie Steinmetz Breakfast Optimists Emma Butler

### Sauk Trails Optimist

Emily Cai, Shreepriya Sengupta, Yangzee Phintso, and Elfin Wiriyan

### **Summit Credit Union**

Morgan DeYoung Richard McGregory III

### **Lamont Public School Endowment**

Liam DeFever

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Jade Olivas Vazquez

### Marti Kaump Music & Performing Arts

Ruby Anderson, Julia Mockert and Ava Kenney

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### Tom Hardin Scholarship

Nicholas Shashko

### John Stuessy Scholarship

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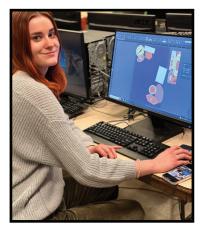
### Herb Kohl Scholarship

Tomas Gonzalez

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### **Artists Included**

Rowan Schreiber, Merlie Veit, Halle Kollath, Sierra Wilkes, Madison Schaberg, Ruby Anderson, Emily Cai, Fred Peters, and Sophia Mormino



### Rowan Schreiber

I make anything and everything. I don't like to limit myself to mediums, and I want to apply my creative eye to any craft I can. I do graphic design, crochet, scrapbooking, journaling, calligraphy, photography, drawing, oil pastels, painting, watercolor, sculpting, etc. My main mediums are graphic design, crochet, scrapbooking, and traditional drawing. I create because I think it is what helps me feel fulfilled as a person. The most human thing you can do is create art-- it's what separates us from robots and animals.

Art has always been the thing that I look to when things get incredibly busy and hectic. When I was younger I was always a multi-sport athlete, so when my body was tired, I felt productive by engaging my mind and making things that made me happy.

I see art as something I do for my entire life in many mediums and ways. Whether I use it to unwind or in my job, I never want to stop. I intend on majoring in communications as of now,

but I might end up changing majors to be in digital design.

The art classes I took at VPM are Digital art 1, Digital art 2, Independent study of Digital Art, Drawing 2, and Yearbook. With my busy athletics schedules, it was such a great thing to be able to engage not just my body but my brain when in VPM art classes. It was an outlet on tiresome days to be able to express myself in the way I know best.

My teacher shoutouts: Mr. Newland who helped me to see value in the artist I currently am all while pushing me to become even better. TPF always tried to push my work out in any sort of way, spotlighting me, (like this) and made sure I felt recognized as an artist and a person. I want to also shoutout Hutch because he always looks after me with the

tough love he gives. Because

of him, I know my worth

and know to never give up

'cause quitting is for losers.

One of the things about myself as an artist that I value most and am most proud of is how versatile I am. One thing that I will never be is a one-trick pony. I have layers, and I'm more than a graphic designer, or a painter, or a scrapbooker, or a sculptor, or a crocheter. I am all of these things and more. I will expand my horizons and try to be someone who is a jack of all trades.

### Merlie Veit

I make art that speaks to who I am. I like to think of my art as little pieces of me that I was able to put on to paper. I make it because it's kind of a way that I get to escape the real world. It sounds super cheesy but making art is almost kind of meditative. I also like to see what I'm able to come up with. I also love the feeling of being proud of what I make and the hard work I put into it. It's the best thing in the world--to work on something for a while and seeing the final image just come together.



I've always been into arts and crafts. Ever since I could think, I've been putting colors and patterns together. I've always had a wild sense of fashion and I think that's a form of my art too. I've always loved creating my own little universe with my art. I asked my mom about my artistic child self, and she told me I would always express myself through pictures.

I took Drawing 1-3 at VPM and Painting 1 at VPM. I think it made my experience here more enjoyable and it kind of gave me some skills on keeping myself paced and on track. Since you have to keep up with assignments, or youll be incredibly behind, it kind of helped me pace myself in other classes too.

I think that Ms. Teri Parris
Ford really helped me with
creating art. She gave me
the parameters but still gave
me every ounce of liberty I
needed to create a piece that
I love. I love how she just
lets you go wild with your
art and might love it more
than you do in the end.

I think that seeing Ms. Loyd's outfits everyday always gave me a fresh spurt of creativity that I'm always looking for. I'm always excited to see what Ms. Loyd has come up with. I would also like to thank Mr. Borchardt for being my go to counselor for art advice. Yes, he is a math teacher, but math teachers have souls too! Also thank you to my mom for having me and being with me throughout my adventure here. (:

Having a teacher that lets you do what you want, without having to worry about the perfection and polishness of it was everything I've always wanted. I never thought that a teacher's teaching style affects the way you work in that class. In TPF's class, I always knew that I would come out with something I would be so proud of.

### Halle Kollath

I would describe my art as magical, floral, portrait, abstract, colorful, dreamy, bokeh, and light.

I really only started getting into photography around 10 years old and it was just as simple as taking photos of flowers on my phone. Then I finally convinced my parents to get me a camera and took photos of the outdoors and my dogs. Taking Photo 1 and 2, I learned the basics. In Photo 2 I was asked to do something that really scared me, which was taking self portraitures. I tried it

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and actually enjoyed it, as of right now that's my main photo focus.

I'm majoring in horticulture, which ties in with my love of photographing plants. I hope to create a photo business as a side gig.

I took Photography 1, 2, 3, and 3 again, Video 1 and 2, and Yearbook for art classes at VPM. I think it helped me figure out what type of art and photography I really like compared to before.

Ms. TPF and Mr. Frontier have made my art better than what it was before and have aided my experience. They have also helped me to get out into the world, especially with my photography.

I want to shoutout my mom for encouraging me to do something out of the ordinary with photography, my friends for being my subjects, and anyone whom I show my photos to willingly.

Photography, specifically my self portraiture, has helped me tremendously to gain confidence within myself. I highly suggest trying it out even if you hate it at first like me!

### Sierra Wilkes

The art I make varies in medium. I just think it's so fun, and I like making 3-D art, specifically ceramic art. I like ceramics because we are allowed to make anything, and it doesn't take that long to create something -- in a week I could have a a set of bowls; that's crazy.

My family was and still is very good at supporting and



fueling my interest and love for art. I went to Preschool of the Arts, attended many art camps, and created a lot of art at home.

I am going to Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design and plan on majoring in Interior Architecture and Design and Minoring in Photography. Later in life I hope to have a ceramics studio in my house and maybe sell my work at art fairs.

The art classes I took at VPM are as follows: Photography 1, 2, 3 and 3 again, Glass and Metals 1, 2 and 3, Art Experiences, Digital Art 1 twice, Ceramics and Sculpture 1, 2, TA'd twice, 4 Independent Studies, and Yearbook.

Art has exposed me to new ideas and new people. The environment helped me grow and become more confident in myself and space. Also it's relaxing, therapeutic, and a nice break.

I have had all of the art teachers and think they are all very lovely. They all have different teaching styles and personalities. However, my favorite class and teacher has been ceramics taught by Mrs. Castaneda Tucker.

My mom, dad, and grandma have helped me become the artist I am today. They have been very supportive and exposed me to many different mediums and experiences. Madison Schaberg

In short, I make art because it's fun and I like to do it. While yes, the approval of other people is a huge motivator, I try to focus on myself and make content that makes me happy. This ranges from drawings of characters I made up to characters from various media that I consume to drawings of pretty flowers I like. My art style is what most consider "anime-esque", but I've been trying to stray from that style over the years.

I don't want to pursue art as a career. Not only am I concerned about just how little artists get paid for their craft (hell, sometimes artists lowball their own work), but I'm afraid that I'll just become miserable. I do art for fun, not out of obligation. I have nothing but respect for people who make a career out of their work, and I apologize if I seem like I'm mocking them or putting them down; it's just my own anxieties getting in the way.

At VPM I took: Animation, Digital Art, and Video 1 and 2. I think they vastly improved my experience in high school. I met a lot of new friends that I care about a lot, I got to improve my personal art style, and overall school was a more fun experience.

I had classes I actually looked forward to, when before, I just dreaded every hour being as boring as the last.

Mr. Newland is probably the



best teacher I've ever had. He made my classes fun, offered advice no matter how many times I asked and how repetitive my questions were, and he even let me talk about whatever game I was into at the time (to my surprise I found out we shared an interest in the Little Nightmares franchise).

If I'm being honest, it's almost everyone I've met that's helped me become who I am as an artist. My friends, my family, and even strangers on the internet have given me the encouragement I need to keep doing art for as long as I want.

**Emily Cai** 

I make 3 dimensional art with glass and metal to be worn or displayed! Outside of school, I focus on clothing design, jewelry-making, photography, painting, and graphic design. I focused mainly on 2-d art in the beginning of highschool but through quarantine, I found a passion for jewelry and clothing and it's always so exciting to say "Thanks! I made it!" I also feel wearable art is the easiest to share with others.

I first started art lessons when I was 3 and since then, I have always been the crafty type. Creativity has always been encouraged when I was younger, and while painting lessons felt like a chore when I was 8, at 18 I feel tremendously grateful that I have the groundwork to create whatever I desire now I plan on double majoring in data science and physics at UCSD. I'm excited to pursue medical physics and hope to keep my creative spirit in whatever way unfolds! painting 1 + 2, metals 1 + 2+3

# SOUDOG Stists

Emily Cai continued...

Art has always been a joy at Memorial, especially as a break in a very busy and stressful course load. Being in Mrs. Riedle's metals studio gave me a dedicated space to create boundlessly and I highly recommend the metals and glass class to anyone that is looking for a new and subversive art format!

### **Ruby Anderson**

I find myself mostly making videos accompanying songs that I like, and I incorporate stop motion animation into a lot of my projects as well.

Art was a big part of my childhood; I think I've always been a pretty creative person. I tried out lots of different forms of art while growing up and I was always asking for art supplies for my birthday and Christmas.

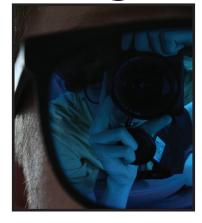
I am majoring in Film at UW-Milwaukee, so I see art as a really big part of my future. I am super excited to keep learning and growing as an artist. Sometimes I doubt myself and my choice to major in film because of money, careers, and college debt, but then I remind myself how excited I am to keep learning and how I can't think of anything else I'd want to major in that I'd enjoy more than film.

At VPM I took Art Experiences, Photo 1-3, Video 1 and Advanced Video. Taking art classes at VPM made my high school experience better because I learned more about myself as an artist and I really enjoyed being in classes with otherpeople with the same creative interests.



Mr. Frontier has been a great teacher and really helped me grow as a video artist by holding me to high standards and pushing me to make the best art I can make (and then turning the things in on time too (which was rare)). I learned more about myself as an artist and I really enjoyed being in classes with other people with the same creative interests.

I have so much appreciation for my parents for supporting me going down a creative path and my friends for always supporting me and sharing my excitement about projects I finish and how I'm majoring in film next year.



### **Fred Peters**

I am a filmmaker, writer, and musician. I make art because I am compelled to do so.

I grew up as a big fan of comic books and graphic novels as well as movies. I drew constantly at a young age, and made many short movies with friends in elementary school. My mom can recall countless instances of me forsaking my piano practice to compose my own songs instead. Art has always been there.

I'm planning to double major in film and either history or English; I will make art for as long as possible.

Taking art classes at VPM introduced me to key inspirational figures in my life that I wouldn't have met otherwise, and subsequently introduced me to making art as a life path.

Mr. Frontier and TPF were my favorite teachers.

### Sophia Mormino

Art is so fun! I didn't have a defined style for a long time, as it can be hard to develop your own vision when surrounded by a world of existing ideas. However, I started really embracing art when I started both using it for a purpose and putting less pressure on it. I've always loved to draw, and recently I've been working to tie my thoughts and emotions about the world to my art. I'm a very visual person, and so art has helped me start to make sense of the unique, wild rollercoaster that humans experience. My art now takes inspiration from many aspects of my life, and I would describe it as storybook-esque and whimsical.

I've always been impressed by people who can represent what they see through art. Yearning to build this skill, I started a sketchbook. Though now I look back and grimace at my sevenyear-old art, back then I was perplexed at what I could make with a pencil!

In one specific memory, I remember leaning over a piece of paper on my basement floor, painstakingly recreating the *Alvin and the Chipmunks* movie cover in my sketchbook.

Though it was only a hobby for most of childhood, I am thankful that I was pushed to explore art as I feel it's become an important skill and tool for me now.

I'm officially going to the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design next year! Though I am not sure exactly how I want to incorporate art into my future, am most excited to explore the possibilities:)



At VPM I took Drawing 1,2,3 & Digital 1,2 & Animation. Like most people, my art classes provided me an escape. My classes always had fun projects, that helped me to stretch my imagination. I also got to meet and learn from other artists that I might not have seen otherwise!

Unfortunately I only got to study with two of the art teachers at memorial. Despite this, I really learned a lot from their classes. Mr.

Newland and Ms. Parris-Ford created a fun and creative environment that fostered creativity in a way that the rest of the school did not. I always looked forward to their classes because I knew with their enthusiasm and endless support, there were endless possibilities! They provided a fun and welcoming space every day:)

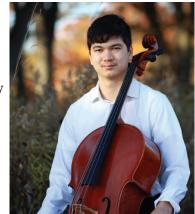
I really credit my dad with most of my exploration towards my interests. I am naturally pretty hesitant to pursue anything, and my dad not only encouraged my love of art in general, but also showed me how to reach out and seek out the opportunities and knowledge I wanted. As soon as I showed interest in something, he would be on the computer searching for professionals or community opportunities for me to learn more. If not for him, I fear my art wouldn't have made it to more than a hobby:)

# Senior Musicians

### Caleb Broman

Please describe the music you make: I play a variety of orchestral, chamber, and solo pieces. Recently I've especially enjoyed playing more heavy/ dissonant pieces.

My parents kind of pushed piano lessons onto me in elementary school, and there was a short period when I actually enjoyed it, but I eventually stopped taking



piano lessons when I found how much I enjoyed playing cello years later. I would say that I really only found a deep connection with music around 8th grade when I joined WYSO.

### How do you see music in your future?

As of now I'm planning to continue music in a college orchestra, but I've also been considering doing a second major in music and still might choose to study it next year. Please list the music classes you took at VPM: Concert orchestra, Philharmonic orchestra.

### How did taking music classes at VPM make your experience in high school different or better?

Orchestra class gave me something to look forward to during the school day; it's much less stressful than any of the other classes I've taken, and it's a space where I can just have fun playing music with my friends.

### Are here any music teachers who made your experiences at VPM more meaningful?

Mrs. Schrock has really improved the orchestra programs



since she got here and really made the community more welcoming and fun to be a part of. I'm really thankful for her hard work at VPM as she also has to balance teaching at both Jefferson and Muir as well, making her job way more difficult than it should be.

Abe Tietge Please describe the **music you make:** I'm a percussionist, so I

play a diverse variety of instruments, each with their own unique sound and technique. I've been playing percussion since 1st grade, and it's been a consistent passion and source of joy throughout my childhood. How do you see music in

# your future?

I'm going to be majoring in percussion performance at UW-Milwaukee come next

Please list the music classes you took at VPM:

4 years of Band (1 year Symphonic band, 3 years Wind Ensemble)

Are here any music teachers who made your experiences at VPM more meaningful?

It's always been something to look forward to every

Anyone in particular you would like to appreciate? Ben Jaeger.

# Zoe Van Den

Please describe the music you make: Full of tone, tasteful, and precise. I've grown up playing the alto saxophone since fourth grade, and it's been a part of my life since then. I don't plan to major in music, but I might continue to play for fun or as part of a group. I enjoy listening and learning more about many styles of music.

Please list the music classes you took at VPM: Concert Band II, Symphonic

# **Senior Musicians**

### Zoe Van Den Plass continued...

Band, Wind Ensemble

How did taking music classes at VPM make your experience in high school different or better?

Taking music classes gave me a space to feel comfortable to make musical chances and expressions.

Is there any music teachers who made your experiences at VPM more meaningful?

Mr. Jaeger!! Ms. Heck
Ms. Kerl, my middle school band
teacher:) and my family for
supporting my musical side and
attending concerts:).

Thanks to the bands I've been a part of, it's been fun making music with you all:).



**Jasmine Bayer** 

Please describe the music you make: Singing comes quite natural to me and depending on what mood I'm in, I'll sing just about anything and everything! It's a part of what makes me myself and what plays a big role in my personality. I've grown up with music at get-togethers with family and friends when singing karaoke or simply watching Barbie and Disney movies as a child. I've always loved to sing along and pretend I'm just like these characters whether they're princesses or not. The PAMANA

organization has also been influential to my musical life since I began Christmas caroling with them before I became double digits. Music has always been a great interest of mine stemming from riding in my mom's car with a Regina Velasquez (a Filipina musical artist) or MYMP (a popular Filipino band) CD playing.



# How do you see music in your future?

I see music as one of the main focuses in my future, and I plan to major in Musical Theatre Arts and Theatre Arts at Loyola University New Orleans!

**Please list the music classes you took at VPM:** Choralle, Popular Vocal Styles, and Concert Choir

How did taking music classes at VPM make your experience in high school different or better?

Taking music classes at VPM has been such a pleasure.

### Jasmine Bayer continued...

I've met so many different people who I've cultivated a friendship or connection with and I really view our choir community as a supportive family. We have so much underrated talent and potential in students here at Memorial that has yet to be recognized!

# Is there any music teachers who made your experiences at VPM more meaningful?

Our choir teacher, Ms.Mcmahon, has been an amazing mentor who has helped me with letters of recommendation for college applications and scholarships. Not only that, but she even guided me through the audition process which I appreciate dearly. Ms.Mcmahon has provided me neverending support both in and out of the choir classroom. She always believes in me and I will never forget her kind heart and sweetness which has brightened up my school days at VPM. I really see her almost as a mother who genuinely cares about her students as if they were her children.

I'm so proud of all the underclassmen who currently take VPM music classes or are planning to and I can't wait to see where Memorial will lead them:).

### **Ruby Anderson**

(pictured below between Elijah Edwards and Daniel Hutton) **How do you see music in your future?** 

I'm not majoring in music but I'm definitely going to continue playing in ensembles in college.



# **Senior Musicians**

### Ruby Anderson continued...

Please list the music classes you took at VPM: Concert

Band 2 (2 years)

Symphonic Band

Wind Ensemble

Jazz Band (2 years)

# How did taking music classes at VPM make your experience in high school different or better?

Being in band definitely made my high school experience better because I have so much fun with the people around me during class.

# Are there any music teachers who made your experiences at VPM more meaningful?

Mr. Jaeger has been an amazing teacher during my four years in band and is such a kind and caring person and the community he has created at VPM will always have a special place in my heart.

# Anyone else in your life that helped you become the musician you are today?

Cole Bartels, my private lesson teacher since freshman year, has been a great help to me, and I've learned so much from him. Mr. Nichols, my middle school band teacher-- I have to thank for starting this whole part of my life. Also, shoutout to Elijah and Daniel who I've had the privilege to sit between during band this year; I look forward to band every day because I know there's a good chance one of them or someone else by us will say something that will make me laugh so hard that I can't play.

### Qing Ng

Please describe the music you make: Classical and other.

It's something I grew up surrounded by and spent a lot of my day dedicated to working on.

# How do you see music in your future?

I see improvement in freedom of expression by being skilled enough technically to convey sound in a more specific way.

Please list the music classes you took at VPM: Orchestra,

Music Independent Study Jaegar

**Anyone in particular you would like to appreciate?** My teacher Mrs. Vamos and Mr. King

### Ava Kenney

Please describe the music you make: Creative, passionate, strong, beautiful, uplifting, ambitious My entire family is musical, so I've basically been

# Ava Kenney continued...

surrounded by music my whole life! I was especially inspired by my mom who is a Suzuki violin teacher herself, and after years of observing her lessons and begging her to teach me, I starting studying violin with her when I was almost three.



# How do you see music in your future?

I plan to pursue at least a bachelor's and master's degrees in violin performance, and will be attending the New England Conservatory of Music Conservatory this fall.

### Please list the music classes you took at VPM:

Philharmonic Orchestra, 2019-20, 22-23

Guitar 1 & 2, 2020-21

Independent Study Music Composition 2021-22 Concert Orchestra TA, 2022

# How did taking music classes at VPM make your experience in high school different or better?

It has been absolutely amazing to get to know so many likeminded peers and build such a strong community through music, especially among the orchestras and chamber ensembles I've performed with at VPM. Spending an hour with other students who actually understand and share my passion for music is always a highlight of my day.

# Are there any music teachers who made your experiences at VPM more meaningful?

I am so grateful for my past few years working with Ms. Schrock as she engages and inspires all the students in a way that makes us truly enjoy being a part of the orchestra while at the same time continuing to push us to our fullest potential. I also really appreciate the enthusiasm that Mr. Jaeger and Ms. Mcmahon have brought to the music department and their immense support for my musical journey as well.

# Anyone in your life that helped you become the musician you are today?

I definitely wouldn't be the musician I am today without my amazing network of like-minded peers and other dedicated musicians to look up to. Whether it is chamber music colleagues, friends from summer festivals, or especially my younger sister Katarina who's a wonderful cellist, we always grow so much as artists, feeding off of each others' inspiration and creativity.

**June 2023** 

# **Sports Profiles**

Name: Grace Bonnell

What sports have you played? Hockey, tennis, soccer **Positions?** Varsity hockey: defense varsity tennis: 2 doubles varsity soccer: goalie

**How long?** Hockey: 15 years tennis: 2 years soccer: senior year only

**Favorite Memory:** Going to play at the state tournament for hockey my freshman year.

How did sports impact your childhood? Playing sports have created never ending memories and friendships. Each sport has given me a unique experience that has shaped me to be the person I am today.

Advice to future players? Always give it your all no matter the situation you are in.

What will you miss most? Playing hockey for the Metro Lynx.

**What are your post HS plans?** I will be playing hockey at Augsburg University.



Name: Alvaro Schoenleber

What sports have you played? Cross country, swim, track How long? Swimming 8 years and running for 5 Favorite Memory: The Slip 'N Slides in the shower room

**Favorite Memory:** The Slip 'N Slides in the shower room after home swim meets and potlucks for both cross country and swim.

**How did sports impact your childhood?** Sports have impacted me because of how much I've built a community with my fellow teammates. I've built relationships and made friends that I never would have if I hadn't gone out for the sports.

**Is there someone who inspired you?** Coach Huggins for track inspired me because of how tough and understanding he was.

**Advice to future players?** Have fun and motivate yourself. Endure the pain before pleasure.

What will you miss most? My friends and coaches. What are your post HS plans? I'm attending Marquette University and will be studying film and psychology.

Name: Peter Yehle

What sports have you played? Soccer, swimming Positions? Midfield, freestyle/backstroke

**How long?** 10 years for both

**Favorite Memory:** Beating Verona at home with the soccer team.

**How did sports impact your childhool?** It introduced me to so many new friends and was the highlight of my day whenever I had practice/games.

Is there someone who inspired you? Freshman year coach-- Coach Callahan

**Advice to future players?** Don't worry about the wins or losses, just have fun and create lifelong friends.

What will you miss most? Friends and classmates. What are your post HS plans? Soccer at MSOE.



Name: Michael Mahaffey

What sports have you played? Football and track Positions? I played right guard on the offensive line for football and threw shotput and discus for track.

How long? I started playing football in 5th grade.

Favorite Memory: Beating Verona my junior year.

How did sports impact your childhood? Sports have shaped my time at Memorial; they have kept me busy, brought me great friends, and taught me to persevere through whatever life throws at me.

Is there someone who inspired you? My grandpa Mike taught me that no matter what you are going through, you always have time to care for others in some way, even if it isn't any more than a smile.

What will you miss most? The community of students and coaches, amd how there are so many different perspectives and plenty of people willing to share them with you.

**What are your post HS plans?** I'm attending UW Madison to study Kinesiology.



# **Sports Profiles**

Name: Ali Moll What sports have you played? Swim and soccer **Positions?** 100 breaststroke/freestyle and center defense **How long?** Swim-8 years soccer-15 years Favorite Memory: Team dinners and sleepovers. How did sports impact

**your childhood?** They gave me community that was like family to spend time with throughout high school.

Is there someone who **inspired you?** My dad

Andy Moll.

Advice to future players? Enjoy every moment because it goes by way too fast.

What will you miss most? My teammates.

What are your post HS plans? Going to UW Madison to study kinesiology with an exercise science minor.

Name: Arianna Warner-Villarreal What sports have you played? Volleyball, diving, gymnastics, track **Positions?** In track I do 100/200 m sprints, high jump, and pole vault. In gymnastics I mainly did floor and beam. In volleyball I played opposite/ rightside. I'm an aspiring thrower; I am really good at throwing.

**How long?** I did volleyball freshman year, track since freshman year, gymnastics since junior year, and diving only senior year

Favorite Memory: Gymnastics team sleepover inside the gym; a sleepover at school was so fun.

How did sports impact your **childhood?** It has kept me active and a skinny queen. Sports have been the best stress reliever.

Is there someone who inspired **you?** I aspire to be like ayo Adrian. Adrian Mora is my inspiration. **Advice to future players?** Be a STUDENT athlete. Always put school first, even if it means doing your homework on the benches. Manage your time well and plan your week; time will be your biggest issue.

What will you miss most? Ms. Guse and Ms. Tucker, aka my queens. What are your post HS plans? Go to UW-Madison, conduct lots of research, be a baddie, and be happy.



Name: Addie Armstrong

What sports have you played? Girls' tennis, girls hockey, girls' soccer

**Positions?** Tennis-- 2 doubles, hockey-- goalie, soccer - defense/midfield. team captain for hockey

**How long?** I've played hockey and soccer for ~15 years, and I've been playing tennis since the start of high school, so  $\sim$ 4 years.

**Favorite Memory:** Going to the state tournament

with my hockey team every year.

How did sports impact your childhood? Through sports, I've made countless friends and developed immensely as a person and leader. I've been able to find my passions and grow through both positive and negative experiences. Playing sports at VPM has allowed me to compete and do what I love while spending time with my best

friends and coaches who want to see me succeed.

**Advice to future players?** Take advantage of every opportunity and cherish every moment with your teammates.

What will you miss most? My friends.

What are your post HS plans? Playing soccer at Madison College before transferring to UW Madison to earn my degree in Kinesiology.



Students who plan to play sports in college

First	Last	Sport to Play
Jeanelle	Alonso	Soccer
Mason	Baures	Track and Field
Soumil	Beniwal	Frisbee or Badminton
Grace	Bonnell	Hockey
Delaney	Cox	Soccer
Bryson	Cunningham	Football
Elijah	Elmer	Jr. Hockey
William	Faley	Tennis
Juan	Gallego	Tennis
Jackson	green	Basketball
Gavin	Hefty	Lacrosse
Abigail,	Hinkle	Throws
Soriya	Hodge	Volleyball
Charlie	House	Swimming
Haley	Johnson	Track
Halle	Kollath	Horseback Riding Team
Riley	Lovenberg	Rugby At Aquinas
Mahdi	McCotry	Basketball
Nat	McDermott	Swimming
Olivia	Morgan	Track and Field
Joseph	Mueller	Football
Devin	Schneider	Swimming
Rowan	Schreiber	Volleyball
Jamie	Steinmetz	Ice hockey

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Aaliyah Brown-- The student vs. staff basketball game Abby Arciszewski-- Pep rally freshman year

Abigail Hinkle—Throws

Adrian Angeles Ordonez-- Making new friends along the

AJ Ketarkus-- Freshman year going to McDonald's with my friends for lunch and before practice everyday

Alex Beard-- Freshman year pep rally

Ali Moll-- Playing high school soccer with my best friends Alvaro Schoenleber—Sports

Amara Stovall-- Ms. B's class; just being in her class and her helping me and making me laugh through these years Amoni Harper—STEM

Amy Yao-- Lileah, Em Cai, and Julie! Andre Sims-- Freshman football

Ari Mikkelson/Bernarte-- Senior year prom dinner with my

Arianna Seguin-- Making new friends that I never thought I would have. Finally getting my first kiss and first boyfriend. Realizing that maybe I am attractive. Realizing I have a best friend that I could take broadway by storm with.

Arianna Warner-Villarreal-- AVID overnight field trip Ava Kenney-- Chicago Symphony Hilary Hahn field trip 2023

Avona Jordan -- Making new friends Ayress Robbins-- Anytime I laughed

Blayne Schwartz-- Senior prom was one of the better nights

Brady Prosser-- Junior year - Woods 3

Bram Broderick-- Going to the football games

Brian Olson-- Going out to eat during lunch

Bryson Cunningham-- Friday

Night Lights

Caleb Broman-- The Chicago Symphony field trip last year Callum Magill-- The entirety of

Mrs. Dwyer's Principles of Biomed class

Carson Kreft-- Classes with friends

Chakriya Kumnith—Everything Christopher Scholten-- Having to wear masks

Conner Smith-- That time I got a haircut in the school bathroom lol Daleep Sandhu-- Freshman year before Covid felt so long ago, but the classes, friends, and events like games and homecoming made it the perfect start to high school.

Devika Pal—Prom

Devika Vijayaraghavan--

Chopping up a rose with Ari and Evelyn in culinary class during

freshman year

Devin Schneider-- Going to prom

Dharma Padden-- Going on walks in Vander Ark's class

Dom Bieniek-- First football game

Elaina Burchill-- Friday Night Lights or Poms Eliana Farfan Guzman-- Hanging out with friends

Eijah Elmer-- Hockey games

Elliott Weix-- Making ice cream in AP Chemistry. Not what I was expecting to do at 8 AM, but I'll take it.

Emily Kunkel-- Watching Ms. Kellor hang a disco ball in our AP Bio class

Emma Butler-- Making crime scene boxes in forensic

Emma Esch-- 2019 pep rally

Ethan Hanson-- My friend fell into a frozen pond coming back from lunch

Evan Niederwerfer-- The day I decided to host a Minecraft SMP and invite over 70+ people to a Discord.

Evan Prince-- Advanced ropes camping trip

Fredrik Nergard—Prom

Gabriel Pitzen-- State swimming

Garrett Reed—Homecoming

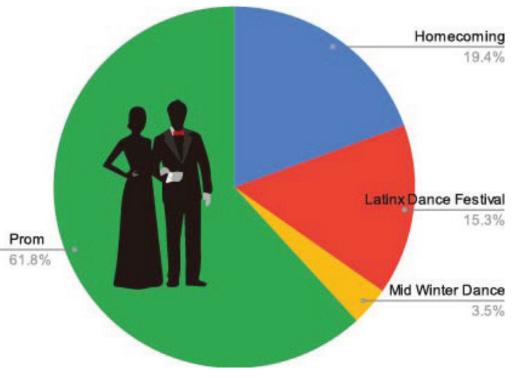
Gates Lyons-- Freshman year soccer season

Gavin Hefty-- Upsetting #4 ranked Mukwonago in lacrosse my senior year!

Génesis Ortiz-- Meet a lot of people from different countries with different languages

Giovanni Balice-- Having a huge snowball fight in the parking lots

Grace Bonnell-- Playing hockey for the Metro Lynx



# Your favorite dance?

# **Favorite Memories**

Greta Hanson-- Meeting the people who will always be a part of my life

Hailey Virnig-- Prom

Haley Johnson-- Bsu experience at Lhs

Halle Kollath-- Such a crazy time, but honestly the school dances!

Hao Luong-- 2023 senior prom

Isaiah Burgin-- Spending time outside doing work Ivan Potapenko-- My favorite memory was when I got accepted into college and I checked my email in class to see the acceptance message pop up.

Jackson Doers-- Hanging out with friends during lunch or study hall

Jackson Green-- Winning the student vs. staff game Jana Abourehab-- Going out to lunch with friends Jasmine Bayer-- Performing as Lady Bracknell in the *Importance of Being Earnest* in Theater 300 for the first time since I arrived as a freshman

Jeniffer Maldonado-- AVID trips

Jonas Sime-- The St. Louis band trip.

Joseph Mueller-- Friday Night Lights with the school

Joseph Obcena -- Senior prom

Joshua Gamon-- Homies during lunchtime freshman year Juan Gallego-- Going to state

Julien Barreto-- When my girlfriend made me laugh so hard while I was eating a donut that I spat it right in her face. This happened before we were dating. I cried of embarrassment that day. But it's okay now 'cause she loves me :).

Justin Luedke-- Getting lunch with friends.

Kaitlyn Nickols-- School dances

Kevin Yang-- Leaving this school for good

Laura-- Lunch times with friends and high school sports events and my soccer team

Lauren Delaney-- Pep rally freshmen year

Liam DeFever-- Junior year soccer

Lina Khath-- Car lunches with my friends:)

Logan Marking-- Making fried chicken in Pro Start Chef 1.

Lukas Wehlitz-- AP Stats with Collins

Madelyn Heitner-- Prom 2022

Marishka Kaufman-- Getting a two-week spring break freshman year.

Mark Dorado-Zapata-- Freshmen soccer

Mark Vandenberg-- Idk there's a lot (and a lot of not favorites)

Mia Braico-- At freshman year homecoming, my friends and I got to dance under a spotlight. It was a very fun bonding experience.

Mia Fuchs-- The play we went to this year for English classes.

Michael Baker-- Football games

Michael Mahaffey-- Too many to choose

Morgan Blackmore-- Facetiming with my friends to play games and each lunch over quarantine (esp you, Emily)

Nadia Pearson-- Track and field

Naser Edreis-- All of them

Nat McDermott-- My senior year swim season

Natasha Nair-- Senior prom

Nathan Fisher-- Track and field

Neva Ortiz-- My first time playing a high school sport and actually figuring out I truly enjoy it :D

Nevaeh Harden-- Going to state for track

Nitya Patil-- Junior Prom!

Olivia Morgan-- Girls' basketball team having an amazing record my freshman year and showing me how to be an amazing young woman.

Olivia Tiller-- Prom senior year

Omani Reed-- 2023 Prom

Omani Reed-- looking real good @ prom @ Qing Ng-- Making food in class as an assignment

Riley Lovenberg-- Don't remember

Robin Myers-- You can't know that but maybe being a football manager

Rowan Schreiber-- Going to Costco with all my friends as a tradition junior and senior year on June first for pride month

Ruby Anderson-- The band field trip to St. Louis and senior prom

Ryan Forbes-- Performing forensics at state finals.

Ryan Perez-- Walking around the halls with friends and meeting with friends in the bathroom. Also all of AVID.

Sam McCorvie-- Beating Verona in soccer

Sam Watson-- Hanging out with friends.

Sanjay Palta-Hill-- All the mischief in AP Stats.

Sophia Mormino -- I had a lot of fun junior year being in the auditorium during lunch and playing and learning about instruments from my friends. Also loved the St. Louis trip this year! It was so much fun exploring new places with my friends.

Soriya Hodge-- AVID overnight trip

Soumil Beniwal-- Making friends like Sam, Jamal, and Praneel

Tatum Cantwell-- Becoming regional champs for softball 2021-2022

Taylor Wang-- Meeting Benjiman Gomez

Thomas Sime-- I loved hanging out with my friends and talking the time away.

Tomas Gonzalez-- Lotta good ones but I liked the end of the homecoming game freshman year when we scored a winning touchdown on 4th and goal with 5 seconds left. Valeria Carvajal-- Going out with my friends at lunch to eat something.

Warren Shelton-- FBLA State

William Faley-- The tennis team; I love playing tennis, practicing, and just being with the team

William Shelton-- Football games

William Tatooles-- Freshman cross country potluck

Yunna Gopan -- NSDA trip end of junior year

Zohra Samadzada-- Senior Prom

**June 2023** 

# Drama, Debate, and Forensics Features

### **Emily Kunkel**

How long have you been in DDAF? What events did you do during this time?

I've been in DDAF for four years now, where I worked in crew, acted in Forensics and a couple of our drama productions including *Macbeth* and *The Importance of Being Earnest*. My junior year I was our head of drama before becoming one of our presidents my senior year!



### Favorite memory?

My favorite memory is probably waiting in a hotel lobby for coach pep talks and watching Neel teach us how to speed walk. I'm not sure what the hotel staff thought of a bunch of teenagers watching their friends speedwalk up and down the hallways but we had a good time.

### Favorite event and why?

The forensics team had a group coaching session one day and afterwards we played a couple games of Mafia run by our very own Coach Scheffler. I did fully cause my team (the mafia) to lose because I had unknowingly chosen Jacob G., the other Mafia member to be my like protected person who if he died, I died, and then accidently got him killed but it was a good time regardless!!

### What does DDAF mean to you?

DDAF has been a home for me since freshman year. I think there's something incredibly special about being a part of something that has been around so long, and continuing to carry out those traditions and preserving them for future members makes me really happy. There are so many messages on the backstage walls that clearly meant something to the people that came before us, and I hope the ones we made will continue to be seen by the people after us.

## Do you see yourself continuing public speaking and/or acting after high school? If so, how?

I would certainly like to! I have no desire to make a career out of acting or public speaking, but it's something I enjoy a lot, so I hope to maybe find time to do community theater and stuff like that.

# Elfin Wiriyan How long have you been in DDAF? What events did you do during this time?

I've been in DDAF for all four years of high school. In Forensics, I competed in Moments in History, Play Acting, Duo Interpretation, Oral Interpretation of Literature, Prose, and Extemporaneous Reading. I was also stage manager for Drama during my junior and senior year, and currently I am the



swagmaster (secretary/social media manager).

### Favorite memory?

Seeing Scheffler walk onto the stage to receive the Hintz award last year at Forensics State genuinely made me cry. I'm sure Emily cried more, but seeing our head coach be recognized for everything he's done for the team and having him there when we took first as a team was really powerful to me. He's been a huge contributor to my success in both speech and interpretation, and I wouldn't be where I am or who I am today without his guidance and wisdom.

### Favorite event and why?

Play Acting! Not only did I get to compete with one of the funniest people in the school (I love you Britney), but there's nothing cooler than making an entire room laugh with your antics.

### What does DDAF mean to you?

Can I say everything? I know it's cheesy, but I've spent so much of my time in high school with this club. From late nights during tech week to 5 AM bus rides, I have found some of my closest friends through DDAF. Stage management taught me organization, communication, and time management; tech crew taught me practical skills with power tools and carpentry; Forensics taught me how to use my voice and the confidence to just stand up and talk. Everyone, regardless of what they want to do in the future, can benefit from DDAF, and I am so grateful to the club for bringing such a huge part of my life.

# Do you see yourself continuing public speaking and/or acting after high school? If so, how?

Ideally, I'd love to continue my involvement in theater after high school through a college drama program. And while I likely won't compete in public speaking in college, I'm sure I'll have to use that skill frequently.

# Life Skills Senior Profiles



### Jordan Stublaski

Who's your favorite teacher or staff member at VPM?

Ms. Erika!

What was your favorite class?

Gym class with Peer Partners.

What are you going to do after graduation?

Transfer to 18-21 transition program. I would like to work at a restaurant.

What was your favorite year at VPM?

Freshman year, because I had gym class with Peer Partners.

Mekhai Littlejohn-Jackson

Who's your favorite teacher or staff member at VPM?

Mr. Berndt.

What was your favorite class? Math class.

What are you going to do after graduation?

Go bowling to celebrate!

How do you feel about graduating? Excited and happy.



### Christian Beletzuy-Ibarra

Who's your favorite teacher or staff member at VPM? Ms. Yashi.

What was your favorite class? Music class.

What are you going to do after graduation?



Go to the 18-21 transition program. I want to work in a restaurant.

What are some special memories you have from your time in high school? Going to Senior Prom!

# Teachers Who Made an Impact

Mr Kavistad; Abby Arciszewski

Ben Jaeger; Abe Tietge

Ms. Brutscher; Abigail, Hinkle

Ms. Streit; Adrian Angeles Ordonez

Mr. Ward in always pushing me and wanting me to achieve

the next level in my sports; AJ Ketarkus

Ms. Burda (retired); Alejandra Beal

Mr. Senson- astronomy; Alex Beard

Ms. Weber; Ali Moll

Mr. Frontier; Alvaro Schoenleber

Ms. Symone (MSCR)(Leoled) Ms. B; Amara, Stovall

Maureen Mead; Amoni Harper Morgan Anderson; Amy Yao

I can't choose only one; Andre Sims

Mrs. Anderson; Ari Mikkelson/Bernarte

My art teacher Mr. Newland and my US History teacher Ms.

Burda; Arianna Seguin

Mr. Mormino; Arianna Warner-Villarreal

Nick Schmidt; Ash Stone

Lisa Schrock; Ava Kenney

Ms. Jorden and Ms. Gonring; Ayress Robbins

Daniel Watkins; Blayne Schwartz

Mrs. Murphy; Brady Prosser

Mr. Walkner; Bram Broderick

Mr. Hutchins; Bryson Cunningham

Mrs. Schrock; Caleb Broman

Mr. Rogers; Callum Magill

Mr. Walkner; Carson Kreft

Ms. G., Mr Wilson,; Chakriya Kumnith

Mr. Senson; Charlie House

Mr. Rogers; Christopher Scholten

Mr. Walkner and Hutch; Claire Rozeski

Nick Berndt; Conner Smith

Mr. Kvistad or Ms. Kellor; Daleep Sandhu

Ms. Glaaser; Delaney Cox

Mr. Murphy; Devika Vijayaraghavan

Ms. Burda; Devin Schneider

Señora Stangel; Dharma Padden

B-Rich; Dom Bieniek

Mrs. Yahr; Elaina Burchill

Ms. Gonring; Elijah Elmer

Mrs. Weber!; Elliott Weix

Ms. Mitchell and Ms. Lauren; Emily Kunkel

Mr. Murphy; Emma Butler

Ms. Voss/Ms. K; Emma Esch

Mr. Tolkhiem; Ethan Hanson

It's not a singular person; it's all of the different

characteristics of all the staff over the years that came together and made something truely meaningful. I especially appriciate the staff who work to bring a better reputation

and future for the education; Evan Niederwerfer

Mrs. Gonring; Evan Prince

Mormino, Hutchins; Evelyn Montenegro

Mrs. Esparza; Fredrik Nergard

Likins; Gabriel Pitzen

# **SENIOR WILLS**

- I, Emma Esch, leave my small Tylenol bottle to Grace Barnard.
- I, Amara Stovall, leave my position as BSU president to Sodik.
- I, Kylie Alderson, leave my sanity to the 2020-2021 school year.
- I, Emily Kunkel, leave my role as stage crew gremlin to my various crew children; you know who you are and I love you all dearly.

I, Greta Hanson, leave my reputation to my sister.

I, Arianna Seguin, leave my words of wisdom to my friends that still have yet to graduate.

I, Amy Yao, leave my loves, our 7 husbands, to Julieta <3.

- I, Emma Butler, leave my stellar academic rigor to Viv and Cate.
- I, Mia Braico, leave my precious guitar to Keeley Belair. I, Ivan Potapenko, leave my student debt to UW-Madison.

I, Laura, leave my will to Mr. Hutch.

I, Neva Ortiz, leave my monies to myself (I made it I should keep it).

I, Lucianna Hedrick, leave my missing homework to my teacher.

I, Evan Niederwerfer, leave my big thanks and best wishes to Henry Enslin, a friend of mine who has always inspired me in ways that probably steered me in the right direction for the rest of my life. I hope we can stay in contact.

I, Rowan Schreiber, leave my middle blocker with big personality responsibilities to Hannah Mlsna, my

SONNN.

I, Morgan Blackmore, leave all of my manifesting tips to Lydia Stangel.

I, Olivia Morgan, leave my papers and work to my incoming cousin Leona Albrecht.

I, Caleb Broman, leave my school cello to Daniel Quainoo.

I, Elijah Elmer, will leave my locker to my sister.

I, Isaiah Burgin, leave knowledge.

I, Joseph Mueller, leave my Lightning McQueen backpack to the VPM backpack hall of fame.

- I, Jeniffer Maldonado, I leave my advice to anyone that if you want to do something, go for it; don't be afraid.
- I, Lina Khath, leave my creativity to my underclassmen. I, Sophia Mormino, leave my coffee to my twin, Kaia.

I, Claire Rozeski, leave all of my hugs to my underclassmen friends.

I, Jackson Green, leave my dedication to all my underclassmen buddies.

I, Yunna Gopan, leave my calc notes to incoming students.

I, Jana Abourehab, leave my cellphone to my mom!

- I, Christopher Scholten, leave my gratitude to the teachers who had to put up with me.
- I, Nitya Patil, leave advice from my mistakes to my younger sister. I, Mahdi McCotry, leave my knowledge and wisdom to my sister.

I, Jack Gammie, leave my charisma to Alex Bald.

I, Justin Luedke, leave my bad academics to my sister.

I, Lauren Delaney, leave my back-row parking spots to the grade below.

I, Nadia Pearson, leave my determination to the freshmen.

- I, Amoni Harper, leave my legacy and honors to my ancestors would work hard and tirelessly for me to be where I am today.
- I, Bram Broderick, leave my Spartan Spirit to the freshmen.

I, Gates Lyons, leave my VPM flag to my little brother.

I, Nevaeh Harden, leave my varsity basketball jersey to my sister Kennedi.

I, Juan Gallego, leave my 1 singles spot to David Klaas.

I, Blayne Schwartz, leave my ethics and teachings to my siblings.

I, Tomas Gonzalez, leave my senioritis to all the juniors.

I, Omani Reed, leave my contagious smile to anyone that is having a bad day! 3.

I, Sam Watson, leave my brother Harrison the beater car.

I, Omani Reed, I leave my smile to anyone who needs it.

I, Prior Turnmeyer, leave my dogs to my parents.

I, Kaitlyn Nickols, I leave my school dance dresses to Skylar and Jayla.

I, Alex Beard, leave my Memorial beanie to my brother!

I, Jasmine Bayer, leave my kindness and empathy to the underclassmen, urging them to spread compassion and understanding in a world that often needs it the most.

# SENIOR WILLS, cont.

- I, Adrian Angeles Ordonez, leave my car to my sister.
- I, Joseph Obcena, leave my school spirit to my brother.
- I, Fredrik Nergard, leave my cap and gown to my sister, who did not get to graduate from West High
- I, Mark Dorado-Zapata, leave my spot on the varsity soccer bench to next year's seniors.

I, Griffin Hassett, leave my electrical tape to Keith.

- I, William Faley, leave my absolutely amazing drawing skills to my sister.
- I, Bryson Cunningham, leave my legacy behind. I, Michael Baker, leave my parking spot to my bsf.

I, William Tatooles, leave my broken Chromebook to an unlucky freshman.

I, AJ Ketarkus, leave my dedication and commitment to next year's seniors of CC and track.

I, Qing Ng, leave my graduation gown to the juniors.

- I, Dharma Padden, eave my post-it-note textbooks to future students. I, Marishka Kaufman, leave my Kubi experience to those who need it.
- I, Taylor Green, leave my advice of always being friendly.

I, Ava Kenney, leave my viola to Elling.

- I, Alvaro Schoenleber, leave my speedos to Sam Giese.
- I, Abe Tietge, leave my bike rack parking spot to someone else.
- I, Gabriel Pitzen, leave my spot on the swim team to Etienne.
- I, Riley Lovenberg, leave my creativity to the freshmen.
- I, Mark Vandenberg, I'm the only spartan and will be the only spartan so...
- I, Zohra Samadzada, leave my advice to the upcoming freshmen and seniors.
- I, Joshua Gamon, leave my procrastination to the upcoming freshmen.
- I, Ethan Hanson, leave my parking spot to the juniors.
- I, Callum Magill, leave.
- I, Jonas Sime, leave my baritone sax to whoever takes up the mantle next. Play loud and play out. Check the middle locker.
- I, Kevin Yang, leave my Among Us to Sus.
- I, Génesis Ortiz, let all newcomer Latinos if they can learn English with dedication.
- I, Elliott Weix, leave my self-destructive sleeping habits to Maddie Weix.
- I, Xavier Hillman, leave my great lunch spot to someone else.
- I, Chakriya Kumnith, leave my notes to my brothers.
- I, Conner Smith, leave my enthusiasm to my brother.
- I, Julien Barreto, leave my strong will to my brother. I don't have much to leave.
- I, Logan Marking, leave my love of food to my teacher Ms. Dinndorf.
- I, Robin Myers, leave my enthusiasm to Sodik the 11th grader.
- I, Abby Arciszewski, leave my car to my sister.
- I, Jackson Doers, leave my senioritis to the juniors.
- I, Eliana Farfan Guzman, leave stuff behind to start a new life.
- I, Mia Fuchs, leave my Starbucks sticker collection to the Drakes fan club.
- I, Ari Mikkelson/Bernarte, leave my trash to my brother.
- I, Aaliyah Brown, leave my art skills to my sister. I, Taylor Wang, leave my brother to Bill Chen.
- I, Jamie Steinmetz, leave my senioritis to the seniors next year.
- I, Devika Vijayaraghavan, leave my quarter-life crisis to Flynn.
- I, Sam McCorvie, leave my parking spot to anyone who pays.

**June 2023** 

# Superlatives

Abby Arciszewski-- Most likely to be an entrepreneur.

Abe Tietge-- Most likely to draw a rat on the whiteboard.

Adrian Angeles Ordonez-- Most likely to buy a new car.

Aj Ketarkus-- Most likely to become rich.

Alex Beard-- Most likely to move to Spain.

Ali Moll-- Most likely to never come to school.

Alvaro Schoenleber-- Most likely to complete the Iron Man.

Amara Stovall-- Most likely to go broke to attend a concert.

Amoni Harper-- Most likely to go broke to attend a concert. Ari Mikkelson/Bernarte-- Most likely to fall asleep while walking.

Arianna Seguin-- Most likely to infodump my special interests to random people.

Arianna Warner-Villarreal-- Most likely to lift more than Adrian Mora.

Ava Kenney-- Most likely to ask people to do polyrhythms for fun.

Ayress Robbins-- Most likely to succeed. Blayne Schwartz-- Most likely to "know it all" when it comes to technology.

Bram Broderick-- Most likely to be successful.
Bryson Cunningham-- Most likely to be chill.
Callum Magill-- Most likely to put something off until the very last minute.

Christopher Scholten-- Most likely to forget to turn schoolwork in.

Claire Rozeski-- Most likely to move out of the country.
Conner Smith-- Most likely to end up around cars.

Daleep Sandhu-- Most likely to purchase the Bucks so they can get better and win championships.

Devika Vijayaraghavan-- Most likely to acquire a "gambling" addiction (it's a joke).

Dharma Padden-- Most likely to be a caffeine addict. Eliana Farfan Guzman-- Most likely to be funny. Elijah Elmer-- Most likely to become famous. Elliott Weix-- Most likely to live forever. Emily Kunkel-- Most likely to cry at anything.

Emma Butler-- Most likely to go missing in a national park. Emma Esch-- Most likely to be late.

Ethan Hanson-- Most likely to brick a jump shot. Evan Niederwerfer-- Most likely to say "What does this question mean?"

Fredrik Nergard-- Most likely to own the first European Culver's franchise.

Gabriel Pitzen-- Most likely to play games forever.

Garrett Reed-- Most likely to like to play video games.

Gavin Hefty-- Most likely to not do their homework.

Halle Kollath-- Most likely to be artistic or creative!

Hao Luong-- Most likely to work on a movie.

Isaiah Burgin-- Most likely to Word.

Ivan Potapenko-- Most likely to win a "Most likely to..."

Jackson Doers-- Most likely to be a millionaire.

JacksonGreenn-- Most likely to fall down the stairs.

Jana Abourehab-- Most likely to fly a plane.

Jasmine Bayer-- Most likely to slay.

Jeniffer Maldonado-- Most likely to have an underground tattoo parlor.

Jonas Sime-- Most likely to not say hi to acquaintances in public.

Joseph Obcena-- Most likely to eat your leftovers.
Joshua Gamon-- Most likely to procrastinate.
Juan Gallego-- Most likely to own an expensive car.
Julien Barreto-- Most likely to have the utmost
determination.

Justin Luedke-- Most likely to get a speeding ticket.
Kaitlyn Nickols-- Most likely to come to class with coffee.
Kevin Yang-- Most likely to commit criminal activity.
Kylie Alderson-- Most likely to become a crazy cat lady.
Lauren Delaney-- Most likely to never come home.
Lina Khath-- Most likely to sleep in class.

Logan Marking-- Most likely to win an award for a best-selling cookbook.

Lucianna Hedrick-- Most likely to get off topic. Madelyn Heitner-- Most likely to get my shit together and be a senator.

Mahdi McCotry-- Most likely to find happiness. Manar Maali-- Most likely to have their own reality TV show.

Marishka Kaufman-- Most likely to have the most unique wardrobe.

Mark Dorado-Zapata-- Most likely to become president. Mark Vandenberg-- Most likely to win anything they're nominated for.

Mia Fuchshs-- Most likely to always have music playing in their ear.

Mona Iskandar-- Most likely to have a Starbucks in class. Nadia Pearson-- Most likely to help others. Naser Edreis-- Most likely to become successful.

Nat McDermott-- Most likely to make a video that makes Richard McGregory feel like he's in a Zoom call.

Neva Ortiz-- Most silliest :3.

Nevaeh Harden-- Most accident-prone. Nitya Patil-- Most likely to waste all her money on coffee. Omani Reed-- Best smile.

Qing Ng-- Most likely to eat during class.

Robin Myers-- Most likely to network her way to the top.

Rowan Schreiber-- Most likely to start a podcast.

Ryan Forbes-- Most likely to be the loudest

Ryan Perez-- Most likely to own a restaurant.

Sam McCorvie-- Most likely to not go to stats.

Sam Watson-- Most likely to be a funny guy.

Sanjay Palta-Hill-- Most "inquisitive" (iykyk).

Sophia Mormino-- Most likely to laugh so hard that water comes out of their nose.

Soumil Beniwal-- Most likely to win in badminton. Taylor Green-- Most likely to smile.

Taylor Wang-- Most likely to hate computers and CS majors for the rest of his life.

Tomas Gonzalez-- Most likely to be rich hopefully & ...

Varun Nathan-- Most likely to fold a paper airplane.

William Tatooles-- Most likely to become a monk.

Xavier Hillman-- Most likely to be the most tired.

Zohra Samadzada-- Most likely to have a podcast.

# **Teachers Who Made an Impact**

Hutch, Yeager, Spencer; Garrett Reed

Mr. Rogers; Gates Lyons Mawer; Gavin Hefty Ms. Price; Génesis Ortiz

Ms. Mitchell; Gersely Rios Carmona

Ms. Likins; Giovanni Balice Ms. Glaaser; Grace Bonnell

Robin Staley, my freshman year history teacher; Greta

Hanson

Ms. McMahon; Griffin Hassett My social worker; Hailey Virnig

Not a teacher but Coach Drew; Haley Johnson

Ms. Kok because she goes above and beyond to help

students.; Halle Kollath Ms. Burda; Hao Luong Mr. Hutchins; Hartley Mohar

Glasser, Guse, Dwyer, Harris; Isaiah Burgin

Mr. Kvistad!!; Ivan Potapenko Ms. Patton; Jackson Doers Ms. Kendall; Jackson Green

Mrs. Wheeler and Mr. Hutchins; Jamie Steinmetz

Mrs. Brutscher; Jana Abourehab Ms. Mcmahon; Jasmine Bayer

Mrs. Heckle Miller, Mrs. Vicks, Mrs. Rebekah.; Jasmine Hill

Mr. Farner; Jaylen Thao

Mr. Farner and Ms. Golden; Jeniffer Maldonado

Mrs. Janssen; Joseph Mueller Mrs. Costello; Joseph Obcena

Mr. Farmer and Mrs. Nichols; Joshua Gamon

Mr. King; Juan Gallego

Mrs. Patton and Ms. McMahon; Julia Mockert

Mr. Farner; Julia Roe

Ms. Glasser-- she was my junior year English teacher; she

was awesome.; Julien Barreto Esparza; Justin Luedke

Mr. Walkner; Kaitlyn Nickols Ms. Mitchell; Kamille Williams

Mr. Newland or Ms. Glaaser; Katie Foster

Mr. Farner; Kevin Yang Mr. Rodgers; Kylie Alderson Mr. Hutch and Ms. Glasser; Laura Ms. Glaaser; Lauren Delaney Ms. Janssen; Liam DeFever Mr. Newland; Lina Khath

Ms. Dinndorf; Logan Marking

Ms. Patton or Mr. Farner; Lucianna Hedrick

Mr. Collins; Lukas Wehlitz

Miss Angyal, she literally is an angel; Madelyn Heitner Mr. Nowland (digital art/drawing): Madison Schaborg

Mr. Newland (digital art/drawing); Madison Schaberg My gather; Mahdi McCotry

Ms. Tucker; Manar Maali Dianne Guse; Marishka Kaufman Mrs. Patton; Mark Dorado-Zapata Mr. Jaeger; Mark Vandenberg

Ms. Miller; Mason Baures Mr. Hutch; Mia Fuchs

Ms. Dedricks; Michael Baker

Ms. Yahr; Michael Mahaffey

Ms. Maicke; Miriam Oakleaf Mr. Kvistad; Mona Iskandar

Senson, Ms. Neumann, and all my history teachers; Morgan

Blackmore

Mrs. Glaaser; Nadia Pearson Ms. Golden; Naser Edreis Mr. Kvistad; Nat McDermott Mrs. Schrock; Neva Ortiz

My 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Ryiff; Nevaeh Harden

Ms. Mitchell; Nitya Patil Ms. Glaaser; Norah Brace Ms.Costello; Olivia Morgan Ms. Gonring; Olivia Tiller

Kindergarten teacher -Mr. Jost; Omani Reed Mrs. Guse, Mr. Nick & Mr. Ward; Omani Reed

Ms. Delorme; Qing Ng

Mr. Farner; Richard McGregory Mr. Harris; Riley Lovenberg Glaussers/Hutchins; Robin Myers

Hutch. I love and hate Hutch. Hutch sees and understands me and will always try to guide me in the right direction, even if I don't wanna hear it and be grouchy most of the

time; Rowan Schreiber

Mr. Frontier, Mr. Farner (+more); Ruby Anderson

Mr. Newland or Mr. Senson; Ryan Forbes

Ms. Golden; Ryan Perez Glaaser; Sam McCorvie Hutch; Sam Watson Ms. Yahr; Sanjay Palta-Hill

Mrs. Castaneda Tucker; Sierra Wilkes

I'd say Mr. Newland -- having him for several years, he helped me develop my love for art through fun and unique projects. He's such an enthusiastic teacher, he makes you want to love art just because he does!; Sophia Mormino

Mr. Hutchins; Soriya Hodge

Renee E. Esparza, please give her a promotion. She is amazing, and more like a friend than teacher!; Soumil

Beniwal Ma Jana

Ms. Janssen; Tammo Phaneuf Ms. Mead; Tatum Cantwell Mr. Walkner; Taylor Green Anne Knezevic; Taylor Wang

I've had good teachers but I haven't yet realized how any of

them have impacted me positively; Thomas Sime Ms. Konrad from Stephens ; Tomas Gonzalez I would say Ms. Diederichs; she has been a really good help

for me in Algebra class; Valeria Carvajal

Ms. Kellor, junior year AP Biology teacher; Varun Nathan

Mrs. Wheeler; Warren Shelton Ms. Esparza; William Faley Mr. K.; William Shelton

Mr. Shackerford; William Tatooles

Mrs. Guse; Xavier Hillman Profe Nicholas; Yunna Gopan Ms. Johansson; Zoe Van Den Plas Mr. Widerski; Zohra Samadzada

## What advice would you give to underclassmen?

Jana Abourehab -- Get good grades, stay in school!

Kylie Alderson-- High school prepares you for whatever you want to do after graduation; it's worth it to go to class and pay attention.

Adrian Angeles Ordonez-- Don't be afraid to try something new.

Abby Arciszewski-- Enjoy the easy work while it lasts.

Michael Baker-- Never give up on your dreams.

Giovanni Balice-- Chill.

Julien Barreto-- Push through school and you may end up with 3 study halls during your last 2 years and can sign out of them to leave school early. Or stay in the study halls and actually get work done. I've done both.

Jasmine Bayer-- Make the most of your time at VPM, but know this isn't the peak moment of your life that defines you. Alejandra Beal-- Be yourself.

Alex Beard-- Take an art class!

Soumil Beniwal-- Be confident in yourself, know when to ignore people and socialize.

Dom Bieniek-- Eat a lot of food; we need more linemen. Morgan Blackmore-- Become friends with your teachers! It'll make all your classes easier and you'll have a lot more fun. Grace Bonnell-- Live in the moment.

Mia Braico-- Join Writing Club! You won't regret it. Bram Broderick-- Talk to everybody and embrace every moment.

Aaliyah Brown-- Never give up, keep your head up and never bring it down.

Elaina Burchill-- Do your homework.

Isaiah Burgin-- Control what you can truly control.

Emma Butler-- Learn how to walk in the hallways.

Valeria Carvajal-- Work hard but also take time to yourself.

Bryson Cunningham-- Do not act dumb.

Liam DeFever-- Enjoy every moment.

Lauren Delaney-- Especially the juniors -- keep pushing through, the worst year academic wise but once it's over you'll be so happy you gave it your all.

Jackson Doers-- Just grind it out and sleep later.

Mark Dorado-Zapata-- Be confident.

Sara Douglas-- Don't let school take over your life; go out and have fun with your friends.

Naser Edreis-- Ask for help when you need it.

Elijah Elmer-- Work hard and have fun.

Emma Esch-- Try to have fun as much as you can.

William Faley-- Join a team of some kind; the atmosphere is fantastic.

Eliana Farfan Guzman-- Life is not about relationships; it's about self love.

Nathan Fisher-- Getting involved in extracurriculars/sports is a great way to have fun and meet new people.

Ryan Forbes-- If you are interested in something, do it. Katie Foster-- Enjoy your time while you can; don't stress out about drama and social media.

Mia Fuchs-- Don't stop in the middle of the hallways; it's annoying. Also make sure you don't slack your first few years so that when you get to your senior year you have some

wiggle room to slack.
Juan Gallego-- Be nice to everyone.

Joshua Gamon -- Better get to hitting them books.

Tomas Gonzalez-- Explore as many interests as possible and make good friends.

Yunna Gopan-- Enjoy your time here! Even when it seems difficult and tiring, there is still something to enjoy.

Taylor Green-- Come in with a positive attitude.

Jackson Green-- Take everything seriously.

Ethan Hanson-- Enjoy it while you can it will be over before you even notice.

Greta Hanson-- You don't have to impress anyone.

Nevaeh Harden-- To stay on top of assignments.

Amoni Harper-- Grades don't show the person you truly are. Your character is what matters most; write a good essay and make good relationships, and with that you'll be set for life! Griffin Hassett-- Stay safe and don't stress it too much. You'll work it out!

Lucianna Hedrick-- Don't take things to seriously, and just spend time around people that make you happy.

Gavin Hefty-- Have fun.

Madelyn Heitner-- Grow up.

Xavier Hillman-- Dont skip school.

Abigail Hinkle-- Work hard cause you will blink and it will be over.

Mona Iskandar-- Enjoy every moment and don't take yourself too seriously.

Haley Johnson-- Don't try to fit in. Your real friends still stick with you or come to you.

Marishka Kaufman-- Use deodorant, please. Y'all smelly.

Ava Kenney-- Challenge yourself, but stay balanced!

AJ Ketarkus-- School's important.

Lina Khath-- Stay open-minded and keep going. It gets better.

Halle Kollath-- Be yourself!!!

Carson Kreft-- pay attention and do all of your homework. Chakriya Kumnith-- Don't procrastinate.

Emily Kunkel-- There are people who are going to be kind to you and people who are going to be cruel. Try to embody the ones who were kind.

Justin Luedke-- Take fun classes and graduate.

Hao Luong-- Prioritize your health over education, and have fun

Gates Lyons-- Let it all work out.

Manar Maali-- My advice would be to do things you are interested in, not only what your friends want to do. Callum Magill-- Don't try to be something you're not. Michael Mahaffey-- Do some extra work outside of school.

Jeniffer Maldonado-- Enjoy the small and big things brought your way.

Logan Marking-- Be respectful to your teachers and yourself. Sam McCorvie-- Get your work done.

Nat McDermott-- It's okay to be quiet sometimes.

Ari Mikkelson/Bernarte-- Never stop moving and you'll get to the finish line.

Hartley Mohar-- Do your homework and get it in on time. Ali Moll-- Never stop working hard.

Evelyn Montenegro-- Try new things, and have fun.

Olivia Morgan-- I promise everything will turn out okay. It may seem stressful and bumpy for a while but just give it time

# What advice would you give to underclassmen?

and you'll be just fine...

Sophia Mormino-- Most people want to make connections, and if you even start simple conversations with someone, you can make a great friend:).

Joseph Mueller-- Take advantage of any extracurriculars available.

Robin Myers--Yes. Yolo, but to an extent! Don't hurt the people around and be kind always.

Natasha Nair-- STOP STANDING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HALL TO HAVE YOUR CONVERSATIONS!!! It's really annoying; it's really easy to just step off to the side and talk.

Varun Nathan-- Try not to fall into the pit of only thinking you have time for schoolwork. High school has so much more to offer on top of this; it's up to you to take the opportunity.

Fredrik Nergard-- Be yourself.

Qing Ng-- Use your phone calendar to organize your life. Kaitlyn Nickols-- Don't be nervous and intimidated; soon you'll be the one that's intimidating to the younger kids and it's funny.

Evan Niederwerfer-- Think outside the box and do what makes you happy. A true genius doesn't give up and doesn't let others interfere with who you are. Just because someone or something is telling you something, doesn't mean they are right. This includes teachers and the educ.

Joseph Obcena -- Apply yourself.

Brian Olson-- Pay attention in your class because it will hit you later.

Neva Ortiz-- Loud doesn't equal funny. D:

Génesis Ortiz-- STRIVE, OVERCOME THE

DIFFICULTIES, AND READ YOUR OWN STORY OF SUCCESS.

Dharma Padden-- Junior year is tough but you got it!!

Devika Pal-- Cherish all the good memories.

Sanjay Palta-Hill-- Enjoy learning for the sake of learning; good grades will follow.

Nitya Patil-- Go to class!

Nadia Pearson-- Try your best.

Ryan Perez-- Don't get senioritis. Don't put a wait on colleges, figure out what you want by beginning of senior year at least. Don't only spend your high school years stressed; make sure to have fun and enjoy it too with friends. Tammo Phaneuf-- Don't procrastinate.

Gabriel Pitzen-- Stay focused on school.

Ivan Potapenko-- Try your first few years; it gives you a safety cushion for your GPA later on.

Brady Prosser-- Live in the moment; time flies by; don't spend too much time overthinking the little things.

Omani Reed-- Please stay in class; keep your grades up.

Garrett Reed-- Turn home work in on time.

Gersely Rios Carmona-- Go to all the dances, all the events, and join all the clubs!

Ayress Robbins-- Be unapologetically you.

Claire Rozeski-- Be quieter, make memories!!!! Remember the little moments and cherish them. You're gonna wanna leave until you actually have to graduate so please just take it slow and don't stress.

Zohra Samadzada-- Don't be someone you're not; your future self will NOT thank you.

Daleep Sandhu-- Take advantage of your curiosity. Try new things.

Devin Schneider-- Work hard, party harder.

Alvaro Schoenleber-- Once you're done, you're done. Enjoy it while it lasts.

Christopher Scholten-- Pay attention in class, even if you don't like the subject.

Rowan Schreiber-- How you do anything is how you do everything. It's cool to care.

Blayne Schwartz-- Choose your classes wisely.

Arianna Seguin-- No matter what happens, you will be okay. Also you look fine, your brain is just mean.

William Shelton-- Don't miss class.

Warren Shelton-- Get involved and find good people.

Thomas Sime-- Take every high level class you can. The basic classes will bore the shit out of you. Also, if you walk up to a bathroom and hear several voices inside or smell anything funny, go to another bathroom.

Jonas Sime-- You have so much time after high school to be boring and mundane. You should do as much as you can to be busy. Every single club, every single extracurricular; everything.

Andre Sims-- Don't be a follower.

Conner Smith-- Get your business done and get that money. Jamie Steinmetz-- Join clubs and make time for friends. Amara Stovall-- Be happy, have fun, don't let these boys

destrat you.

William Tatooles-- Go to school events. Jaylen Thao-- Apply to every free college.

Abe Tietge-- Prioritize yourself, don't try too hard. You'll go further if you don't burn yourself out.

Olivia Tiller-- Make good friends!!! Don't stress so much. Prior Turnmeyer-- Have fun.

Mark Vandenberg-- Find something you love doing and commit to it.

Jackson Vanderloo-- Work hard and have fun.

Devika Vijayaraghavan-- Stop standing in the middle of the halls for literally no reason.

Hailey Virnig-- Be yourself.

Rachel Virnig-- Enjoy high school and the people you are with.

Taylor Wang-- Focus on toppling the College Board empire instead of studying for AP tests.

Arianna Warner-Villarreal-- Get help if you need it. Mental and academic.

Sam Watson-- Be chill.

Elliott Weix-- Make time to do the things you love.

Kamille Williams-- Be yourself! Don't pretend to be anyone you think OTHER people want you to be. You're the only you, so what's the point of trying to be someone else? Kevin Yang-- Either give up now or suffer through the years. Amy Yao-- Julie—I mean underclassmen, don't spend too

much time watching edits!! Laura -- Be nice to your teachers; they do a lot, and ask

questions even if you think they are dumb questions.

# Words you would say to your freshman self?

Jana Abourehab-- Keep your head up in the halls!

Kylie Alderson-- You'll survive.

Jeanelle Alonso-- Don't change yourself to seek approval from others.

Ruby Anderson-- Try harder during sophomore year.

Adrian Angeles Ordonez -- Ponte las pilas.

Abby Arciszewski-- Everything happens for a reason.

Michael Baker-- Not let myself fall behind.

Giovanni Balice-- Don't worry.

Julien Barreto-- Junior year isn't as hard as everyone says it is. Mason Baures-- Try harder.

Jasmine Bayer-- It only gets harder; enjoy it while it lasts and please don't procrastinate studying.

Alejandra Beal-- Everything is going to be okay.

Alex Beard-- COVID's coming!

Soumil Beniwal-- I would say "Be confident and don't be afraid to socialize."

Dom Bieniek-- Prepare for 2 years off.

Morgan Blackmore-- Friends are allowed to come and go; don't worry too much about it.

Norah Brace-- Don't be afraid to be outgoing.

Mia Braico-- You're doing great! Keep going :).

Bram Broderick-- Enjoy every moment. It goes by quick. Aaliyah Brown-- Spend less time worrying about guys and stay on top of your schoolwork.

Elaina Burchill-- Stay on that TikTok grind.

Isaiah Burgin-- I know you don't want to but you should.

Emma Butler-- Stock up on hand sanitizer!

Valeria Carvajal-- Don't worry so much about the language; you will get the help you need.

Francesca Celis—Don't care so much about what people might think.

Delaney Cox-- Take it all in; it goes by fast.

Bryson Cunningham-- Stay true to yourself!

Liam DeFever-- Don't stress so much; it will all work out. Lauren Delaney-- Don't take these last four years with the people you grew up with for granted.

Lauren Delaney-- Work hard; you won't regret it.

Jackson Doers-- People come and go; don't hold on to them. Mark Dorado-Zapata-- Focus on God and everything will get substantially better!

Naser Edreis-- Get money as fast as you can.

Elijah Elmerr-- It will go by quick.

Emma Esch-- "You're not going to have a full freshman year!"

William Faley-- Attend the event; I attended one event(homecoming freshman year).

Eliana Farfan Guzman-- Be for who you are be you.

Ryan Forbes-- Be yourself, try everything you are interested in, people like you.

Katie Foster-- Hang out with your friends more and take care of your mental health.

Mia Fuchs-- Don't let other people's opinions get to you. Don't let people push over you; you have been through a lot and deserve to be here.

Juan Gallego-- Respect upperclassmen.

Joshua Gamon-- Better be ready.

Tomas Gonzalez-- Chill brah.

Yunna Gopan-- Work hard; it will pay off, but don't forget to enjoy yourself as well!

Taylor Green-- Stay positive!

Jackson Green-- Take more notes.

Greta Hanson-- Chill out; stop acting cool; it does not matter.

Ethan Hanson-- Enjoy the ride.

Nevaeh Harden-- To take school more seriously.

Amoni Harper-- It really pays off in the end.

Lucianna Hedrick-- Stop being cringe.

Gavin Hefty-- Hang out with friends more.

Madelyn Heitner-- Don't be friends with fake people, let the fake people know.

Jasmine Hill-- Always walk in your truth.

Xavier Hillman-- Follow your dreams; do what you want to do. Don't listen to others. And just try to be happy with your life and what you got.

Abigail Hinkle-- It will go by fast.

Soriya Hodge-- Be careful with who you hang out with. Mona Iskandar-- We should have set Shane and Gio up earlier.

Haley Johnson-- Actually nothing.

Marishka Kaufman-- I rate double hip surgery -1000/10.

AJ Ketarkus-- Not to worry about what other people thought of you.

Lina Khath-- Don't isolate yourself; you have people that care about you.

Halle Kollath-- Find yourself sooner or work towards what you want and not what others want (and so much more).

Carson Kreft-- Don't give up during Covid. Chakriya Kumnith-- Don't be a love slave.

Emily Kunkel-- You're going to go to this nerd camp and you're going to be happy.

Riley Lovenberg-- Try harder.

Justin Luedke-- Just graduate.

Hao Luong-- Do better in math.

Gates Lyons-- Enjoy it because it goes too fast.

Manar Maali-- Get involved in clubs way early.

Callum Magill-- Keep going, you got this!

Michael Mahaffey-- Do the homework.

Jeniffer Maldonado-- Don't hesitate to do something.

Logan Marking-- You are going to be a good student and buy toilet paper.

Sam McCorvie-- Be open to those around you and respect everyone.

Nat McDermott-- Join ultimate frisbee earlier.

Ari Mikkelson/Bernarte-- Take it easy, and take better care of yourself.

Hartley Mohar-- Spend more time studying.

Ali Moll-- Don't change for anyone.

Evelyn Montenegro-- Don't follow; at the end of the day you'll be going your own way.

Olivia Morgan-- Don't worry; have fun with everything because it goes by fast.

Sophia Mormino-- Take time to rest and if you like something, don't be afraid to pursue it!

# Words you would say to your freshman self?

Joseph Mueller-- Sometimes you have accept loss. Robin Myers-- To stay in touch with the school and activities.

Natasha Nair-- Actually talk to people. You'd be surprised how many amazing people you'd meet just by starting a conversation with them.

Varun Nathan-- Make time for yourself and enjoy the experience.

Fredrik Nergard-- Talk to more people.

Qing Ng-- Chill out.

Kaitlyn Nickols-- Don't be so scared, it'll be okay.

Evan Niederwerfer-- Stop being stupid.

Joseph Obcena-- Apply yourself.

Brian Olson-- Slow down, you're going too fast.

Génesis Ortiz-- We did it.

Neva Ortiz-- You should have kept that chocolate milk carton.

Dharma Padden-- Push through sophomore year so it's not such a big transition going back to school.

Devika Pal-- Do your homework.

Sanjay Palta-Hill-- Focus your energy on the things that bring you joy.

Nitya Patil-- Don't stress so much-- it will all work out in the end.

Nadia Pearson-- Never give up on your goals.

Ryan Perez-- Enjoy freshman now because it all goes by quickly. Also, get better grades.

Tammo Phaneuf-- Have as much fun as you can in high school; it goes by quickly.

Gabriel Pitzen-- Spend time more effectively.

Ivan Potapenko-- Get a good night's sleep, please.

Evan Prince-- Enjoy it because it's going to go fast, and don't worry about what other people think about you.

Garrett Reed-- Keep up on homework.

Omani Reed-- Omani stay focused! And stay away from the seniors.

Gersely Rios Carmona -- It actually will be really fun.

Ayress Robbins-- Don't be so hard on yourself.

Claire Rozeski-- I promise none of it is that serious, but also, please take some things more seriously.

Zohra Samadzada-- People come and go, and the ones who stick 'till senior year are the ones to cherish the most.

Daleep Sandhu-- Take advantage of the opportunities you're given because these are some of the last years of youth you'll have.

Devin Schneider-- Don't stress about school.

Alvaro Schoenleber-- Grind now because it'll pay off later.

Christopher Scholten-- Beware the virus (COVID).

Rowan Schreiber-- Don't waste your time on people who don't understand and value you.

Blayne Schwartz-- To prevent Covid; otherwise I'd say to live it up more.

Arianna Seguin-- If you think your life is hard now, it won't get any easier but you'll be okay.

Warren Shelton-- Get involved right away.

William Shelton-- Try hard in math class.

Jonas Sime-- DO AS MANY CLUBS AND

EXTRACURRICULARS AS POSSIBLE. Also for the love of god don't take AP Physics.

Thomas Sime-- Stay away from that Joe guy.

Andre Sims-- Stay locked in.

Conner Smith-- Get your business done and have fun.

Jamie Steinmetz-- Make time for things other than school and enjoy it because it goes fast.

Amara, Stovall-- I would tell her that people come and go don't worry about it, and have fun because it will be over before you know it.

William Tatooles-- It'll all work out.

Jaylen Thao-- Do your homework.

Olivia Tiller-- Don't worry so much; everything will work out.

Prior Turnmeyer-- Have fun.

Mark Vandenberg-- Make a good work ethic and keep it.

Devika Vijayaraghavan-- Stop being an emo.

Rachel Virnig-- Be yourself.

Hailey Virnig-- I can do this.

Taylor Wang-- Words that would tell my freshman self how to travel in time.

Arianna Warner-Villarreal-- Don't care what other people think. The right people will like you for you. People will be drawn to your uniqueness and you will be happier if you just don't give an f.

Lukas Wehlitz-- Don't be afraid to make the most of your opportunities.

Elliott Weix-- Join the orchestra earlier! Also, don't wait until you're a junior to realize you're a writer.

Kamille Williams-- Express yourself! People will still love you and enjoy you for being you! And you'll realize that the people who don't stick around when you do decide to be yourself never deserved to be by your side in the first place. Kevin Yang-- Be more outgoing with your friends.

# WHERE ARE THEY GOING?

First	Last	Future Plans?
Jana	Abourehab	Southwestern University, Bellin Illinois
Kylie	Alderson	University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Jeanelle	Alonso	Madison college
Ruby	Anderson	UW Milwaukee
Paige	Anderson	Madison College
Adrian	Angeles Ordonez	UW Madison
Abby	Arciszewski	Northern Michigan University
Michael	Baker	Gap year
Giovanni	Balice	UW Madison
Julien	Barreto	Working
Mason	Baures	Whitewater
Jasmine	Bayer	Loyola University New Orleans
Alejandra	Beal	Madison College
Alex	Beard	UW Madison
Keeley	Belair	UW Madison
Soumil	Beniwal	Madison College
Dom	Bieniek	Madison College
Morgan	Blackmore	UW Madison
Grace	Bonnell	Augsburg University
Norah	Brace	UW Milwaukee
Mia	Braico	UW Madison
Bram	Broderick	Minnesota Twin Cities
Caleb	Broman	UMN Twin Cities
Aaliyah	Brown	Madison college
Elaina	Burchill	UW Madison
Isaiah	Burgin	Madison College
Emma	Butler	Madison College
Emily	Cai	UCSD
Tatum	Cantwell	MATC and then transferring to the UW
Valeria	Carvajal	Madison College
Francesca	Celis	Undecided
Delaney	Cox	UW Madison
Bryson	Cunningham	UW Stevens Point
Liam	DeFever	University of Nebraska

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First	Last	Future Plans?
Lauren	Delaney	University of Arizona
Jackson	Doers	UW Madison
Mark	Dorado-Zapata	UW Madison
Sara	Douglas	UW Madison
Shane	Duggan	UW Madison
Naser	Edreis	UW Madison
Elijah	Elmer	Gap year
Charlie	Erlandson	UW Madison
Emma	Esch	Aveda Institute Madison (Beauty School)
Nicholas	Esser	Western Tech
William	Faley	Edgewood College
Eliana	Farfan Guzman	Madison College
Olivia	Ferry	Madison College
Nathan	Fisher	UW La-Crosse
Ryan	Forbes	Purdue University
Katie	Foster	Gap year
Mia	Fuchs	Gap year
Juan	Gallego	UW-Eau Claire
Jack	Gammie	DePaul
Joshua	Gamon	Madison College
Matthew	Gimelli	U.W. Madison
Tomas	Gonzalez	Harvard
Yunna	Gopan	UW Madison
Jackson	Green	Northern Michigan
Taylor	Green	University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee
Patrick	Greening	University of Kentucky
Greta	Hanson	UW-Milwaukee
Ethan	Hanson	Madison College
Nevaeh	Harden	UW Milwaukee
Amoni	Harper	UW Madison
Griffin	Hassett	Georgia State University
Lucianna	Hedrick	Stevens point
Gavin	Hefty	Quincy University
Ben	Heise	University of Kansas

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First	Last	Future Plans?
Madelyn	Heitner	UW Whitewater
Jasmine	Hill	Cosmetology school
Xavier	Hillman	madison area technical college
Abigail,	Hinkle	Carthage College Kenosha
Soriya	Hodge	Madison College
Charlie	House	UW Milwaukee
Mona	Iskandar	UW Madison
Haley	Johnson	Madison college
Brian	Johnson	Military
Avona	Jordan	Edgewood College
Marishka	Kaufman	UW Madison
Ava	Kenney	New England Conservatory
Tyler	Kerkoff	Western Tech
Aj	Ketarkus	UW Madison
Lina	Khath	MATC> UW Madison
Halle	Kollath	UW River Falls
Carson	Kreft	UW Eau-Claire
Chakriya	Kumnith	Madison College
Emily	Kunkel	Knox College
Riley	Lovenberg	Aquinas College In Michigan
Justin	luedke	UW Madison
Нао	luong	U.W Milwaukee
Gates	Lyons	University of Vermont
Manar	Maali	UW Madison
Callum	Magill	UW Eau Claire
Michael	Mahaffey	UW Madison
Jeniffer	Maldonado	Edgewood college
Logan	Marking	Undecided
Sam	McCorvie	Northern Michigan University
Mahdi	McCotry	Fiske University
Nat	McDermott	Carleton College
Richard	McGregory	Beloit College
Ari	Mikkelson/Bernar	UW Madison
Julia	Mockert	St. Olaf College

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First	Last	Future Plans?
Hartley	Mohar	UW Platteville
Ali	Moll	UW Madison
Evelyn	Montenegro	Madison College
Olivia	Morgan	UW Milwaukee
Sophia	Mormino	Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design
Joseph	Mueller	Northern Michigan University
Clare	Murphy	University of Colorado Boulder
Robin	Myers	California
Natasha	Nair	UW milwaukee
Varun	Nathan	Purdue
Fredrik	Nergard	Military
Kaitlyn	Nickols	MATC —> UW Madison
Evan	Niederwerfer	UW Platteville
Miriam	Oakleaf	Working
Joseph	Obcena	Madison College
Brian	Olson	Madison College
Neva	Ortiz	MATC then transfer to UW
Génesis	Ortiz	Madison college
Dharma	Padden	IW Milwaukee
Devika	Pal	UW Madison
Sanjay	Palta-Hill	Stanford University
Nitya	Patil	Georgia Institute of Technology
Nadia	Pearson	Madison College
Ryan	Perez	Madison College
Tammo	Phaneuf	UW Madison
Yangzee	Phintso	UW Madison
Gabriel	pitzen	Madison college
Ivan	Potapenko	UW Madison
Evan	Prince	UW madison
Brady	Prosser	University of California, Santa Barbara
Omani	Reed	Gap year
Omani	Reed	Uw Milwaukee
Garrett	Reed	Madison college
Chase	Reetz	Western Tech

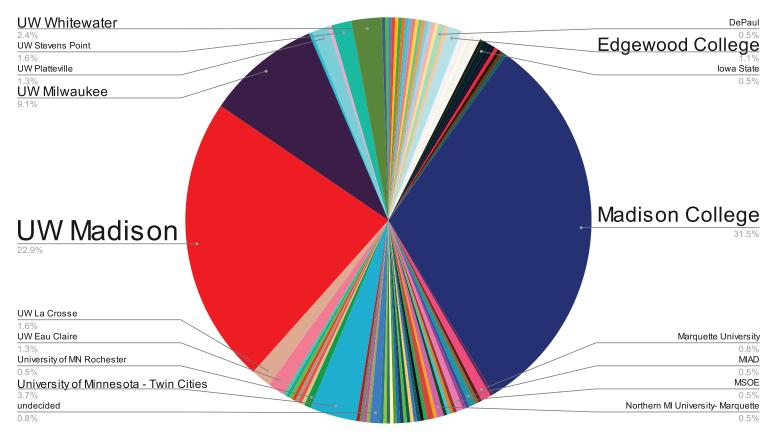
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First	Last	Future Plans?
Gersely	Rios Carmona	Columbia University
Ayress	Robbins	Edgewood college
Julia	Roe	The University of Notre Dame
Claire	Rozeski	UW Whitewater
Zohra	Samadzada	Two year transfer
Daleep	Sandhu	UW Madison
Madison	Schaberg	Working
Lily	Schmitz	UW Madison
Devin	Schneider	UW whitewater
Alvaro	Schoenleber	Marquette University
Christopher	Scholten	Madison College
Rowan	Schreiber	New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT)
Blayne	Schwartz	Madison College
Arianna	Seguin	Madison College
Shreepriya	Sengupta	UW Madison
Warren	Shelton	University of Wisconsin- Madison
William	Shelton	UW Madison
Thomas	Sime	Madison College
Jonas	Sime	Madison College
Andre	Sims	Madison College
Daimon	Smith	Undecided
Conner	Smith	Madison College
Tyler	Steinmetz	University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
Jamie	Steinmetz	Northland College
Ash	Stone	Madison College
Amara,	Stovall	Jackson State University
William	Tatooles	Indiana University Bloomington
Jaylen	THao	UW Madison
Abe	Tietge	UW Milwaukee
Olivia	Tiller	Iowa State university
Prior	Turnmeyer	UW Madison
Emma	Underwood	Madison College
Zoe	Van Den Plas	UW Milwaukee
Mark	Vandenberg	Iowa State University

First	Last	Future Plans?
Jackson	Vanderloo	IU Bloomington
Devika	Vijayaraghavan	UW-Whitewater
Rachel	Virnig	UW Madison
Hailey	Virnig	Madison College
Taylor	Wang	Columbia University
Arianna	Warner-Villarreal	UW Madison
Sam	Watson	UWSP
Lukas	Wehlitz	UW Madison
Elliott	Weix	UW Madison
Sierra	Wilkes	Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design
Kamille	Williams	UW Milwaukee
Christina	Yan	UW Madison
Kevin	Yang	UW Madison
Amy	Yao	UC Berkeley
Smeera	Zaveri	UW Madison

## College Attending Survey; 376 count



# **SONG DEDICATIONS**

Ruby Anderson: I would like to dedicate the song "You're My Best Friend" to Emma Weisz.

Adrian Angeles Ordonez: To my friends or my crush. Ella Baila Sola.

Abby Arciszewski: Eve Kory - Valerie

Julien Barreto: My best friend Priya, No Hands by Waka Flocka.

We like to party. Appropriately.

Jasmine Bayer: I would dedicate the song, "Hug Me" by Pharrell Williams & Trey Parker from Despicable Me 3 to Ms.Likins. I will miss her energy <3

Dom Bieniek: Mr Borchardt used to sing this math song so probably that one.

Morgan Blackmore: I would dedicate Sunflower to Armani

Stovall to keep being my fav superhero <3

Mia Braico: I would dedicate "Love Yourself (for Infinity)" by

Badish Radish to everyone at Memorial.

Bram Broderick: All my friends- Have It All- Jason Mraz

Isaiah Burgin: Chamber of Reflection

Valeria Carvajal: En Un Solo Dia by Morat, I would dedicate it to my boyfriend

Liam DeFever: AOK to Maddox Jacobson

Jackson Doers: Berzerk by Eminem to Olivia Johnson

Eliana Farfan Guzman: Empire State Human - Human League Mia Fuchs: I would dedicate the song Southern Nights by Glen Campbell to my friends because that song has been one we've listened to consistently throughout the year.

Juan Gallego: Samuel Weinbach. Munch

Tomas Gonzalez: The Spins by Mac Miller to Jack Gammie Jackson Green: Mr. Wilson and No Role Modelz by J Cole Ethan Hanson: I would dedicate a song to Vel Phillips Memorial high school Schools Out by Alice Cooper.

Greta Hanson: They know who they are but I would dedicate

Wobble by V.I.C to them

Nevaeh Harden: To my mom - Rhianna "Work" Amoni Harper: Young Wild and Free- class of 2023! Mona Iskandar: Lullaby of Broadway to Ms. McMahon Marishka Kaufman: I dedicate Moo by Doja Cat to my cousin Ava Kenney: Elling Lottridge - Shostakovich Symphony No.5

Aj Ketarkus: Rachel - The night we met

Lina Khath: I'm dedicating this song to my friends (you know who you are) Brass Monkey - Beastie Boys

Emily Kunkel: I would dedicate the song 'Happy Birthday' to

Hutch, specifically on November 8th of every year

Riley Lovenberg: My mom and graduation

Callum Magill: I would dedicate "&" by Tally Hall to Elliott Weix because there's always something new with that guy.

Jeniffer Maldonado: Paris Dais dig a Little Deeper by Jenifer Lewis

Logan Marking: Pina Colada to Ms. Dinndorf Sam McCorvie: Adventure of a Lifetime- Coldplay Ari Mikkelson/Bernarte: Devika: 'Besame'- Camila

Julia Mockert: I dedicate Little Wonders to Amber Gibson Sophia Mormino: I would dedicate the song "Ventura Highway"

to Mr. Mormino

Robin Myers: I'll be good- Josie and Sodic! Don't judge it be harsh you are not more important everyone including y'all have worth and importance!

Fredrik Nergard: To myself, 8th Wonder of the World Qing Ng: I would dedicate Die for You Abel to my friends Kaitlyn Nickols: i dedicate ice spice to drakes fan club and my bf Génesis Ortiz: I would dedicate it to my mom. "Como te Pago" Neva Ortiz: Cariño Song by The Marías for Ivan Potapenko,

because I think the song is sweet and wholesome!

Dharma Padden: Mr. Kvistad The Pi Song

Nitya Patil: I'd dedicate The Spins by Mac Miller to all my classmates.

Nadia Pearson: To my mom- Unstoppable

Ryan Perez: I would dedicate the song "Joy To The World" by

Three Dog Night to my mom and friends.

Ivan Potapenko: "Organic Chemistry Tutor" on YouTube, I would sing a pristine rendition of "The Final Countdown" by Europe because his videos got played the day before all of my AP Chem tests

Evan Prince: Don't let me fall by BOB to Brooklyn Oberg Brady Prosser: Isaiah Burgin; Worldstar money - Joji: the only individual that appreciates my "sad" music.

Omani Reed: Myself of course / Princess Diana

Ayress Robbins: Umbrella by Jay-Z ft Rihanna to Patrick K. Claire Rozeski: my best friend: Stay Beautiful by Taylor Swift Daleep Sandhu: I would dedicate a song to students who want to enjoy high school as much as possible and are passionate about the experience. I would choose Passionfruit by Drake.

Alvaro Schoenleber: I'd dedicate Crazy Rap by Afroman to all my homies.

Christopher Scholten: I'd dedicate Hamster Dance to my cat, Smokie.

Rowan Schreiber: I would dedicate Best Friend by Amy Winehouse to Bowie Stanfield. We listened to that in my car one really beautiful day and so now I always associate that song with them. They get me.

Blayne Schwartz: Nightcall by Kavinsky. And I'd dedicate it to my friends that helped me through all of high school.

Arianna Seguin: My boyfriend, I Do Adore by Mindy Gledhill because I find everything he does extremely cute and adorable and it is impossible not to smile around him.

Jonas Sime: Everyone. In hopes, they all remember me.

Thomas Sime: I'll pass on this one.

William Tatooles: Mr. Walkner / Is This Love - Bob Marley

Olivia Tiller: Crazy Story pt.3 to Lauren W

Devika Vijayaraghavan: Ari - "Me and My Husband" by Mitski Hailey Virnig: I Lived

Taylor Wang: I dedicate Dakiti to my uncle Luis

Arianna Warner-Villarreal: Time of Our Lives - Pitbull to my high school experience

Sam Watson: Shine on Your Crazy Diamond.

Elliott Weix: I dedicate the song Still Alive to the Grey Group!

Kevin Yang: Among Us Drip 10 hours

Amy Yao: I would like to dedicate Polaroid Love to the one and only, Julieta

# Why was senior year your favorite?

Abby Arciszewski: Figuring out future plans, being seniors, skip days and senior events.

Abigail Hinkle: Most freedom. Adrian Angeles Ordonez: I've made a lot of good memories and accomplished a lot of things Alex Beard: Because I know all the things.

Amoni Harper: I got to see my full potential and see all my hard work, sleepless nights, and suffering pay off! Arianna Seguin: Life started to look up for me; I finally have a boyfriend after years of thinking I wasn't attractive enough to date anyone. Made and mended friendships I thought could never be mended or made. Had more fun than any other year. Had more time than any other year. Got out more and got stronger and more confident in my own skin. Slowly starting to loosen up and my trust issues are slowly starting to fade when I am around some people. My anxiety is getting easier to control by the day. I am making a good rapport with my therapist. I have a job that pays well and that I love. Slowly starting to become more independent. Taking less shit from people that don't deserve it. Becoming less pessimistic and a little more optimistic.

Ava Kenney: More freedom of classes; the excitement of preparing for college. Avona Jordan: I think because I have been getting help a lot from teachers and staff, and I have been getting good grades on Infinite Campus.

Blayne Schwartz: I'd say I finally got my one year of "actual" high school, therefore I could actually enjoy it Brady Prosser: There was a lot of enjoyment in sports as well as academics.

Bram Broderick: I had tons of friends and always had fun at school that year. Bryson Cunningham: It was the year least affected by COVID.

Caleb Broman: New spaces, less stress, not being in online school.

Callum Magill: Much more freedom, less stressful classes, I can drive to school.

Chakriya Kumnith: It's the end of the

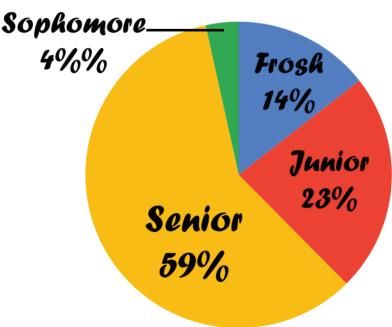
Christopher Scholten: It was the last year of high school.

Claire Rozeski: Least hectic and I guess I appreciated it the most. Conner Smith: Last year; next is bigger better things. Devin Schneider: Because I was able to relax. Dom Bieniek: The teachers. Eliana Farfan Guzman: I was gonna say

sophomore

it was like a

vear since



relaxed level, but senior year is the last year.

Emma Butler: Because two of the other three were impacted by the pandemic and junior year sucked.

Emma Esch: It felt easier and more fun Ethan Hanson: Most normal and fun year at school.

Evan Niederwerfer: Because it's the easiest and fastest year, and it's because this was the one year I didn't have to deal with Covid... or bomb threats... or trashcan fires.

Fredrik Nergard: Because it is the only grade I have had.

Garrett Reed: It was fun.

Gates Lyons: Because I had the most fun, made the most friends, and made the most memories.

Gavin Hefty: I was able to sleep in and relax more.

Griffin Hassett: A lot of important changes happened and I feel like I finally started to grow into myself as a person.

Halle Kollath: I felt like I have taken really good classes and I have enjoyed almost of all them fully. The teachers and students have also been pretty wonderful.

Hao Luong: It is the only full year that we got.

Hartley Mohar: I enjoyed my classes. Jack Gammie: So easy.

Jackson Doers: I figured out my future

plans

Jackson Vanderloo: It was cool. Jamie Steinmetz: I was less stressed than in previous years, and I had great teachers.

Jasmine Hill: Last year.

Jaylen Thao: Covid + freshman sucked Jeanelle Alonso: Getting ready for the future.

Jeniffer Maldonado: Activity and memories we made.

Jonas Sime: Stakes didn't really matter anymore, and all there was left to do was make the most of it.

Joseph Mueller: More and more freedom.

Joseph Obcena: I had the most fun with friends and made new friends who I got closer with.

Juan Gallego: Least schoolwork. Kaitlyn Nickols: There were more opportunities.

Katie Foster: I had a lot of fun classes and didn't have any on my schedule I dreaded like junior year.

Kevin Yang: I get to sleep.

Liam DeFever: First normal year I was able to spend with my friends.

Lina Khath: I got to take art classes. Lucianna Hedrick: I had the most fun and got to spend the most time with people around me.

Lukas Wehlitz: I started to figure myself out as a person.

Mark Dorado-Zapata: Only real high

# Why was Senior year your favorite?

school year.

Mark Vandenberg: No Covid.

Mason Baures: Was relaxing and mainly had fun classes. Mia Braico: Senior year was the year that was least impacted by COVID. Also, I feel like after all my years of trial and error in high school, I've finally found who I am.

Michael Baker: It's when the stress starts to come down. Michael Mahaffey: It has been the most fun and least stressful.

Morgan Blackmore: I was able to have the most freedom in and outside of school!

Nadia Pearson: Because I had fun classes.

Natasha Nair: It just felt so much better than all the other years. I made more friends and connected with more people. Nathan Fisher: Workload was less and lots of fun events Neva Ortiz: I've enjoyed my friends and classes a lot more as well with the fact that I'm still with my boyfriend who I started dating back during Freshman year <3.

Norah Brace: I liked my classes and I had fun with my friends.

Olivia Tiller: I loved all my classes and teachers during senior year.

Omani Reed: Senior year is the end of your high school chapter. This year I made more memories than I have during my entire time at Memorial.

Prior Turnmeyer: The most fun.

Richard McGregory: Finally had a chance to relax and do

less schoolwork.

Riley Lovenberg: Easiest.

Robin Myers: I feel more educated and have the most

growth.

Ruby Anderson: Because of the friends I made and band.

Ryan Forbes: I did more things outside of school every year (outside of one obviously) and I really came into myself this year.

Sanjay Palta-Hill: I had the best teachers and the most interesting classes.

Shane Duggan: I had the most high school experiences and made the best memories.

Sierra Wilkes: You talk to people more.

Sophia Mormino: I feel like I finally got comfortable at

Memorial and made some great friends:).

Soumil Beniwal: Because I made quite life-lasting friends, hopefully.

Taylor Green: I made a lot of friends.

Taylor Wang: I got a gym bro, saw Benjamin Gomez more, and drank lots of milkshakes.

Varun Nathan: Senior year was the only fully normal year of high school for the class of 2023. I had a great time and made some fantastic memories.

Warren Shelton: Because I did so many fun things like FRI.A

William Shelton: The classes were my favorite.

Xavier Hillman: Because I do not have to be here again. Zohra Samadzada: Felt the most independent and closer to my future.

# ANNOUNCING NEW SWORD & SHIELD EDITORS FOR 2023-2024

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Ava Kahn

**Opinions** 

Max Knight

**Sports** 

Vince Kim

Social Media/Operations

Ben Arnoldussen and Eva Eckel

# Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Jana Abourehab -- Commercial pilot.

Kylie Alderson-- In the big city with a small apartment and my two cats.

Jeanelle Alonso-- Stable with a family.

Ruby Anderson-- Working on film sets somewhere.

Adrian Angeles Ordonez-- Living life.

Abby Arciszewski-- I see myself doing lots of traveling and exploring cool places.

Michael Baker-- Not in Madison.

Giovanni Balice-- Working at Exact Sciences.

Julien Barreto-- Living with my girlfriend and our husky and calico cat.

Jasmine Bayer-- Married to a rich man.

Alejandra Beal-- Having many careers.

Alex Beard-- I refuse to think about it.

Soumil Beniwal-- I see myself with a wife and living in a joint family with good amount of earning.

Dom Bieniek-- Hopefully I have a job.

Morgan Blackmore-- Hopefully doing whatever I love most!

Norah Brace-- As an architect.

Mia Braico-- As a psychologist or therapist hopefully

helping kids heal. Bram Broderick-- Hopefully with a good group of friends

around me and potentially starting a family.

Aaliyah Brown-- Working as a certified nursing assistant (CNA).

Isaiah Burgin-- Being free and at peace.

Emma Butler-- In a forensic pathology fellowship after med school.

Valeria Carvajal-- Maybe with my own brand and a little family.

Francesca Celis-- Hopefully in a nice house with a job I'm happy with, living my best life.

Delaney Cox-- Married with maybe a kid.

Bryson Cunningham -- Playing in the NFL.

Liam DeFever-- Working a job I love.

Lauren Delaney-- Working as a nurse anesthetist.

Lauren Delaney-- Working in a hospital.

Jackson Doers-- Making an impact in the business world.

Mark Dorado-Zapata-- Software engineer.

Sara Douglas-- As a veterinarian with two dogs!

Shane Duggan-- I hope to work in business or law and live in a big city.

Naser Edreis-- Successful.

Elijah Elmer-- Do clue hopefully happy.

Emma Esch-- Running my own company/business.

William Faley-- Out of school and doing something that I love.

Eliana Farfan Guzman-- Music.

Nathan Fisher-- I see myself living in a house with a family. Ryan Forbes-- Hopefully at NASA.

Mia Fuchs-- In Arizona working as a cosmologist with two dogs and being happy.

Juan Gallego-- Working for an accounting company with a house and a family.

Jack Gammie-- Happy.

Joshua Gamon-- With a family of my own.

Matthew Gimelli-- Hopefully an engineer with a wide variety of skills working in the energy industry. Also hopefully a skilled unprofessional boxer, wrestler, and reader who spends a lot of time in nature and travelling.

Tomas Gonzalez-- Somewhere warm.

Yunna Gopan-- Not sure, I'll find out then.

Taylor Green-- Living my life to the fullest and advancing in my career.

Jackson Green-- Very successful job or play professional basketball.

Greta Hanson-- Could not tell you.

Ethan Hanson-- In 10 years I see my self working my way up a mechanic shop.

Nevaeh Harden-- Traveling nurse.

Amoni Harper-- Medical residency.

Lucianna Hedrick-- With a job.

Gavin Hefty-- Coaching lacrosse.

Madelyn Heitner-- I see myself being married and being a mom and a homeowner.

Jasmine Hill-- Hairstylist and influencer.

Xavier Hillman-- Alive and happy.

Soriya Hodge-- Either running a small business or

somewhere in the medical field.

Mona Iskandar -- Completed medical school.

Brian Johnson-- Marines Corps.

Haley Johnson-- Owning my own business and making six figures.

Marishka Kaufman-- Hopefully happy and healthy.

Ava Kenney-- Pursuing a career as a professional violinists through performing, playing chamber music, and teaching. AJ Ketarkus-- Living by a lake.

Lina Khath-- As a biologist or anthropologist.

Halle Kollath-- On a large plot of land with flowers and animals, I'd sell the flowers and plants to other people. I would read a ton and take photos too.

Chakriya kumnith-- Able to travel around the world.

Emily Kunkel-- Writing books, working at a summer camp, and simply thriving.

Riley Lovenberg-- Hopefully with a good job and playing rugby.

Justin Luedke-- Alive makin' money.

Hao Luong-- I see myself directing for a big movie production company.

Gates Lyons-- Hopefully working in a job that I enjoy and traveling the world.

Manar Maali-- On the east or west coast being a real estate agent, traveling the world.

Callum Magill-- Hopefully working as a nurse in a hospital. Michael Mahaffey-- Finishing some sort of graduate school. Jeniffer Maldonado-- Steady job, nice small home or apartment, super stable.

Logan Marking-- Cook or chef in a fancy restuarant. Sam McCorvie-- Traveling and building a life for my future. Mahdi McCotry-- Successful and happy as well as healthy

Nat McDermott-- Working as some kind of scientist. Richard McGregory-- Happy, healthy, and wealthy.

Ari Mikkelson/Bernarte-- Getting my doctorate.

# Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

Hartley Mohar-- Working at a firm as a civil engineer

Ali Moll-- Working as an occupational therapist with a family.

Olivia Morgan-- Hopefully working a stable job that I enjoy with kids in the system.

Sophia Mormino-- I hope travelling, exploring fun opportunities:).

Joseph Mueller-- Making connections with people.

Robin Myers-- Acting/managing/ philanthropist.

Varun Nathan-- Hopefully working as an aerospace engineer for a company like Lockheed Martin.

Fredrik Nergard-- Working. Qing Ng-- We'll see.

Kaitlyn Nickols-- Working as a nurse practitioner.

Evan Niederwerfer-- In 10 years, I see myself leading a new chapter of the technological world, specifically the internet.

Miriam Oakleaf-- Somewhere in Madison!

Joseph Obcena -- Full time job. Brian Olson-- In my career.

Génesis Ortiz-- Having a stable job and traveling the world.

Neva Ortiz-- In 10 years I see myself married with maybe some pet being very happy as well as a good paying job. Dharma Padden-- Working as a nurse. Devika Pal-- Living in a big city and working in the music industry. Sanjay Palta-Hill-- Teaching. Nitya Patil-- Lounging in a beach house

on the California coast with a nice glass of red wine and a big, fluffy dog. Nadia Pearson-- As a police offcer. Ryan Perez-- I don't know, living in Madison with a dog.

Tammo Phaneuf -- In a well-paying job having fun in life.Gabriel Pitzen--Astronomy or computer science. Ivan Potapenko-- Being a silly little

Evan Prince-- Hopefully with a successful job living in a city on the east coast.

Brady Prosser-- Medical school. Omani Reed-- A licensed social worker.

Garrett Reed-- Being a salesman. Omani Reed-- Pediatric nurse. Gersely Rios Carmona-- Doing something that makes me and other people happy and safe.

Ayress Robbins-- In 10 years I see myself with my undergrad from USC in law ready to take on the world. Claire Rozeski-- I have no idea.

Daleep Sandhu-- Either being the smartest stock investor ever or practicing medicine.

Devin Schneider-- Graduated from college and to have a stable job.

Alvaro Schoenleber-- Directing movies and being rich.

Christopher Scholten-- On planet Earth.

Rowan Schreiber-- Being the brand director/creative director for a company.

Blayne Schwartz-- Computer science. Arianna Seguin-- Hopefully being a good psychologist and helping people with anxiety to make the world a better place. I also hope that those same people will pay that kindness forward to change the world a couple people at

William Shelton-- Working as a civil engineer.

Jonas Sime-- Hopefully done with all of the terror of figuring out who I am. Thomas Sime-- I don't know to be honest. 10 years is a long time. Andre Sims-- Wealthy. Conner Smith-- Anywhere where there is good times and a whole lot of cars. Jamie Steinmetz--Opening my own therapy

practice.

Amara, Stovall-- Atlanta with 2-3 store fronts with the start of my family. William Tatooles--Working.

Jaylen Thao-- Doing a 9-5. Olivia Tiller-- I will be a physician assistant working with kids. Mark Vandenberg-- No idea.

Devika Vijayaraghavan--Hopefully somewhat, independent.

Hailey Virnig-- I don't

Rachel Virnig-- Married with lots of pets and

working as an environmental engineer. Arianna Warner-Villarreal-- Living on my own. Working at a lab, and I'll have a dog and cat.

Sam Watson-- Working in a national

Lukas Wehlitz-- Running the next big tech startup with Sanjay.

Elliott Weix-- Leading a research group in biochemistry (fingers crossed!). Sierra Wilkes-- Hopefully designing cool buildings/interiors, living on the west coast and living out my ceramic dreams.

Kamille Williams-- Being an awesome art teacher with supportive students in a new city where I make new memories and meet new friends!

Kevin Yang-- Working Amy Yao-- Couple of rescue cats, cozy, by the beach.

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Keep these important things in mind.



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